



Odysseus Academic Network

SUMMER SCHOOL

21th Edition

on EU Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy



**Due to COVID-19
ONLINE VERSION
on top of
ONSITE VERSION**

with a
PhD Seminar

4 GRANTS AVAILABLE

BRUSSELS

28 June- 9 July 2021



UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES



THE SUMMER SCHOOL IN A NUTSHELL

▪ **A programme made of three parts:**

- Introductory courses
- Migration including visas & borders
- Asylum
- Interesting for students and professionals (courses during afternoons)

▪ **To acquire an in-depth knowledge of EU migration and asylum law**

- Courses including theory and practical elements
- Including evening debates on last developments on EU New Migration and Asylum Pact, covid crisis, etc.
- And controversial issues like refoulement, accountability of frontex, etc.

▪ **Professors among best specialists from all EU Member States**

- Including practitioners from EU Institutions

▪ **All courses on-site but also entirely on-line**

- All courses given separately in English and in French
- A program legally oriented but also accesible to non-jurists
- Including a PhD seminar with four grants
- And a crowdfunding campain to help refugee-students to participate

▪ **The right place to discover the capital of Europe**

- And to meet a group of one hundred persons interested by EU migration and asylum law
- And to build a professional network!

INTRODUCTION

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 migration and asylum policies from a legal perspective, including the latest developments in 2021. 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 of 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.

A FOCUS ON THE NEW MIGRATION & ASYLUM PACT

This 21th edition of the summer school will focus on the **New Migration and Asylum Pact** presented by the European Commission on 23rd September 2020. The opening session will be devoted to what is at stake with the pact and the evolution of the debate with the positions taken by the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament in the framework of the legislative process. Solidarity between Member States in liaison with the reform of the Dublin system, asylum and return border procedures, funding, power of agencies and screening of migrants will be among the issues that will be discussed. The debate will be fueled by the series of numerous posts on the elements of the pact that has been published on the [Odysseus blog](#).

- The **controversy about Frontex and the pushbacks** that have taken place will be analysed in relation with the diverse types of control exercised upon the agency and its liability.
- **The Covid crisis** and its consequences for EU migration and asylum policies will finally be analysed with issues like the limitations of freedom of movement and the Digital Green Certificates proposed by the European Commission to facilitate the exercise of this freedom, derogations to the right to asylum and the principle of non-refoulement, internal border controls, as well as the consequences for return and detention policies.
- All those issues will 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 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 migration and asylum policies among the participants.

Special Collection of papers on the 'New' Migration and Asylum Pact

- In order to feed the debate, a series of 20 posts on key issues of the New Migration and Asylum Pact and the sanitary crisis are published on the [blog of the Odysseus Network](#) about what is at stake with the new pact and the sanitary crisis are published on the [blog](#) of the Odysseus Network



A NEW ONLINE VERSION DUE TO THE COVID VIRUS CRISIS!

Last year at the occasion at the 20th anniversary of the summer school and 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 be involved actively in the summer school. A moderator will allow them in priority 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-choice 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.

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, in particular the New Migration and Asylum Pact, will be analysed with the contribution of European officials and 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 New Migration & Asylum 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).

PART II

Specialised Lectures

MIGRATION

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

ASYLUM

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

LECTURERS

The lecturers at the summer school include many members of the Odysseus Network as well as other experts in EU migration 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 are involved in cases before the European Court of Human rights or the European Court of Justice, 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 2021 program. Please see our website for up-to-date information.

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

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

#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, that 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-2021/> and follow us on Twitter #RefYOUgees

PHD SEMINAR - FOUR GRANTS AVAILABLE

A PhD Seminar is organised during the summer school. It offers to 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 a high-level practitioners 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 organisers. 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 French speaking group of participants.

The closing date for applications is **31 May 2021**. Consult our website for more information!

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 debate on the progress of discussions about the New Migration & Asylum Pact;
- 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 advisers 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 3 July.

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.

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 in EU institutions famously go for an after-work drink.



Place du Luxembourg



European Parliament

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

FACILITIES

Participants will have access to the summer school's private electronic platform under TEAMS containing all documents used during the courses, including the power point presentations of 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 readings are 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 send 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

	Student (without income)	NGO/ PhD/ Trainee	Professional
Deposit fee	€ 300	€300	€ 300
Balance	€ 300	€500	€ 900
Total	€ 600	€800	€1200

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 May 2021**. 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 **15 June 2021**:

Account name: Réseau ODYSSEUS
Bank: BNP Paribas Fortis Bank
Branch: Pesage Branch
Avenue du Pesage, 16
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IBAN: BE63 0012 1223 8908
National Bank Account: 0012 1223 8908
BIC: GEBA BEBB
Reference: 2021 Summer School & your name

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