

European Studies Master Programme
Faculty of Economics and Management at the University of Latvia
INTENSIVE SEMINAR at EU INSTITUTIONS, NATO and THINK TANKS
(BRUSSELS & LUXEMBOURG)

05-10 NOVEMBER 2017

Students from the University of Latvia (Riga), School of Business of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (Olten), and Bremen University of Applied Sciences (Germany) have been invited to attend the 2017 Intensive Seminar

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| 05 November, Sunday | 14:00-24:00 | Check in at the Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels <i>61-63, avenue de la Toison d'Or, Metro: Louise</i> <i>(keys will be distributed from 14:00 to 24:00 hours)</i> |
| 06 November, Monday | 8:30 | Meet at the hotel lobby <i>Students should ensure that they have their identity cards or passports with them at all times as required by EU Institutions</i> |
| | 9:00-11:00 | COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION <i>The Justus Lipsius building, 175 Rue de la Loi, Brussels Metro: Schuman</i> 09:00 – Arrival, Security Check and Welcome by Mrs Dominique BYRON 9:30-11:00 – "The role of the European Council and the Council of the European Union within the European Institutions" by Mr Denis O'SULLIVAN , Directorate General Administration, Human Resources and Personnel Administration, Individual Entitlement Unit & General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union Group: 47 persons (Latvia, Germany, Switzerland) |
| | 11:15-12:30 | MID-DAY PRESS BRIEFING AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION <i>Berlaymont Building, 200 Rue de la Loi, Brussels Metro: Schuman</i> 11:15 – Arrival and Security Check 11:45 - 12:00 - Guide: Mr.Uldis SALAJEVs , Press Assistant to Deputy Chief Spokesperson for EU Budget and Human Resources 12:00 - 12:30 - Mid-day Press Briefing Group: 33 persons (Latvia, Switzerland) |
| | 12:40-13:15 | LUNCH in European Commission Canteen on participants' own expenses |

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| 06 November, Monday | 13:30-16:00 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION <i>Berlaymont Building, 200 Rue de la Loi, Brussels</i> |
| | | <p>13:30 - 14:00 - Introduction session by Mrs Isabella MALAISE-WECKERLE</p> <p>14:00-15:00 - "EU Trade Policy" by Ms Christina Catalina CHIRITA, external speaker at DG Communication</p> <p>15:15-16:00 - "President Juncker's 2025 Plan" by Ms Pauline ROUCH, member of Cabinet of President Jean-Claude Juncker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Group: 33 persons (Latvia, Switzerland)</p> |
| | 16:30-18:00 | PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF ESTONIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION <i>11 Rue Guimard, Metro: Trone or Arts-Loi</i> |
| | | <p>16:20 - Arrival and security check</p> <p>16:30-17:15 - "General overview of the functions of Presidency and work of Permanent Representation" by Ms Katrin JUHANDI, Mertens in COREPER I</p> <p>17:15-18:00 - "The Digital Agenda" by representative of the Permanent Representation of Estonia to the European Union</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Group: 33 persons (Latvia, Switzerland)</p> |

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| 07 November, Tuesday | 8:00 | Meet at the hotel lobby |
| | 8:30 - 17:30 | <p style="text-align: center;">ECONOMIC IDEAS FORUM "New Europe, New Economy" <i>upon the invitation by Martens Centre</i> THON HOTEL, 75 Rue de la Loi, <i>Metro: Maelbeek</i></p> <p>08:30-09:00 - Registration and welcome coffee</p> <p>09:00-09:15 - Welcome: Mr Mikuláš DZURINDA, President of the Martens Centre; Opening speech: Mr Joseph DAUL, President of the European People's Party (EPP)</p> <p>09:15-10:15 - PANEL 1: Surf safe and secure: an economic perspective. Moderated by: Mr Gonçalo CARRIÇO, EPP Political Adviser for Innovation, Technology and Digital Policy</p> <p>10:15-10:30 - Coffee break</p> <p>10:30-11:45 - PANEL 2: Ready, set, invest: the Juncker plan and beyond. Moderated by: Mr Juha-Pekka NURVALA, EPP Acting Head of Unit for Policy and Strategy</p> <p>11:45-12:00 - Coffee break</p> <p>12:00-13:15 - PANEL 3: New work, new welfare. Moderated by: Mr Roland FREUDENSTEIN, Policy Director, Martens Centre</p> <p>13:15-14:15 - Networking Lunch</p> <p>14:15-15:30 - PANEL 4: Making globalisation great again.</p> |

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| | | <p>Chaired by: Mrs Eva MAYDELL, MEP, Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection</p> <p>15:30-15:45 - Coffee break</p> <p>15:45-17:00 - PANEL 5: Bit by bit: building a Digital Single Market. Chaired by: Ms Aura SALLA, Advisor for Communication and Outreach at the European Political Strategy Centre</p> <p>17:00 - 17:15 - Concluding speech: Mr Antonio LOPEZ-ISTURIZ WHITE, MEP, Secretary General of the EPP, Secretary Treasurer of the Martens Centre;</p> <p>Closing: Mr Tomi HUHTANEN, Executive Director of the Martens Centre</p> <p>17:15 - Closing cocktail</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group: 33 persons (Latvia, Switzerland)</p> |
| | 18:00-19:30 | <p style="text-align: center;">BRUEGEL</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rue de la Charité 33, Brussels Metro: Madou/Parc</i></p> <p>18:00-19:30 – “Bruegel, Brussels based think tanks and European Economic Policy” by Mr Matt DANN, Secretary General</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group: 47 persons (Latvia, Germany, Switzerland)</p> |

