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2021 Edition Odysseus Summer School on EU Migration and Asylum Law and Policy

The 21st edition of the Odysseus Summer School on EU immigration and Asylum Law and Policy will take place in Brussels on site as well as online from 28 June to 09 July 2021. 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.

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 debate will be fueled by a series of 20 posts published on the Odysseus blog about what is at stake with the new Commission’s Pact, the sanitary crisis and the controversy about Frontex and the pushbacks, etc.

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. Courses are taught separately in English and in French in order to allow participants to choose between those two languages.

The lecturers at the summer school include many members of the Odysseus Network as well as other experts in EU migration and asylum law including high officials and practitioners from EU institutions (especially the Commission but also Council and Parliament), and international organisations (UNHCR, IOM,…). The program alternates between experienced professors with established reputation and younger scholars specialised in a particular field, in order to ensure that all courses are taught by an expert of the area.

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. Four grants for PhD students are available and will be attributed on the basis of academic record and financial needs. Alongside, the Odysseus Academic Network has set up a crowdfunding campaign to offer a group of student-refugees to take part in the summer school and gain knowledge in EU migration and asylum law.

The Odysseus Summer School is also the right place to discover the capital of Europe, to network in a group of 100 participants as well as to build a professional network.

The deadline for applications is 31 May 2021 via this application form. Consult the Summer School brochure in English and in French for more information.