



Odysseus Academic Network

# SUMMER SCHOOL

on EU Immigration and  
Asylum Law and  
Policy



**Edition &  
Anniversary**



**DUE TO COVID VIRUS:**

**NEW DATES  
&  
NEW ON-LINE VERSION  
ON TOP OF ON SITE  
VERSION IN BRUSSELS**

**24 AUGUST to 4 SEPTEMBER**

**2020**



with a  
PhD Seminar  
4 GRANTS AVAILABLE



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& Criminologie

All necessary precautions will be taken in relation to the sanitary crisis on the basis of protocol elaborated with the academic authorities

## INTRODUCTION

While we celebrate its 20th anniversary by launching a **new online version**, the summer school has trained more than 2000 persons and is well known among employers considering it as an asset for job seekers. The objective is to give the participants a global understanding of the European immigration and asylum policies from a legal perspective, including the latest developments in 2020. The summer school is organised by the Odysseus Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe, founded by Prof. Philippe De Bruycker 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. The location of the summer school in Brussels creates a unique European environment with participants from different Member States who 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. Discover the Summer School with this [video](#)

## 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 those given by guest speakers which will be exclusively in English. Due to the Covid virus crisis, the organisers 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 for sanitary reasons.

## TEACHING APPROACH

The classes have a legal focus and combine theoretical and practical elements. They tackle the most recent political, legislative, and jurisprudential developments of the EU migration and asylum policies and favor discussion, in particular during evening-debates. The last proposals of the European institutions will be analysed thanks to European officials as guest speakers. Each participant will have access to up-to-date documentation on an electronic platform.

## SUBJECTS

### PART I Introductory Lectures

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

### IMMIGRATION

- I External border control
- I European visa policy
- I Labor migration
- I Family reunification
- I Status & integration of third country nationals
- I Smuggling & trafficking
- I Return & readmission

### PART II Specialised Lectures

### ASYLUM

- I Reception conditions for asylum seekers
- I European concepts of refugee & subsidiary protection
- I Member States responsibility I ( "Dublin system")
- I Asylum procedures
- I Solidarity between Member States

## A NEW ONLINE VERSION DUE TO THE COVID VIRUS CRISIS!

Due to the sanitary crisis, the Odysseus Network has decided to set up a new online version of the summer school on top of the existing onsite version. This will allow persons who cannot or do not want to travel due to the sanitary situation or for professional reasons to follow the summer school, including persons living far away from the EU. This version built on the platform Teams of Microsoft is identical to the onsite version regarding fees, languages, admission requirements, subjects, lecturers, documentation, PhD seminars, calendar, schedule, evening debates, certification, including networking activities as much as possible, but except obviously the visits to the EU institutions.

All the courses and evening events will be accessible live (meaning at the same moment they take place in Brussels). Online participants will as much as possible be involved actively in the summer school. A moderator will allow them to ask questions to the professor through a chat tool. For each course, all participants will have the possibility to test their level of understanding by answering multiple-choices questions.

**All participants are allowed to mix the online and onsite versions of the summer school**, so that they can decide freely to follow the classes at home or in Brussels depending upon their choice! In order to follow the online version of the summer school, you do not need more than a recent computer with a camera and a **good internet connection**. Technical assistance will be available during the entire summer school and a training session about the use of Teams will be organised a few days in advance.

## A FOCUS ON THE FUTURE MIGRATION PACT & COVID VIRUS CRISIS

This edition corresponding to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Odysseus summer school will focus on the future of THE European migration and asylum policies in relation with the new migration pact prepared by the European Commission:

