

THE ODYSSEUS ACADEMIC NETWORK

THE ACADEMIC NETWORK FOR LEGAL STUDIES ON IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM IN EUROPE

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TOWARDS A COMMON EUROPEAN ASYLUM SYSTEM: The Added Value of the Legislative Package of Second Generation

INTRODUCTORY REPORT + panel

REPORT ON DUBLIN + panel

REPORT ON QUALIFICATION + panel

REPORT ON RECEPTION CONDITIONS + panel

REPORT ON PROCEDURES + panel

CONCLUSIONS

This conference will firstly analyse vertically the novelties in each revised instrument and secondly critically discuss horizontal points (family unity, detention, vulnerable persons, effective remedy, ...) throughout all the instruments with panels involving practitioners..

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PRESENTATION

This 7th edition of the European congress that the Odysseus Academic Network organises almost every two years is logically devoted to the asylum policy. Starting with the adoption of the recasted Qualification directive in 2011, the process of the adoption of the 2nd generation of asylum instruments was completed in 26 June 2013. This highly complex package of detailed rules representing 131 pages of the Official Journal of the European Union requires an in-depth study.

Odysseus has therefore decided to organise this European congress to provide the audience with a double level of analysis: firstly, a "vertical" analysis of the new instruments by a general report in order to understand the novelties introduced by the new instruments and to measure the progress accomplished with more harmonisation at EU level; secondly, a "horizontal" analysis of several questions throughout the instruments in order to evaluate their coherence by a panel of speakers. The final purpose is to evaluate to which extent we have progressed towards a CEAS (Common European Asylum System) and what could be the next steps if it cannot be considered as finalised, in particular in view of the strategic guidelines to be adopted by the European Council in June for the operational and legislative planning in the area of Freedom, Security and Justice for the next five years.

To this aim, the Odysseus Academic Network has decided to mobilise its members throughout the Member States together with colleagues among the best experts of asylum law in Europe. They will be joined by a series of high level practitioners coming from the EU institutions (Commission, Parliament, Council, Court of Justice and EASO), officials from Member States as well as representatives of UNHCR and NGOs. Many of them have been personally involved in the negotiations of the new asylum legislations. This congress is therefore a unique opportunity to better understand the legal and political developments of asylum in the EU as well as to network with hundreds of persons that will attend.

The congress will be followed by a collective volume that will be published in autumn 2014 in order to provide all interested persons with the tool they need in order to work in this changing environment.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 8 April 9.00 - 18.00

- **8.30** : Welcome of participants
- 9.00: Chair: **Prof. Kay HAILBRONNER**, *University of Konstanz, DE*

INTRODUCTORY REPORT

presented by **Prof. Vincent CHETAIL**,
Global Migration Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, CH

- **9.30** : Panel with

Prof. Elspeth GUILD,
Professor, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, NL
Prof. Ioannis PAPAGEORGIOU,
Assistant professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, EL
Jean LAMBERT,
Member of the Libe Committee of the European Parliament (The Greens)
Andrea VONKEMAN,
Senior Policy Officer, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR
- **10.15** : Discussion with audience
- **10.45** : Coffee Break
- **11.15**: Chair: **Prof. Cristina GORTAZAR**, *Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid, ES*

REPORT on DUBLIN: **a new legal framework for a more humane system?**

presented by **Prof. Francesco MAIANI**, *Assistant professor,*
Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration, University of Lausanne, CH

- **11.45**: Panel on:

Family Unity,
by Prof. Ulrike BRANDL, *University of Salzburg, AT*
The Early Warning Preparedness System of EASO,
by Tim COOPER, *Head of the Centre for Information, Documentation and Analysis,*
European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
Individual Rights, Solidarity and Dublin: suspension of transfers to Bulgaria,
by Madeline GARLICK, *Researcher in Nijmegen University & Fellow at the International*
Migration Initiative, Migration Policy Institute Europe
The Jurisprudence of the CJEU on Dublin II,
by Judge Lars BAY LARSEN, *Court of Justice of the European Union*
- **12.30** : Discussion with the audience
- **13.00** : Lunch Break

- **14.15:** Chair: **Prof. Boldizsar NAGY**, *Eotvös Lorand University, Budapest, HU*

**REPORT on QUALIFICATION:
Which progress about the best 1st generation instrument?**

presented by **Prof. Hemme BATTJES**, *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL*

- **14.45** : Panel on:

Temporary protection: the lost status?

by Prof. Achilles SKORDAS, *University of Bristol, UK*

Refugee status and subsidiary protection: towards a uniform content of international protection?

by Céline BAULOZ, *Research Assistant at the Global Migration Centre, Graduate Institute Geneva, CH*

The jurisprudence of the Court of Justice as a tool for harmonization

by Judge Hugo STOREY, *Upper Tribunal (Immigration & Asylum Chamber, London) & International Association of Refugee Law Judges*

- **15.15:** Discussion with the audience
- **15.45:** Coffee Break
- **16.15:** Chair: **Prof. Kees GROENENDIJK**, *Emeritus Professor of Sociology of Law at the Radboud University Nijmegen, Chairman of the Standing Committee of Experts on international immigration, refugee and criminal law (Meijers Committee), NL*

**REPORT on RECEPTION CONDITIONS:
the value of an under-estimated instrument**

presented by **Lilian TSOURDI**,

Researcher at the Université catholique de Louvain and Université libre de Bruxelles, BE

- **16.45** : Panel on:

Detention

by Sergo MANANASHVILI, *Researcher, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute*

MSS and the reception conditions directive: a pan-European standard via Art. 3 ECHR

by Prof. Jens VEDSTED-HANSEN, *Aarhus University, DK*

Vulnerable persons as a new sub-group of asylum seekers?

