

**European Studies Masters Programme
INTENSIVE SEMINAR AT EU INSTITUTIONS AND NATO
(BRUSSELS AND LUXEMBOURG)**

09-14 NOVEMBER 2014

*In 2014 students from Switzerland (the SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, Olton) have been invited
to attend the Intensive Seminar*

Day	Time	Activity
09 November Sunday	14:00-24:00	Check in at the Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels 61-63, avenue de la Toison d'Or, Metro Station: Louise (keys will be distributed from 14:00 to 24:00 hours)
10 November Monday	8:15	Meeting at the hotel lobby Visitors should ensure that they have their identity cards or passports with them at all times as they will be asked to show them when entering Commission buildings.
	9:00-10:00	EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE (EEAS) EU Info point , 12 Rond-point Schuman, Metro station: Schuman 9:00-9:10 – Welcome and introduction by Professor Dr. Tatjana MURAVSKA , Director, European Studies Master's Programme, UL 9:10-10:00 – Briefing by Mr. Pēteris USTUBS , Director, West and Central Africa, Senior Coordinator for Sahel, EEAS Group: 40 people
	10:10-12:45	COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION The Justus Lipsius building, 175 Rue de la Loi, Metro station: Schuman 10:10-10:30 – Check in and security control 10:30-12:00 – “Role of the European Council and the Council of the European Union within the European Institutions” by Ms. Rita LIUDVINAVICIUTE , Legal Adviser, Social Affairs, Energy, Research, Telecommunications Directorate, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union 12:00-12:45 – Lunch at the Council's Canteen (at visitors' own expenses) Group: 68 people
	13:00	Departure by private bus to NATO from Schuman 14, Rue Archimède 1, 1000 Brussels (next to the Info point / EEAS) Group: 68 people
	13:30-17:00	NATO 13:30-15:00 – Arrival NATO HQ. Security check. Conference Room LUNS 15:00-16:00 – NATO video, followed by briefing and discussion on “The results of the Wales Summit” by Mr. Zsolt RABAI , Programme Officer, Coordinator for Partners across the Globe and Contact Countries /Hungary, Engagements Section, Public Diplomacy Division. 16:00 -17:00 – Briefing on NATO's Partnerships, by Mr. Krisztian MESZAROS , Euro-Atlantic Integration and Partnerships, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division. Group: 68 people
	17:00	Completion of assessment form and departure by private bus from NATO to the Hotel Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels Group: 68 people

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Getting know each other. Interaction between students from Bremen, Riga and Olton at the Citadines Toison D'or Hotel
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11 November Tuesday	8:00	Meeting at the hotel lobby
	8:45-12:30	EUROPEAN COMMISSION Building "Van Maerlant 2", Rue van Maerlant 10, Metro station: Maelbeek, exit to Chaussée d'Etterbeek. 8:45-9:00 – Check in and security control 9:00 -10:00 – Welcome and introduction by Ms Liesbeth DE BUYSSER "The Role of the European Commission in the European Union" by Mr. Mark CORNER, External Speaker Team of the European Commission 10:00-10:15 – Break 10:15-11:00 – Briefing "EU Employment Policy" by Ms Carola BOUTON, Directorate-General for Employment 11:00-12:00 – Briefing "EU Energy Policy" by Ms Kaja POLD, Directorate-General for Energy 12:00-12:15 – Break 12:15-12:30 – Briefing "EU Studies Survey – The Results" by Mr Ruard WALLIS DE VRIES, Directorate-General for Education and Culture Group: 40 people
	12:45-14:55	THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (EESC) and COMMITTEE OF REGIONS(CoR) Citizens' Auditorium at Rue Belliard 93, Metro station: Troon 12:45-13:00 – Arrival, check-in 13:00-14:10 – EESC, CoR briefings, Q&A 14:10-14:55 – Lunch at EESC/CoR Canteen (at visitors' own expenses) Group: 40 people
	15:15	EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT Paul Henri Spaak building Rue Wiertz 60, room PHS 4B001, Metro station: Troon 15:15-15:30 – Arrival and check in at the security control. 15:30-16:15 – Presentation "The structure, functioning and key role of European Parliament among the EU institutions" by Mr. Māris Indulis GRAUDINŠ, Directorate-General for Communication 16:15-16:30 – Break 16:30-17:15 – Presentation "The European Parliament and Foreign Policy - a full fledged actor?" by Dr.Oliver KRENTZ Policy Advisor, European Parliament Committee of Foreign Affairs Group: 40 people
	18:15-20:00	EXPOSITION Brussels in WWI http://www.museedelavilledebruxelles.be/en/museum/14-18/. Venue: Central Market (Grand Place); open until 8pm on Thursdays.

