



Odysseus Academic Network

SUMMER SCHOOL

23rd
Edition

on EU Immigration and
Asylum Law and
Policy



Université libre de Bruxelles

**ONLINE VERSION
on top of ONSITE
VERSION**

**FOCUS on NEW
MIGRATION &
ASYLUM PACT**

**&
SOLIDARITY
BETWEEN
MEMBER
STATES**

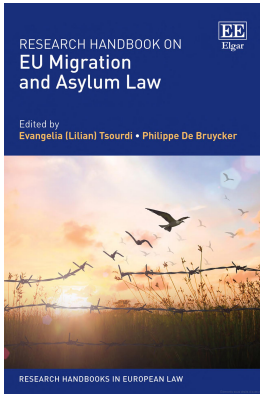
with a
PhD Seminar

4 GRANTS AVAILABLE

BRUSSELS

3 - 14 July 2023

THE SUMMER SCHOOL IN A NUTSHELL



NEW: The participants will receive the Handbook on EU migration and asylum law, a book just published of more than 500 pages which is the companion for the courses given in the framework of the summer school.

- **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 regarding the New Migration and Asylum Pact, in particular the issue of solidarity between Member States
- And controversial issues like accountability of Frontex, scope of application of human rights, etc.

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

- Including practitioners from EU Institutions (Commission, Council, Parliament & EU Agencies)

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

- All courses on site given separately in English and in French (but online only in English)
- A program legally oriented but also accessible to non-jurists
- Including a PhD seminar with four grants
- And a crowdfunding campaign to help refugee-students to participate



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

- To meet a group of one hundred persons interested by EU Migration and Asylum Law
- And to build a professional network!

INTRODUCTION

The objective is to give its participants a global understanding of the European Migration and Asylum policies from a legal perspective, including the latest developments in 2023. The programme is made of three parts (introductory courses, migration including visa, borders and asylum). The summer school has trained more than 2000 persons and is well known among employers considering it as an asset for job seekers. The summer school is organised by the Odysseus Network for Legal Studies on Migration 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 migration and asylum law.

The location of the summer school in Brussels creates an unique European environment with participants from different Member States who typically includes EU and Member State officials, representatives of NGOs and international organisations, lawyers, judges, social workers, PhD and graduate students, researchers, etc. The classes are taught by academics originating from all EU Member States cooperating 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 onsite are *in principle* taught separately in English AND in French to allow participants to choose between those two languages, with the exception of those given by guest speakers which will be exclusively in English. The courses online are only available in English. The organisers may ask French-speakers having chosen the English group to move to the French-speaking group in order to balance the number of participants between both groups.

A Focus on Solidarity between Member States in the Framework of the New Migration & Asylum Pact

This 23th edition of the summer school will focus on the progress of the **New Migration and Asylum Pact** presented by the European Commission on 23rd September 2020. The opening session will cover 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. The issue of solidarity between Member States in liaison with the reform of the Dublin system, asylum and return border procedures, role of EU agencies will be among the issues that will be discussed.

A forum will be opened on the electronic platform of the summer school 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

- The debates will be fueled by the [last book published](#) by the Odysseus Network about the new migration and asylum pact.



AN ONLINE VERSION



At the occasion of 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 for English speakers** on top of the existing onsite version. This will allow persons who cannot travel to Brussels to follow the summer school. This version built on the platform Teams of Microsoft is identical to the onsite version regarding fees, 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 and the handbook companion to the summer school .

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 give them priority to ask questions to the professor.

All participants are allowed to mix the online and onsite versions of the summer school, so that they can decide to follow the classes at home or in Brussels depending upon their choice! 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 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 legislative and jurisprudential developments of the EU migration and asylum policies and favor discussions, 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	PART II Specialised Lecture	
Introductory Lectures	MIGRATION	ASYLUM
Opening Lecture	External borders control	Reception conditions for asylum seekers
Free movement of EU citizens	European visa policy	European concepts of refugee & subsidiary protection
European institutional framework	Labor migration	Member States responsibility ("Dublin system")
Implications of human rights	Family reunification	Asylum procedures
External relations & EU migration policy	Status & integration of third country nationals	Solidarity between Member States
European Databases (SIS, VIS, Eurodac, etc).	European criminal Law on migration	Temporary Protection
	Return & readmission	

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 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. On top, some panels may 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. These are only examples, although several of those speakers will appear on the summer school's 2023 program. Please see our website for up-to-date information.

