



Brexit, Trump and the Italian Referendum: More uncertainty or a new normal?

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The Brexit result, the victory of Donald Trump in the US presidential elections, and the defeat of the Italian referendum on constitutional reform in December 2016 have all underscored the uncertainty currently rife in global politics.

Much points to these outcomes, which many have defined as “populism on the rise”, as providing a new normal in global politics. One aspect clear to all is that the future is growing increasingly unpredictable.

What is likely to be their impact upon upcoming elections in key European states in 2017 – including France, Germany, the Netherlands and possibly even Italy? What does this greater uncertainty mean for the European Union itself?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Associate Professor Bruno Mascitelli to unravel some of these themes and to give his observations on the current state of play in the European Union.

Before joining academia in 2000, Bruno Mascitelli was employed by the Australian Consulate in Milan, Italy from 1982 until 1997. Many of his activities in the Consulate revolved around support to Australian companies entering the Italian market. On returning to Australia in 1997 he joined the US Consulate General in Melbourne working for the Commercial Service. In 2000 he joined Swinburne University as Associate Professor of International Studies. Associate Professor Mascitelli is President of the European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA) and School Council President of the Victorian School of Languages.



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