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12 November Wednesday	5:00	Meeting at the hotel lobby
	5:15	Departure by private bus from the hotel Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels, 61-63, avenue de la Toison d'Or to Luxembourg Group: 40 people
	8:20-14:00	COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION 8:20-8:45 – Check in and security control. Visitors' entrance - rue du Fort Niedergrünewald. 8:45-9:15 - Briefing of case C-1/14 SALLE DE CONFÉRENCE – PALAIS Base Company et Mobistar by Mrs D. MISIUNAITE, Legal administrator , chambers of Judge Jarašiūnas (together with St Mary's University College) 9:30-11:15 Hearing of the case C-1/14 SALLE D'AUDIENCE IV - PALAIS (06-702) - NIVEAU 6 Base Company et Mobistar (Communications électroniques - Réseaux et services - Service universel et droits des utilisateurs - Obligations de service social - Principe d'égalité) 11:15-11:30 - Break 11:30-12:15 - Meeting with Mr Egils LEVITS, Judge at the Court, Salle d'accueil N°3 - GA3 +1 037 12:15-13:00 - Meeting with Mrs Ingrida LABUCKA, Judge at the General Court, Salle d'accueil N°3 - GA3 +1 037 13:00-14:00 - Lunch in “Cafétéria – Erasmus” in the presence of Mrs D. SINGHA, Lawyer Linguist, Latvian Translation Unit(at visitors' own expenses) 14:00 – End of programme Group: 40 people
	14:00	Bus departure to Eurostat Group: 40 people
	14:45-17:00	EUROSTAT 14:45-15:00 – Check in and security control at Eurostat Joseph Bech building, 5 Rue Alphonse Weicker, L-2721 Luxembourg 15:00-15:30 – Overview presentation of Eurostat by Mr. Tim ALLEN, Head of Eurostat Press Office (DG-02/Press Office) 15:30-16:15 – Regional statistics by Mr. Oliver HEIDEN, Statistical administrator 16:15-17:00 – Social statistics by Mrs. Georgiana IVAN, Statistical administrator (Unit F4) Group: 40 people
	17:00	End of visit to Eurostat Departure by private bus to the Embassy of the Russian Federation
	17:30-19:00	Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg Ambassade de Russie, Chateau de Beggen L-1719 Luxembourg Meeting with H.E. Mr. Mark Entin – Appointed Extraordinary Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Russian Federation in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg Group: 40 people
	19:00-22:00	Return by private bus to the Citadines Toison D'Or hotel in Brussels Group: 40 people

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	7:45	Meeting at the hotel lobby
13 November Thursday x	8:15-11:00	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION 08:15 – Check in and security control at Permanent Representation of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union, Avenue des Arts 23 Metro station: Arts Loi Briefings: 08:30-9:45 – Mr. Jānis BĒRZIŅŠ, Head of Press and Information Unit 09:45-10:20 – Mrs. Inese ALLIKA, Advisor, Representative of the Bank of Latvia, Economics and Monetary Policy, Banking Union 10:20-11:00 – Mrs. Līga ANDERSONE, Advisor, EU External Relations with Central Asia Group: 40 people
	11:20-13:00	PRESS BRIEFING AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION Berlaymont Building, 200 Rue de la Loi, Metro station: Schuman 11:20-11:30 – Arrival, Security check 11:30-12:00 – <i>Coffee in EC Cafeteria</i> 12:00-13:00 – Mid-day Press Briefing at the European Commission Group: 40 people
	13:00	Departure to BRUEGEL
	13:30-17:00	BRUEGEL – European think tank 33 rue de la Charite, Brussels, Metro station: Madou 13:30-14:00 – Arrival and sandwich lunch 14:00-15:30 – Presentation: Bruegel and Brussels based think tanks by Mr Matt DANN, Secretary General 15:30-17:00 – Presentation: Bruegel's work on European macroeconomics by Mr Gregory CLAEYS, Research Fellow 17:00 – End of the visit Group: 68 people
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	8:45	Meeting at the hotel lobby
14 November Friday	9:30-14:00	INFO POINT 09:30 – Arrival, Metro station: Schuman 09:35-10:20 – Mrs. Simonetta COOK, Directorate for Interinstitutional relations, cabinet of the Secretary-General of the Council of the EU 11:00-13:15 – Briefings by EEAS experts (programme will be provided by the EEAS) 13:15-14:00 – Briefing on Human Trafficking and Role of Supportive EU Agencies by Dr. Alexandre BERLIN, Honorary Director, European Commission Group: 40 people
	14:00-14:30	End of the Study Visit