- The opening session will be devoted to what is at stake with the migration pact. Solidarity between Member States, the reform of the Dublin system, externalisation, asylum border procedures, secondary movements of asylum seekers and funding will be among the issues that will be discussed while keeping in mind the goal to build a sustainable policy. The proposals formulated in the [European Consensus on Migration](#) promoted by the Odysseus Academic Network at the occasion of the [20th anniversary of the Tampere conclusions](#), will be used as a benchmark, together with the [strategic programme of the EU adopted by the European Council](#) in June 2019 and the [guidelines in the area of Justice and Home Affairs that the Council of Ministers](#) discusses currently in view of the adoption of conclusions by the European Council. Interinstitutional relations and the tensions they may generate between the Commission, The (European) Council and the Parliament will also be considered in light of the experience gained with the previous five-year programs (The Hague, Stockholm and the [guidelines of 2014](#)). Next to academics, the panels will include high level officials of the European Institutions and Member States as well as representatives of the civil society.
- The Covid virus crisis and its consequences for the EU migration and asylum policies will be analysed during a special debate about issues like the impact of the International Sanitary Regulation of the WHO, the limitations to the freedom of circulation and movement inside the EU, possible derogations to the right to asylum and the principle of non-refoulement, the management of EU external and internal borders and the European coordination, the consequences for return and detention policies of Member States, the impact of human rights (like the right to health, the right to enter into one own's country), as well as the European citizenship.
- The future of the European migration and asylum policies will also be at the core of the discussions that will take place during the visits to the EU institutions (Council, Parliament, Commission). In case the sanitary situation would not allow all visits on the spot, the speakers of the concerned institutions will be invited to come to the ULB campus where the summer school takes place.
- A forum will be opened on the electronic platform of the summer school in order to launch a debate about the future of the European immigration and asylum policies with the participants of the summer school.
- In order to feed the debate, posts about future key issues and the sanitary crisis will be published on the blog of the Odysseus Network about what is at stake with the new pact and the sanitary crisis will be published on the [blog](#) of the Odysseus Network at the occasion of the summer school.

# LECTURERS

The lecturers at the summer school include many members of the Odysseus Network as well as other experts in EU immigration and asylum law. The program alternates between experienced professors with established reputation and younger colleagues specialised 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 EU 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 Migration and Home Affairs) and international organisations (UNHCR). On top, some panels will include lawyers who have been involved in cases discussed, sometimes even before the ruling!

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.

Prof. Emmanuel AUBIN  
Université de Poitiers,  
France

Dr. Samuel BOUTRUCHE  
United Nations High  
Commissioner for  
Refugees

Dr Evelien BROUWER  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam,  
Netherlands

Prof. Jean-Yves CARLIER  
Université catholique  
de Louvain, Belgique

Prof. Philippe DE BRUYCKER  
Université libre de  
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Prof. Marie-Bénédicte DEMBOUR  
Ghent University, Belgium

Dr. Nula FREI  
Fribourg University,  
Switzerland

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Universidad Comillas de  
Madrid, Spain

Prof. Elspeth GUILD  
Queen Mary University of  
London, UK

M. Jean-Louis DE BROUWER  
Former Deputy Director DG  
Home Affairs and Migration,  
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Prof. Constantin HRUSCHKA  
Universität Bielefeld,  
Germany

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Faculté de Bayonne, France

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Prof. Steve PEERS  
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Prof. Nuno PICARRA  
Judge at the European  
Court of Justice

Mr Kris POLLET  
ECRE, European council  
for refugees and exiles

Prof. Conny RIJKEN  
Tilburg University,  
Netherlands

Dr. Jorrit RIJPMAN  
Leiden University,  
Netherlands

Prof. Ann SINGLETON  
University of  
Bristol, UK

Prof. Achilles SKORDAS  
Max Planck Institute for  
Comparative Public Law  
and International Law  
Germany

Prof. Thomas SPIJKERBOER  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam,  
Netherlands

Prof. Tineke STRIK, Member  
of the European Parliament

Prof. Daniel THYM  
Universität Konstanz,  
Germany

Dr Lilian TSOURDI  
Maastricht, University  
Netherlands

Prof. Constança URBANO DE SOUSA  
Former Interior Minister of  
Portugal

Dr. Niovi VAVOULA  
Queen Mary University of  
London, UK

Prof. Jens VESTED-HANSEN  
Juridisk Institut Aarhus,  
Denmark

## #REFYOUgees CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENTS-REFUGEES SCHOLARSHIPS

The objective of the project is to offer a group of student-refugees to take part in the summer school and gain knowledge in EU immigration and asylum law and to complete their education, which may have been interrupted by their forced departure from their home country. A number of refugees working in NGOs have already benefited from it since the launch of this initiative in 2016. The initiative RefYOUgees organised with the support of the Université libre de Bruxelles is based on crowdfunding.