Belgium 	Jean-Yves CARLIER, Université catholique de Louvain	Belgium 	Prof. Philippe De BRUYCKER Université libre de Bruxelles	Denmark 	Prof. Jens VEDSTED-HANSEN University of Aarhus
France 	Henri LABAYLE, Faculté de Droit de Bayonne	France 	Prof. Emmanuel AUBIN Université de Poitiers	Germany 	Daniel THYM Konstanz Universität
Germany 	Prof. Constantin HRUSCHKA Universität Bielefeld	Greece 	Prof. Achilles SKORDAS, Max Planck Institute	Netherlands 	Dr Lilian TSOURDI Maastricht University
Netherlands 	Prof. Thomas SPIJKERBOER, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	Netherlands 	Prof. Jorrit RIJPMAN University of Leiden	Netherlands 	Dr. Evelien BROUWER Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Portugal 	Prof. Constança URBANO de SOUSA Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa	Spain 	Ass. Prof. Paula GARCIA ANDRADE Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid	Switzerland 	Prof. Francesco MAIANI, University of Lausanne
UK 	Elspeth GUILD, Queen Mary University of London	UK 	Prof. Steve PEERS University of Essex	UK 	Dr Niovi VAVOULA Queen Mary University of London
UK 	Prof. Valsamis MITSILEGAS University of Liverpool	EU 	Prof. Tineke STRIK Member of the European Parliament	EU 	M. Fabian LUTZ DG Migration & Home Affairs
EU 	M. Henrik NIELSEN DG Migration & Home Affairs	Curia 	Prof. Nuno PICARRA Judge at the European Court of Justice	Egmont Institute 	M. Jean-Louis DE BROUWER Director of the European Programme

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 13:00 and 18:30.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

#REFYOUgees CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENTS-REFUGEES SCHOLARSHIPS



The objective of this initiative is to offer a group of student-refugees to take part in the summer school, gain knowledge in EU migration and asylum law and 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-2023/> 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. 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 like any participant to the summer school in addition to the PhDs 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 € 350 subscription fees) as well as travel and accommodation costs. **Grant beneficiaries are requested to coordinate the English or French speaking group of participants.**

The closing date for applications is **1 May 2023**. **On top of the registration form, the applicants must complete carefully the [PhD catalogue available](#) on the Odysseus website. Incomplete applications will be disregarded.**

EVENINGS DEBATES & OTHER EVENTS



In addition to the opening lecture and some cocktails, a serie of optional activities are organised during the summer school on the campus of the ULB;

- Debates on the progress of discussions about the New Migration & Asylum Pact and the use of artificial intelligence in the area of migration and asylum;
- Evenings debates based on the most recent case law 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;
- Morning sessions with presentations of PhD projects;
- A visit to the Migratie-Museum-Migration located in Brussels in the commune of Molenbeek.

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 EU Institutions (European Parliament, Commission, Council, EU Agencies), International Organisations (UNHCR,...), NGOs (ECRE,...), think tanks (EPC,...) 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 Europe is a unique opportunity to discover the EU institutions and to meet high-level officials who come to lecture in the summer school. A Visit to the European Parliament will be organised. Participants will also take the opportunity to spend a moment in the heart of the European quarter at Place du Luxembourg, where people working in EU institutions go for an after-work drink.



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 power point presentations of the speakers. **Participants are therefore encouraged to bring their own laptop.** Participants will also have access to 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. 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 afterwards 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, European Studies 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	€ 325	€350	€ 400
Balance	€ 300	€500	€ 900
Total	€ 625	€850	€1300

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. Candidates must pay a registration fee of € 325, 350 or 400 Euros depending the category to which they belong as mentioned above) to introduce their file. **Only candidates who have paid that amount at the latest on 15 May 2023 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, handbook, access to the electronic platform, university facilities, visits, cocktails and coffee-breaks. Fees do not include travel, food and accommodation. A limited number of students rooms on the campus will be available at a low price.

In order to keep your place, payments should be made by bank transfer to the account below at the latest on 15 May 2023:

Account name: Réseau ODYSSEUS
Bank: BNP Paribas Fortis Bank
Branch: Agence Ixelles Université
Chaussée de Boondael, 466
Bruxelles 1050, Belgique

IBAN: BE63 0012 1223 8908
National Bank Account: 0012 1223 8908
BIC: GEBA BEBB
Reference: 2023 Summer School & your name

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APPLICATION FORM

