

**INDIGO U3A**  
New Course Announcement

# "The Europeans"

The Paradigm Shift from Human Rights to Common Sense

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**Commencing :** Wednesday, 22nd August, 2018  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at BYC

**Then :** 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at BYC

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## Course Outline

A few years ago, a contributor to *The London Review of Books* wrote, "*For the first time in its history, the European Left no longer has a project*". Not so: the Left has never lacked a project. When it divorced its white working-class constituency, it did so in order to channel its passion into the greatest of all social projects: to make amends for colonialism and WWII by declaring all accidents of birth, wherever they might be found, null and void. Redress could be had simply by migrating to Europe: the European taxpayer would provide all necessary resources. Some of the visible figures behind this settlement were Mitterrand, Blair, the Brothers Miliband, Soros, Juncker, Schulz, Merkel, the hapless Hollande, and now Macron and Pope Francis. This was to be '*The End of History*' and the beginning of '*Otherly Love*'. The great migration crisis duly followed in September 2015, with everyone from Hollywood to the captains of global commerce chiming in with adulatory support for Angela Merkel.

Three years later, things are different. There is a sustained shock of belated recognition that the fate, not just of the European Union, but of European civilisation itself — hitherto a defunct concept — is now definitely engaged. This has translated, most recently, into the election of the new Italian 'populist' government.

The Left's ultimate project is now being challenged relentlessly from every angle, the principal focus being on immigration from Africa and the Middle East. There is scarcely an issue of public policy or private thought that remains untouched by the spectre of mass-, or even trickle-immigration. The European media are full of it, all day and every day.

This sustained challenge to the progressive agenda, as reported in the German and French media, provides the subject-matter for the course. The perspective is exclusively European, not Australian. Some might find aspects of the material uncomfortable. The course will concentrate on news and analysis that is not likely to have been picked up by the Australian or British media. As its title implies, the course will focus on personalities and the events swirling around them.

As this is intended largely as a discussion group, comment and questions will be welcomed at any time during the PowerPoint presentations.

John Shilling

30th June, 2018