



Odysseus Academic Network

# SUMMER SCHOOL

on EU Immigration and  
Asylum Law and  
Policy

## 19th Edition



Université libre de Bruxelles



with a  
PhD Seminar

4 GRANTS AVAILABLE

BRUSSELS

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# #REFYOUNGEES



## INTRODUCTION

The Summer School has been carefully designed and developed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the immigration and asylum policy of the EU from a legal perspective. The programme is organised by the Odysseus Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe, which was founded in 1999 with the support of the European Commission and is coordinated by the Institute for European Studies of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB). In addition to the content of the taught classes, the course also provides an excellent opportunity to spend an intellectually stimulating fortnight among a group of around one hundred fellow participants specialised in the area of asylum and immigration from all over Europe. The setting of the Summer School in Brussels creates a unique environment that facilitates participants' deeper engagement with the European institutions. Participants in the Summer School typically include PhD and graduate students, researchers, lecturers, EU and Member State officials, representatives from NGOs and International Organisations, lawyers, judges, social workers and more. The classes are taught by academics collaborating in the Odysseus Network, which is represented in all EU Member States, and by high-ranking officials from the European Institutions, particularly the European Commission. Discover the Summer School through a short film available on our website: [odysseus-network.eu/2019-summer-school](http://odysseus-network.eu/2019-summer-school)

## LANGUAGES

Participants can choose to follow either the English-language stream or the French-language stream of the Summer School. Participants will attend all classes in the language indicated in their application, with the exception of courses given by high officials of the EU which will be exclusively taught in English. Both streams cover the same set of topics, and participants from both streams will be able to socialise together during the extracurricular activities.

## TEACHING APPROACH

The classes have a legal focus, combining theoretical and practical elements while also leaving space for question time and class discussion. They tackle the most recent legislative, jurisprudential and political developments in the field at EU level. In light of the current crisis facing the EU, the central theme of solidarity between EU Member States will be integrated into the entire course in 2019. The Summer School will explore and analyse the most recent developments in the European Commission, the Council and Parliament, and it benefits from the participation of European officials as lecturers on the course. Class readings will be available on the Summer School's electronic platform.

## SUBJECTS

### PART I

#### Introductory Lectures

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.)

### PART II

#### Specialised Lectures

#### IMMIGRATION

External border control  
European visa policy  
Immigration for purposes of work or studies  
Family reunification  
Legal status and integration of third country nationals  
Regularising irregular immigrants  
Smuggling and trafficking  
Return and readmission policy

#### ASYLUM

Reception conditions for asylum seekers  
EU concepts of refugee and of subsidiary protection  
Member States responsibilities and distribution of asylum seekers ("Dublin mechanism")  
Asylum procedures  
The position of UNHCR on the European asylum policy

## 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 programme alternates between experienced professors with established reputations and younger teachers who specialise in a particular field, so as to ensure that all lessons, even the most technical, are taught by an expert on the subject. The programme is enhanced by the diversity of the speakers who come from all parts of the European Union, which allows for views from all Member States to be expressed. There are also several speakers from the European institutions (in particular the European Commission's DG HOME) and international organisations (UNHCR), which gives a practical insight into the topics covered.

Below is a list of speakers from the Summer School over the past years. The list is only an example, although some of the speakers below will appear on the Summer School's 2019 programme. Please see our website for up-to-date information on this year's programme.

Prof. Diego ACOSTA ARCARAZO University of Bristol, UK	Prof. Elspeth GUILD Queen Mary University London, UK	Prof. Steve PEERS University of Essex, UK	Prof. Thomas SPIJKERBOER Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
Prof. Emmanuel AUBIN Université de Poitiers, France	Mr Philippe HERVÉ Organisation for Economic Co- operation and Development	Prof. Nuno PICARRA Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal	Prof. Tinike STRIK Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands
Dr. Samuel BOUTRUCHE United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Prof. Constantin HRUSCHKA Universität Bielefeld, Germany	Mr Kris POLLET European Council for Refugees and Exiles	Prof. Daniel THYM Universität Konstanz, Germany
Prof. Jean-Yves CARLIER Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium	Prof. Henri LABAYLE Faculté de Bayonne, France	Prof. Conny RIJKEN Tilburg University, Netherlands	Dr. Lilian TSOURDI European University Institute, Florence
Prof. Philippe DE BRUYCKER Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	Mr Fabian LUTZ DG HOME, European Commission	Dr. Jorrit RIJPMAN University of Leiden, Netherlands	Prof. Constança URBANO DE SOUSA Universidade Autonoma de Lisboa, Portugal
Prof. Marie-Benedicte DEMBOUR University of Brighton, UK	Prof. Francesco MAIANI University of Lausanne, Switzerland	Prof. Ann SINGLETON University of Bristol, UK	Dr. Niovi VAVOULA Queen Mary University of London, UK
Dr. Nula FREI University of Fribourg, Switzerland	Dr. Sergo MANANASHVILI International Centre for Migration Policy Development	Prof. Achilles SKORDAS Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law Germany	Prof. Jens VESTED-HANSEN Juridisk Institut Aarhus, Denmark
Dr. Paula GARCIA ANDRADE Universidad Comillas de Madrid, Spain	Mr Henrik NIELSEN DG HOME, European Commission		Dr. Julien JEANDESBOZ Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

## REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIPS AND #REFYOUGEES CAMPAIGN

The objective of the project is to welcome approximately 10 refugee students to take part to the Summer School. By participating to the programme, refugee students will have the possibility to gain knowledge in European immigration and asylum law and to further their education, which may have been interrupted by their forced departure from their home countries. Their time in Brussels will allow them to discover the European capital and the European institutions, which will in turn facilitate their integration in Europe.

