



Odysseus Academic Network

# SUMMER SCHOOL

## 20th Edition

## on EU Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy



with a PhD Seminar

4 GRANTS AVAILABLE

BRUSSELS

29 June-10 July 2020



#REFYOUNGEES



## INTRODUCTION

While we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our summer school, it has trained more than 2000 persons and is well known among employers considering it as an asset for job seekers. This 20th edition will focus on the new pact on migration to be presented in April by the European Commission. The objective is to give to the participants a global understanding of the immigration and asylum policies in the EU from a legal perspective. The summer school is organised by the Odysseus Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe, founded in 1999 with the support of the European Commission. In addition to classes, the summer school provides an excellent opportunity to spend an intellectually stimulating time in a group of around one hundred participants specialised in the area of asylum and immigration from all over Europe. The location of the summer school in Brussels creates a unique environment facilitating participants' interaction with European institutions. Participants in the summer school typically includes PhD and graduate students, researchers, EU and Member State officials, representatives from NGOs and International Organisations, lawyers, judges, social workers, etc. The classes are taught by academics originating from all EU Member States collaborating in the framework of the Odysseus Network, and by high- ranking officials from the European Institutions, particularly the European Commission. You can discover the Summer School through this video: [odysseus-network.eu/2020-summer-school](https://odysseus-network.eu/2020-summer-school)

## LANGUAGES

Courses are *in principle* taught separately in English and in French in order to allow participants to choose between those two languages with the exception of some courses given by guest speakers which will be exclusively in English. The Odysseus Network may ask Francophones having chosen the English group to move to the French-speaking group in order to balance the number of participants between both groups.

## TEACHING APPROACH

The classes have a legal focus, combining theoretical and practical elements. They tackle the most recent political, legislative, and jurisprudential development of the EU and favor discussion, in particular with evening-debates. The last projects of the European institutions (Commission, Council, Parliament) will be analysed in the classes thanks to European officials as guest speakers. Each participant will have access to a complete and up-to-date documentation through an electronic platform.

## SUBJECTS

### PREMIERE PARTIE Cours Généraux

Opening lecture  
Migration flows and statistics  
Free movement of EU citizens  
European institutional framework.  
Implications of human rights  
External relations and European  
migration policy  
European Databases  
(SIS, VIS, Eurodac, etc.)

### IMMIGRATION

| External border control  
| European visa policy  
| Immigration for purposes of work  
| Family reunification  
| Status and integration of  
| third country nationals  
| Smuggling and trafficking  
| Return and readmission

### DEUXIEME PARTIE Cours spécialisés

### ASILE

| Reception conditions for  
| asylum seekers  
| European concepts of refugee  
| and of subsidiary protection  
| Member States responsibility  
| ( "Dublin mechanism")  
| Asylum procedures

# LECTURERS

The lecturers at the Summer School include many members of the Odysseus Network as well as other experts in European immigration and asylum law. The program alternates between experienced professors with established reputations and younger colleagues who specialize in a particular field, in order to ensure that all courses, even the most technical, are taught by an expert of the area. The diversity of the speakers who come from all parts of the European Union allows the expression of views from different Member States. There are also several speakers from the European institutions (in particular the European Commission's DG Home, Affairs and Migration) and international organisations (UNHCR), in order to give a practical insight.

Below is a list of speakers from the summer school over the past years. This is only an example, although some of those speakers will appear on the summer school's 2020 program. Please see our website for up-to-date information on this year's program

Prof. Diego ACOSTA ARCARAZO University of Bristol, UK	Dr. Paula GARCIA ANDRADE Universidad Comillas de Madrid, Spain	Mr Henrik NIELSEN DG Home Affairs and Migration, European Commission	Prof. Thomas SPIJKERBOER Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
Prof. Emmanuel AUBIN Université de Poitiers, France	Prof. Elspeth GUILD Queen Mary University of London, UK	Prof. Steve PEERS University of Essex, UK	Prof. Tineke STRIK, Member of the European Parliament
Dr. Samuel BOUTRUCHE United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	M. Jean-Louis DE BROUWER Former Deputy Director DG Home Affairs and Migration, European Commission	Prof. Nuno PICARRA Judge at the European Court of Justice	Prof. Daniel THYM Universität Konstanz, Germany
Dr Evelien BROUWER Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands	Prof. Constantin HRUSCHKA Universität Bielefeld, Germany	Mr Kris POLLET ECRE, European council for refugees and exiles	Dr Lilian TSOURDI Maastricht, University Netherlands
Prof. Jean-Yves CARLIER Université catholique de Louvain, Belgique	Prof. Henri LABAYLE Faculté de Bayonne, France	Prof. Conny RIJKEN Tilburg University, Netherlands	Prof. Constança URBANO DE SOUSA Former Interior Minister of Portugal
Prof. Philippe DE BRUYCKER Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	M. Fabian LUTZ DG Home Affairs and Migration, European Commission	Dr. Jorrit RIJPMAN Leiden University, Netherlands	Dr. Niovi VAVOULA Queen Mary University of London, UK
Prof. Marie-Benedicte DEMBOUR Ghent University, Belgium	Prof. Francesco MAIANI University of Lausanne, Switzerland	Prof. Ann SINGLETON University of Bristol, UK	Prof. Jens VESTED-HANSEN Juridisk Institut Aarhus, Denmark
Dr. Nula FREI Fribourg University, Switzerland	Dr. Sergo MANANASHVILI International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Austria	Prof. Achilles SKORDAS Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law Germany	Dr. Julien JEANDESBOZ, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

## REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIPS and #REFYOUGEES CAMPAIGN

The objective of the project is to offer to a group of student-refugees to take part to the summer school to gain knowledge in European immigration and asylum law and to complete their education, which may have been interrupted by their forced departure from their home countries. A number of individuals working in NGOs already benefited from it. The initiative RefYOUgees organized with the support of the Université libre de Bruxelles is based on crowdfunding. Help us with a small or big donation via [gogetfunding.com/scholarship-for-refugees-2020/](https://gogetfunding.com/scholarship-for-refugees-2020/) and following us on Twitter #refYOUgees

## CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

The first general part of the program includes 14 hours of lectures and the second and third specialised parts on immigration and asylum 30 hours in total. Each day is generally done of 2 classes of 2 hours, presented with a coffee-break in between. In order to enable participants in full-time employment to attend the classes, courses take mainly place in the afternoon between 2 pm and 6:30pm.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### PHD SEMINAR - FOUR GRANTS AVAILABLE

A PhD Seminar is organised during the summer school. It offers to a group of about ten doctoral researchers the opportunity to present their PhD project and to receive feedback of a panel of Odysseus Members as well as occasionally a high-level practitioner participating to the summer school. The seminar is mainly for legal PhDs, but candidates in political science or international relations whose thesis have legal aspects are welcome. The sessions are in English but may be organised in French upon request.

The selected PhDs needs to register to the summer school and pay the registration fees for PhDs. They will follow the entire program as any participant to the summer school in addition to the PhD Seminar of around 10 hours.

**Four grants are available and will be attributed on the basis of academic record and financial need.** The grants cover the summer school fee (with the exception of the €300 application fee as explained below) as well as travel and accommodation costs. Grant recipients will be involved in the coordination of the English or the French speaking group of participants.

The closing date for applications is **15 May 2020**. For more information, please consult our website.

### VISITS TO THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

Staying in the capital of the European Union is a unique opportunity to discover the EU institutions and to meet high-level officials from the EU who come to lecture in the summer school. Visits to the European Parliament, the Commission and the Council of Ministers will be organized by the Odysseus Network. Participants may also take an opportunity to spend an evening in the heart of the European quarter at Place du Luxembourg, where people working at the EU institutions famously go for an after-work drink.



*Place du Luxembourg*



*European Parliament*

## EVENING DEBATES AND OTHER EVENTS

In addition to the opening session and several cocktails, a series of events will be organised during the summer school on the campus of the ULB or in the European institutions:

- Evenings debates based on the most recent news to complete the classes with speakers ranging from lawyers engaged in cases before the European Court of Human Rights cases or the Court of Justice of the European Union, Members of the European Parliament, judges, high officials of EU institutions, JHA, (Justice and Home Affairs) advisors, of Member States, representatives of international organisations (in particular UNHCR) and NGOs.
- Two or three morning sessions with presentations of PhD projects in the frame of the PhD seminar.
- A trip to the Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp dedicated to the emigration of Europeans to the United States on Saturday 4 July.

As other events will be added to the program over time, you are invited to consult our website for the most recent information. Those who have already registered will be kept informed of developments via email.

## NETWORKING EVENTS

As an evening cocktail will be organised during the summer school where people working for the EU Institutions (European Parliament, Commission and Council), International Organisations (UNHCR, IOM, ICMPD, etc.), NGOs (ECRE, JRS-Europe, etc.), think tanks (MPG, MPI, etc.) and consultancy companies are invited in order to give participants of the summer school the opportunity to make contacts that could help them to find a traineeship or a job.

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## FACILITIES

Participants will have access to the summer school's private electronic platform containing all documents used during the courses, including the presentations used by the speakers. Participants are therefore encouraged to bring a laptop if they have access to one.

Participants will also be able to use the various university facilities (WiFi, libraries, cafeterias, medical and sports facilities, etc.).

## CERTIFICATE

The program does not require any written work to be submitted or exams to be taken, but some prior reading is recommended. Participants who sign the attendance register will receive a certificate of attendance specifying each of the classes followed. The certificate will be delivered at the closing cocktail.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have some legal background. They must have either completed a University degree (at least a BA or equivalent with 3 years of studies) in Law, Political Science or International Relations (graduates of other disciplines will be considered depending on the legal courses they have followed) or have an equivalent professional experience in a relevant field. Successful candidates will have to submit a copy of their university degree before the start of the program.

## REGISTRATION FEES

	<b>Student</b> (up to 25 years)	<b>NGO/PhD Trainee</b>	<b>Professional</b>
Application fee	€300	€300	€300
Registration fee	€300	€490	€900
<b>Total</b>	<b>€600</b>	<b>€790</b>	<b>€1200</b>

For notice, the program is self-financed by the registration fees paid by the participants and does not rely on any subvention. In addition; all speakers give freely their time!

To apply for the Summer School, please register and send back using the registration form available on the Odysseus Network website **before 15 May 2020.**

The applicants to the summer school need to pay an application fee of €300 to introduce their application to the bank account mentioned below. Only candidates whose application fees have been paid will be taken in consideration. **This amount will not be reimbursed if the candidate withdraws without ‘force majeure’. But will be reimbursed if the applicant is not selected by the Odysseus Network to participate in the summer school.**

The fees cover the cost of classes, access to the electronic platform, university facilities, visits, receptions and coffee-breaks. Fees do not include travel, food and accommodation. Participants requiring accommodation should mention this in their application form in order to receive further information.

In order not to risk losing their place, payments should be made by bank transfer to the account below **before 1 June 2020:**

Account name: Réseau ODYSSEUS  
Bank: BNP Paribas Fortis Bank  
Branch: Pesage Branch  
16 avenue du Pesage  
1050 Brussels, Belgium

IBAN: BE63 0012 1223 8908  
BIC: GEBA BEBB  
Mandatory reference:  
"2020 Summer School-Your name"

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