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**CERTIFICATE IN
EUROPEAN LAW ON
IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM**

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ON IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM IN EUROPE**

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PRESENTATION

The aim of this programme is to provide its participants with an in-depth understanding of the legal rules on immigration and asylum adopted by the European Union. This programme will be of interest to all persons who wish to acquire a special knowledge in immigration and asylum law, for instance civil servants, advocates or persons working for NGOs, and in particular researchers, PhD students who frequently confront the complex legal dimension of immigration and asylum in their work or studies. This programme is organised by the “Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe” founded in 1999 with the support of the Odysseus Programme of the European Commission and co-ordinated by the Institute for European Studies of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). The course provides the opportunity to live in a unique European environment, with professors coming from academic institutions in many different Member States as well as from the EU institutions, and to take part in an intellectually stimulating experience as part of a group of 20 participants specialising in the area of immigration and asylum with different backgrounds from all over Europe. Professional networking within and outside the group will be encouraged by the organisers.

TEACHING ORIENTATION AND METHODOLOGY

The programme is of a legal nature and courses will therefore be rather technical in orientation, but the programme has been designed to include some introductory legal courses in the first module to allow non-lawyers to follow it successfully. Moreover, the fees cover access to the Odysseus summer school in order to give interested participants the possibility to acquire a basic knowledge in view of the certificate. The classes offer theoretical, but also practical elements. Personal work will be expected from participants. The classes will be conducted by academics among the best specialists of European and national immigration or asylum law coming from the universities co-operating in the Odysseus Network, which is represented in all the Member States of the European Union, including Schengen associated States. Each participant who will have to draft a blog post in view of the final exams will benefit from the support of a personal tutor appointed among the members of the Network to guide him or her in the research. The latest developments of the European policy are integrated into the teaching, thanks in particular to the participation as lecturers of high-ranking officials from the European Commission, Council and Parliament. Each participant will have access to extensive and up-to-date documentation.

PROGRAMME

COURSES	CALENDAR AND EUROPEAN CREDITS
1st INTRODUCTORY MODULE (1st term from September till December)	
1. General EU law applied to Migration and Asylum (Institutional framework and sources of EU migration and Asylum Policy)	4 weeks (6 ECTS)
2. Human rights implications for immigration and asylum	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
3. International immigration and refugee law	3 weeks (5 ECTS)
4. Free movement of European citizens	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
5. Recent developments of EU migration and asylum law and policy	1 week (+ two weeks during the 2 nd and 3 rd module by EU practitioners) (2 ECTS)
2nd SPECIALISED MODULE: IMMIGRATION (2nd term from January till March)	
6. Visa and Borders policies	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
7. Long-term admission of third-country nationals (family reunification, labor migration, ...)	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
8. Status and integration of third-country nationals	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
9. Fight against illegal immigration and Return	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
Recent developments of EU migration and asylum law and policy (continuation of course 5)	
3rd SPECIALISED MODULE: ASYLUM (3rd term from March till April)	
10. Definition of protected persons	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
11. Status of protected persons	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
12. Procedures for access to the status, including Dublin system	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
Recent developments of EU migration and asylum law and policy (continuation of course 5)	
4th MODULE: RESEARCH (4th term from May till beginning of July)	
13. Research and drafting of the blog post	8 weeks (20 ECTS)

TEACHING STAFF

The programme is organised under the supervision of Prof. Philippe De Bruycker from the Institute for European Studies of the ULB.

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SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

This programme, which starts on 5th September 2020 and ends on 12th July 2021, is organised in 3 terms. Courses amount in principle to a total of 12 hours spread over a two-week period with 4 sessions of 3 hours. They will take place in the Institute for European Studies located on 39 Roosevelt Avenue, 1050 Brussels on the University campus in the heart of Brussels. The schedule of courses (6 to 9pm on Fridays and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays) enables participants living not too far to travel every week by train or even plane. Participants are supposed to attend physically the classes, but it will also be possible to follow them live on skype upon distance. Several specific gatherings will be organised in Brussels throughout the year for those participants following the courses from abroad. Hotel accommodation near the campus for the overnight stay in Brussels can be booked by our secretariat at a reduced rate. Participants who decide to live in Brussels for one year can be welcome for a traineeship in the Odysseus coordination team and will be assisted in finding cheap accommodation.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Participants will have to prepare a post that could be published on the Odysseus blog that has to be analytical rather than descriptive. The subject that participants select, with the agreement of the coordination team, will deal with European or comparative law. The possibility to spend the 4th term in a specialised research centre of the Universities co-operating in the Network will be offered to participants with a view to preparing their post. Participants will in principle need to fund their travel and accommodation expenses for that period, but they will be integrated in a research team and benefit from office space and the supervision of one member of the Odysseus Network. Interested persons will also obtain advice on undertaking a PhD at one of the universities participating in the Odysseus Network.

ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATE

Separate examinations will be organised before or after the Christmas holiday period for each of the four courses of the first module; two separate oral exams (a global one on asylum and a global one on immigration) will be held for the two specialised modules before a jury composed of members of the Network during the Odysseus "Summer School on Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy of the EU", which takes place every year in Brussels during the two first weeks of July. Participants who have followed the programme assiduously throughout the academic year and successfully passed all the exams will receive a University certificate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a University Bachelor's degree (or an equivalent degree) in Law, Political Science, European Studies or International Relations. Graduates of other disciplines (for example Sociology or Economics) will be considered depending on the content of the courses followed in order to meet the legal prerequisites required for the certificate. Applicants can also rely upon relevant professional experience (for example as a civil servant, NGO employee, etc.) which can be considered as equivalent to a Bachelor's degree.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

The closing date for applications has been set for 12 July 2020. Applicants are kindly requested to apply by using the registration form available on our website. The applicants will pay 1000 Euros to hand in their file on the same bank account as registration fees.

The registration fee is 2500 Euros for students (in principle maximum 25 years old for this category), 3500 for PhD students or researchers remunerated by a salary or a grant and trainees and 5000 Euros for professionals. Persons choosing only one specialised module (immigration or asylum) will respectively pay 2000, 3000 or 4000 Euros. The fee covers all classes, coffee breaks, documentation, university facilities, including access to the private Odysseus library, with the exception of travel, accommodation and food expenses. The Network does not provide financial support but can assist accepted applicants by providing them with proof of acceptance or send reference letters to the institutions from which they request financial support.

Participants are asked to pay the entire fee at the latest on the start of the programme by bank transfer to account of BNPParibasFortis Bank, Pesage Branch, 16 avenue du Pesage, 1050 Brussels, Belgium, BIC code: GEBABEBB, IBAN: BE63001212238908, and refer to "Certificate 2020/21 and your name.

Applicants must keep in mind that the programme will only be organised if a group of around 20 persons registers; otherwise, it will be cancelled for financial reasons. This will be the only case in which the organisers will reimburse fees.

