

April Newsletter 2026

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ODYSSEUS SUMMER SCHOOL - GRANTS FOR PHD STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Four grants are available for PhD students to be funded by the Odysseus Network. The financial support provided will cover the tuition fees (excluding the deposit of € 350), travel expenses and accommodation costs. Daily subsistence and personal expenses are not included. Funded participants will be selected on the basis of academic record and financial situation. Applicants must be willing to provide organisational support to the coordination team during the entire duration of the summer school. This will not interfere with their full participation in the classes.

In addition to the financial support, PhD students also have access to the doctoral seminar.

The doctoral seminar offers to participants the opportunity to present their PhD project to a panel of experts composed of members of the Odysseus Network. Participants will receive feedback on the subject, structure and methodology of their thesis and advice to strengthen their research. The seminar is addressed mainly to PhD researchers in law, but applications from researchers in political science or international relations dealing with legal aspects are also welcome.

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ODYSSEUS SUMMER SCHOOL - GRANTS FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SUMMER SCHOOL

This initiative aims to provide refugee students with the opportunity to gain knowledge in EU immigration and asylum law. It intends to support their integration in Europe, particularly by allowing them to engage with European academics and continue their studies that may have been interrupted due to forced departure from their home countries.

Since 2016, 35 refugees from diverse backgrounds have benefited from the Scholarship to attend the Summer School. They come from countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Eritrea, Ukraine, Sudan, and many others.

The scholarship covers tuition fees, travel costs, and accommodation for the entire duration of the Summer School, depending on your personal financial situation. **Only persons officially recognised as refugees or as beneficiaries of subsidiary or temporary protection may apply.** Asylum seekers are NOT eligible. The deadline to apply is May 15th 2026

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UKRAINIAN ACADEMICS AND STUDENTS IN UKRAINE

FREE FOR ONLINE PARTICIPANTS

ODYSSEUS SUMMER SCHOOL - SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UKRAINIAN ACADEMICS & STUDENTS - FEE FREE OF CHARGE FOR ONLINE PARTICIPANTS

Due to the war in Ukraine, the Odysseus Network has decided to offer the online version of the Summer School 2026 free of charge for all participants joining FROM Ukraine. Online participants will be able to attend all classes, **and their questions or comments will have priority over those of onsite attendees.**

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ODYSSEUS SUMMER SCHOOL IN EU MIGRATION AND ASYLUM LAW & POLICY

The Odysseus Network presents its yearly Summer School on “EU Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy”, which will take place on site in Brussels and also online from **29 June to 10 July 2026.**

The program, which has become a true institution recognised by professionals, aims to provide participants with a global understanding of the field. It is made of 3 parts with an Introduction on EU law, Migration (including visa and borders) and Asylum. All courses have been updated to reflect the instruments adopted in 2024 under the new pact, including the Commission's recent proposal on returns. The courses are given by professors coming from all EU Member States, as well as by EU officials. They are taught separately both in **English** and in **French**.

The applications are now open! Fill in the [application form](#) and come on board!

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ODYSSEUS COURS D'ÉTÉ "DROIT ET POLITIQUE DE L'IMMIGRATION ET DE L'ASILE DE L'UE"

Le Réseau Odysseus présente son cours d'été annuel « Droit et politique de la migration et de l'asile de l'UE » qui se tiendra sur site Bruxelles et aussi en ligne du **29 juin au 10 juillet 2026**.

Le but du programme qui est devenu une véritable institution reconnue par les professionnels est de fournir aux participants une vision globale de ce domaine. Il est constitué de 3 parties avec des cours introductifs, la migration y compris les visas et les frontières plus l'asile. Tous les cours sont à jour avec les instruments adoptés en 2024 sous l'égide du pacte sur la migration et l'asile, y compris le récent règlement proposé par la Commission en matière de retour. Les cours sont donnés par des professeurs venant de tous les États membres de l'UE en plus de hauts fonctionnaires européens. Ils sont dispensés séparément en **français** et en **anglais**.

Les candidatures sont désormais ouvertes! Remplissez le [formulaire de candidature](#) et rejoignez-nous!

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ON MIGRATION & ASYLUM**

An online programme

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are now
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EXECUTIVE MASTER IN EUROPEAN MIGRATION AND ASYLUM LAW 2026 - 2027

- A program to acquire an in-depth knowledge of EU migration and asylum law, including the latest and most controversial developments like the new Pact on Migration and Asylum and return policy.
- An **online program** including three gatherings in Brussels with professors and experts.

- A program using the [Odysseus Research Handbook as a companion](#).
- A legally oriented program, but also accessible to non-jurists.
- Accessible to students but also professionals, with courses given on Friday evenings & Saturday mornings.
- Professors from all Member States among the best specialists in the area, including practitioners from the European Commission.
- **Closing date** for applications: **10 July 2026**

Don't miss this opportunity, send your application through this [form](#)!

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Free Seminar - "The Externalisation of Returns: EU Return Hubs"

Our Members Madalina Moraru (University of Bologna) and Paula Garcia Andrade (University of Madrid) will be participating as speakers within the seminar hosted as part of the ACCESS Project.

The seminar focuses on the proposal for a Regulation on return procedures, which marks a decisive step in the reconfiguration of the EU return acquis. This seminar examines the proposal within the broader evolution of EU return law. It explores the legal bases, limits, and safeguards governing the externalisation of returns, situating the proposal in light of CJEU and ECtHR jurisprudence, as well as recent state practice, including the recent returns implemented under the Italy–Albania protocol. Particular attention is devoted to the role of courts and national judges in reviewing externalised return arrangements, and the implications for effective remedies, non-refoulement, and the rule of law.

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