by Prof. Lyra JAKULEVICIENE, *Mykolas Romeris University Vilnius, LT*

- **17.15:** Discussion with the audience
- **18.00:** Closure of the 1st day

Wednesday 9 April 9.00 - 13.00

- **9.00: Chair** : Prof. Henri LABAYLE, *Université de Pau et des pays de l'Adour, Faculté de Bayonne, FR*

REPORT on PROCEDURES:
which progress about the worst 1st generation directive?

by Prof. Cathryn COSTELLO, *University of Oxford, UK*

- **9.30** Panel on:

Appeal rights and effectiveness

by Prof. Sylvie SAROLEA, *Université catholique de Louvain, BE*

Legal aid for asylum seekers

by Prof. Barbara MIKOLAJCZYK, *University of Silesia, PL*

How to treat minors?

by Dr. Vera HONUSKOVA, *Charles University Prague, CZ*

- **10.00:** Discussion with the audience

- **10.30:** Coffee Break

- **11.00: Chair** : Prof. Constança URBANO DE SOUSA, *Universidade Autonoma de Lisboa, PT*

BY WAY OF CONCLUSIONS:
is the Asylum Policy evolving towards a Common European System?

presented by Prof. Philippe DE BRUYCKER,

Deputy Director of Migration Policy Centre of the European University Institute and Professor at the Institute for European Studies of the Université libre de Bruxelles

- **11.30** Panel with:

Floriana SIPALA,

Head of Unit Strategic Policy in DG Home

Dr. Michael GRIESBECK,

Vice-President of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees in Germany

Kris POLLET,

Senior Legal and Policy Officer, ECRE

Antoine CAHEN,

Head of the Secretariat of the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament

- **12.15:** Discussion with the audience

- **13.00:** End of the Congress

REGISTRATION

The participants are kindly requested to subscribe by using the registration form available on the website of the Network <http://www.ulb.ac.be/assoc/odysseus/registrationCEAS.html>

The registration fee for the congress is €90. This covers the participation, the documentation pack, coffee breaks for both days and lunch for the 8th of A. For students till 25 years old the registration fee is € 30.

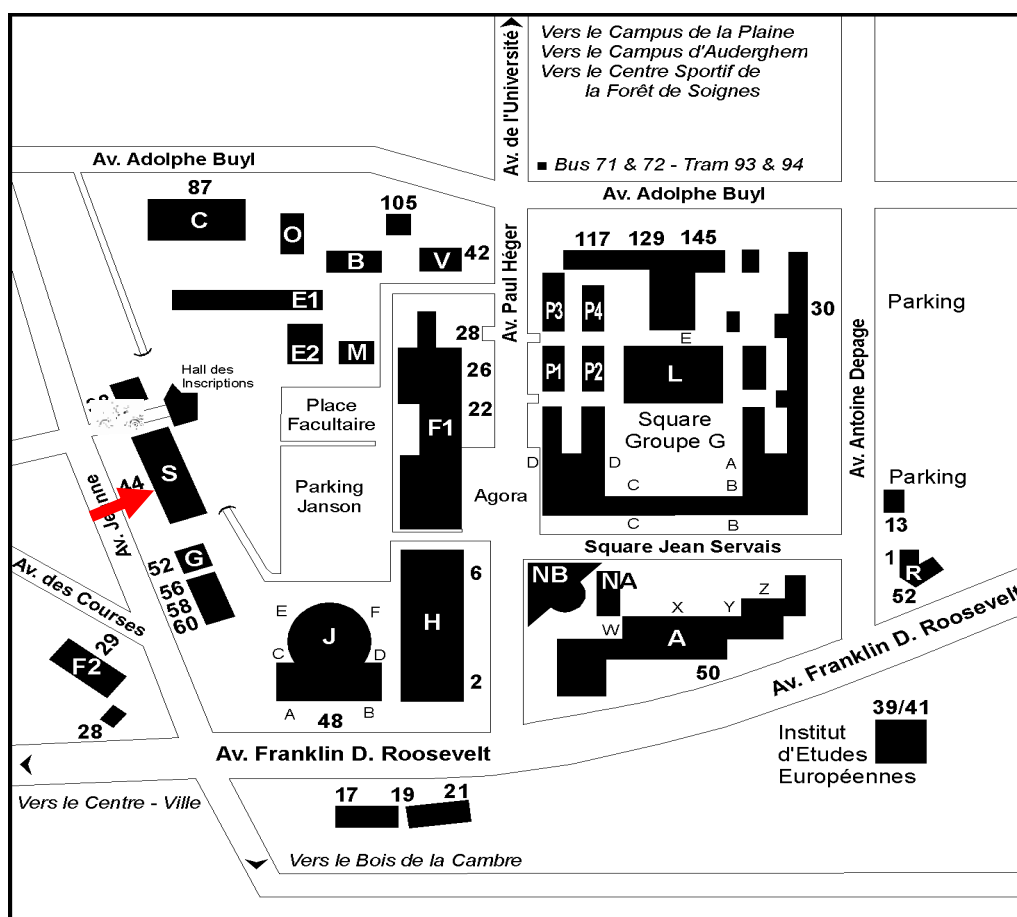
The closing date for registrations has been set for **31st March 2014**

The fees must be paid for 5th April by bank transfer mentioning clearly **your name** and **CEAS Congress**.

Participants are asked to pay by bank transfer to account of the Odysseus Academic Network,
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Map of the Brussels underground :	http://www.stib.be
Train station:	The nearest station is Brussels-Central (and take the bus 71 direction Delta)
Airport :	From the Airport there are trains each twenty minutes (€5) to Brussels central. Please consult the website : http://www.b-rail.be/main/index.html (research “Bruxelles Nat Aeroport”)



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