In order to support this year's campaign, we created #refYOUgees a social media platform to share faces and stories of persons who believe that a different model of integration is possible. Join us on Instagram and Twitter by following the hashtag #refYOUgees, and help us with a donation to our crowdfunding campaign: [gogetfunding.com/scholarship-for-refugees-2019/](https://gogetfunding.com/scholarship-for-refugees-2019/)

## CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

The first general part of the programme includes 14 hours of lectures and the second and third specialised parts (on immigration and asylum) are 30 hours in total. Each day is generally comprised of 4 hours of classes, presented in lectures of 2 hours with a break of 30 minutes in between. In order to enable participants in full-time employment to attend the classes, these will mainly be held each day between 2 pm and 6:45 pm.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### PHD SEMINAR - FOUR GRANTS AVAILABLE

A PhD Seminar will be organised during the 2019 Summer School. It offers 15 doctoral researchers the opportunity to individually present their PhD project and receive feedback on the subject, structure and methodology of their thesis from a panel of three Odysseus Network Members from various European universities and possibly one high-level practitioner attending the Summer School. The PhD Seminar is aimed at researchers in law, but applications from researchers dealing with legal aspects of political science or international relations are welcome. The sessions are in English, but may be organised in French upon request.

The PhD Seminar will *only* be open to those who are participating in the entire programme of the Summer School, and selected doctoral researchers must therefore register for the Summer School and pay the PhD students' fee. The PhD Seminar will provide an additional 10 to 15 hours of special sessions reserved exclusively for the 15 selected participants.

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 required to coordinate either the English-speaking group or the French-speaking group of students.

The closing date for applications is 19 April 2019. For more information, please consult our website.

### VISITS TO THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

The Summer School's location in the capital of the European Union is a valuable opportunity to discover the EU institutions and to meet high-level officials from the EU who come to lecture. The Odysseus Network therefore organises visits to the European Parliament, the Commission and the Council of Ministers as part of the Summer School. 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 ceremony and different drinks receptions, a series of events will be organised during the Summer School. These events will take place in various locations, including the ULB, the European institutions and the Brussels Press Club Europe. Last year, the events included:

- Debate evenings to complement the classes, with speakers including, for example, Members of the European Parliament, European civil servants, Justice and Home Affairs advisors, Member States, ambassadors from third countries to the EU and representatives from international organisations (notably UNHCR) and NGOs. In line with last year's theme of European solidarity, the programme dealt with the consequences of a potential Brexit on European citizens' freedom of movement, the EU-Turkey agreement on asylum, the transformation of Frontex into a European border guard force, the future of the Dublin system and the reform of the Blue Card Directive and integration.
- A trip to the Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp.

As other events may have been added to the programme over time, please consult our website for the most recent information. Those who have already registered will be kept informed of developments via email, Facebook and Twitter.

## NETWORKING EVENTS

In order to increase the opportunities for professional networking, a cocktail event is organised on one evening of the Summer School. Professionals from EU Institutions (European Parliament, Commission and Council), International Organisations (UNHCR, IOM, ICMPD, etc.), NGOs (ECRE, JRS-Europe, etc.), think tanks (MPG, CEPS, MPI, etc.) and consultancies 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 classes, 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 programme 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 for each class, thereby demonstrating their full participation throughout the two weeks, 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 courses they have followed) or have an equivalent professional experience in a relevant field, for example as civil servants or in NGOs. Successful candidates will have to submit a copy of their University degree before the start of the programme.

## REGISTRATION FEES

	<b>Student</b> (up to 25 years)	<b>NGO/ PhD/ trainees/ students over 25 years</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>

To apply for the Summer School, please register using the registration form available on the Odysseus Network website **before 15 May 2019**.

The programme finances itself through the fees paid by the participants, and does not receive any other financial support. The speakers and lecturers provide their services voluntarily and are not remunerated for their support of the Summer School.

Applicants to the Summer School must pay an advance of €300 when submitting their application in order for their application to be considered. **This sum will be reimbursed if the applicant is not selected, but will not be returned if the applicant withdraws his/her application.**

The fees cover the cost of classes, access to the electronic platform, university facilities, visits, receptions and daily coffee breaks. Fees do not include travel, food and accommodation. Participants requiring accommodation should state this in their application form in order to receive further information about the possibilities for arranging accommodation during the stay in Brussels.

Payments should be made by bank transfer to the account below **before 1 June 2019**:

Account name: Réseau ODYSSEUS	IBAN: BE63 0012 1223 8908
Bank: BNP Paribas Fortis Bank	BIC: GEBA BEBB
Branch: Pesage Branch, 16 avenue du Pesage, 1050 Brussels, Belgium	Mandatory reference: "2019 Summer School - Your name"

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