Help us with a small or big donation via

<https://gogetfunding.com/scholarships-for-refugees-2020/> and following us on Twitter #RefYOUgees

## CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

The first general part of the program includes around 14 hours of lectures and the second and third special parts on asylum and immigration around 30 hours in total. Each day is generally made of two classes of 2 to 3 hours with a coffee- break in between. In order to enable participants in full-time employment to attend the classes, courses take place *mainly* in the afternoon between 1:00pm and 6:30pm.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### PHD SEMINAR - FOUR GRANTS AVAILABLE

A PhD Seminar is organised during the summer school. It offers a group of around ten doctoral researchers and students the opportunity to present their PhD project and to receive feedback from a panel of Odysseus Members as well as occasionally a high-level practitioner following the summer school. The seminar is mainly for legal PhDs, but candidates in political science or international relations whose thesis include legal aspects can be accepted in agreement with the organiser. These sessions are in English, but some may be organised in French upon request.

The selected PhDs students need 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 needs.** The grants cover the registration fee (with the exception of the € 300 deposit as explained below) as well as travel and accommodation costs. Grant beneficiaries are requested to contribute actively to the coordination of the English or the French speaking group of participants.

The closing date for applications is **15 July 2020**. Consult our website for more information!

### VISITS TO 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 who come to lecture in the summer school. Visits to the European Parliament, the Commission and the Council of Ministers will be organised by the Odysseus Network depending upon the sanitary situation. 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 & OTHER EVENTS

In addition to the opening session and some cocktails, a series of optional activities are organised during the summer school on the campus of the ULB or in the premises of the European institutions;

- A specific debate about the links between EU migration and asylum law and the crisis of the Covid virus;
- Evenings debates based on the most recent (jurisprudential) news with speakers ranging from lawyers engaged in cases before the European Court of Human Rights or the Court of Justice of the EU, Members of the European Parliament, judges, high officials of EU institutions, Justice & Home Affairs advisors of Member States' Permanent Representations, as well as representatives of international organisation and NGOs;
- A "Who is who?" session for socialisation between the participants of the summer school, including the online participants!
- Morning sessions with presentations of PhD projects in the framework 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 29 August.

As other events will be added to the program over time, you are invited to consult our website for the most recent information. Persons registered to the summer school will be kept informed via email.

## NETWORKING

An evening cocktail will be organised during the summer school where people working for the EU Institutions (European Parliament, Commission, Council, Agencies), International Organisations (UNHCR, IOM, ICMPD, etc.), NGOs (ECRE, JRS-Europe, etc.), think tanks (MPG, MPI, etc.) and consultancy companies are invited to give the 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 power point 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.) within the limits due to the sanitary situation.

## CERTIFICATE

The program does not require any written work to be submitted or exams to be taken. Some prior reading is recommended. Participants who sign the attendance register for at least 80% of the courses will receive a certificate of attendance. **The presence of online participants will also be checked.** The certificate will be delivered at the closing cocktail or sent by post.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Applicants must 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 upon 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 Summer School.

# REGISTRATION FEES

	<b>Student</b> (up to 25 years)	<b>NGO/ PhD/ Trainee</b>	<b>Professional</b>
Deposit fee	€ 300	€300	€ 300
Balance	€ 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. All speakers give freely their time!***

**The fees are the same for the onsite and the online version of the Summer School.**

To apply for the Summer School, please send back the registration form available on the Odysseus website **before 31 July 2020**. Candidates must pay a **deposit fee of € 300** to introduce their file. **Only candidates who have paid that deposit will be taken in consideration.** This amount will not be reimbursed if the candidate withdraws without 'force majeure' (which includes compelling reasons linked to the Covid virus) 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, cocktails and coffee-breaks. Fees do not include travel, food and accommodation. Participants requiring information about accommodation possibilities should mention this in their application form.

In order not risking to lose your place, payments should be made by bank transfer to the account below at the latest on **31 July 2020**:

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

IBAN: BE63 0012 1223 8908  
National Bank Account: 0012 1223 8908  
BIC: GEBA BEBB  
Reference: 2020 Summer School & your name

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