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| 08 November, Wednesday | 4:40 | Meeting at the hotel lobby |
| | 4:50 | <p style="text-align: center;">Departure by bus from the hotel Citadines to Luxembourg</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Toison d'Or Brussels, 61-63, avenue de la Toison d'Or, 1060 Bruxelles</i></p> <p>04:50 – Departure</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group: 46 persons (Latvia, Germany, Switzerland)</p> |
| | 8:15-14:30 | <p style="text-align: center;">COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Visitors' entrance - rue du Fort Niedergrünwald, Luxembourg</i></p> <p>8:15 – Arrival and security Check</p> <p>08:45-09:15 – <i>Salle d'audience - Palais - Salle I.</i> Briefing of Case C-574/16 <i>Grupo Norte Facility et aff. connexe C-677/16 Montero Mateos</i> by Mrs S. VANDEZANDE, trainee, Protocol and Visits Directorate</p> <p>09:30-11:15 – Hearing of Case C-574/16 <i>Grupo Norte Facility et aff. connexe C-677/16 Montero Mateos</i></p> <p>11:15-11:30 – Break</p> <p>11:30-12:15 – Guided tour of the Court's buildings by Mr G. Dimovski</p> <p>12:15-13:00 – <i>Salle de conférences - Thomas More.</i> Meeting with Mr Egils LEVITS, President of Chamber, Court</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group: 46 persons (Latvia, Germany, Switzerland)</p> |
| | 13:15-14:30 | <p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Restaurant - Galerie - Cantine on participants' own expenses</i></p> |

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| 08 November, Wednesday | 14:30-16:30 | <p align="center">EUROSTAT <i>(at the Court's facilities)</i></p> <p>14:30-14:30 – Overview Presentation on Eurostat by Mr Tim ALLEN, Head of DG 01, Communication Unit</p> <p>15:30-16:30 – on the 'Official Statistics in the age of Algorithmic Decision Making', by Mr Michail SKALIOTIS, Head of Big Data Task Force</p> <p align="center">Group: 46 persons (Latvia, Germany, Switzerland)</p> |
| | 17:00-20:30 | <p align="center">Return by bus to the Citadines Toison D'Or hotel in Brussels</p> <p align="center">Group: 46 persons (Latvia, Germany, Switzerland)</p> |

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| 09 November Thursday | 8:40 | Meeting at the lobby of the Hotel Citadines |
| | 9:10-11:45 | <p align="center">EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS <i>Rue Belliard 93, Brussels, Metro: Maelbeek</i></p> <p>9:10 – Arrival and Security Check</p> <p>9:30-10:30 – Room "Citizens' Auditorium". Briefing "Activities and the role of the EESC in the decision making processes of the EU"</p> <p>10:30-10:45 – Break</p> <p>10:45-11:45 – Room REM-1. Briefing on the Committee of the Regions by Mr Klaus HULLMANN, Administrator, Directorate for Communication, Committee of the Regions</p> <p align="center">Group: 33 persons (Latvia, Switzerland)</p> |
| | 11:45-12:30 | LUNCH in the nearest cafes on participants' own expenses |
| | 12:45-13:45 | <p align="center">PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION <i>at Info Point Europa, Rue Archimède 1, Brussels Metro: Schuman</i></p> <p>12:45-13:45 – Briefing by Mr Andzejs VILUMSONS, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the European Union</p> <p align="center">Group: 15 persons (Latvia)</p> |
| | 13:45-14:00 | Break |

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| 09 November Thursday | 14:00-15:30 | <p align="center">NATO</p> <p align="center"><i>at Info Point Europa, Rue Archimède 1, Brussels Metro: Schuman</i></p> <p>14:00-15:30 – Briefing by Mr. Eric POVEL, Program Officer, Afghanistan, Belgium, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands. Engagements Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division</p> <p align="center">Group: 15 persons (Latvia)</p> |
| | 15:40-16:45 | <p align="center">EUROPEAN COMMISSION</p> <p align="center"><i>Berlaymont Building, 200 Rue de la Loi, Brussels (across the street of previous location)</i></p> <p>15:40 - Arrival and security check</p> <p>16:00 - 16:45 - Meeting with Ms Ilze JUHANSONE, Deputy Secretary-General in charge of Relations with other Institutions (Directorate F) and the Protocol Service (SG.DSG3)</p> <p align="center">Group: 15 persons (Latvia)</p> |
| | 17:30-19:00 | <p align="center">SWISSCORE</p> <p align="center"><i>Apero, Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels Metro: Trône</i></p> <p>17:30-19:00 - Networking event</p> <p align="center">Group: 33 persons (Switzerland, Latvia)</p> |

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| | 9:00 | Check-out and meeting at the hotel lobby |
| 10 November Friday | 9:40-11:30 | <p align="center">EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT</p> <p align="center"><i>Paul Henri-Spaak building on rue Wiertz 60, Brussels. Room: PHS 5B35 Metro: Trône</i></p> <p>9:40-10:00 – Arrival and Security Check</p> <p>10:00-10:45 – Briefing on the European Parliament by Mr George STYLIANOU, Directorate-General for Communication Visits and Seminars Unit</p> <p>10:45-11:30 – Briefing on the Transatlantic Relations Unit by Mr Alexandros KARIDES, Administrator, Transatlantic Relations Unit</p> <p align="center">Group: 33 persons (Latvia, Switzerland)</p> |
| | 11:45-12:30 | <p align="center">PARLAMENTARIUM</p> <p align="center"><i>Willy Brandt building, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels Metro: Trône</i></p> <p>11:45-12:30 – Visit to the Parlamentarium</p> <p align="center">Group: 33 persons (Latvia, Switzerland)</p> |
| | 13:00 | End of the Study Visit |