



**European Studies Masters Programme, University of Latvia  
INTENSIVE SEMINAR at EU INSTITUTIONS, NATO and THINK TANKS  
(BRUSSELS & LUXEMBOURG)**

**08-13 NOVEMBER 2015**

*In 2015 students from Riga Stradiņš University (Riga), Stockholm School of Economics (Riga), School of Business of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (Olten), and Bremen University of Applied Sciences (Bremen) have been invited to attend the Intensive Seminar*

Day	Time	Activity
<b>08 November, Sunday</b>	14:00-24:00	<b>Check in at the Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels</b> 61-63, avenue de la Toison d'Or, <b>Metro Station: Louise</b> <i>(keys will be distributed from 14:00 to 24:00 hours)</i>
<b>09 November, Monday</b>	8:15	<b>Meeting at the hotel lobby</b> <i>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 institutions in Brussels and Luxembourg.</i>
	09:00-09:30	<b>Welcome meeting at the EU INFO POINT</b> 12 Rond-point Schuman, B-1049 Brussels, <b>Metro station: Schuman</b> Welcome to the Intensive Seminar by <b>Prof. Dr. Tatjana MURAVSKA</b> (Latvia) and <b>Prof. Dr. Robert BUTTERY</b> (Switzerland) Group: 30 people
	9:45-12:00	<b>COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION</b> The Justus Lipsius building, 175 Rue de la Loi, 1000 Brussels <b>Metro station: Schuman</b> 09:45 – Arrival & security control 10:00-12:00 – Briefing on the role of the European Council and the Council of the EU within the European Institutions by <b>Mr. Denis O'SULLIVAN</b> , Lawyer Linguist in the English Section of the Legal Service, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union Group: 30 people
	12:15	Departure by private bus to NATO HQ from Rond-point Schuman
	13:00-17:00	<b>NATO</b> 13:00 – Arrival at NATO HQ & security check 14:15 – Lunch self-service restaurant 14:30 – Briefing on the NATO's current political agenda and adaptation by <b>Mrs. Guna SNORE</b> , Programme Officer for Youth Engagements/ Defence Capabilities/ Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Engagements Section, Public Diplomacy Division 15:30 – Coffee break 16:00 – Briefing on the NATO's partnership by <b>Mr. Peter LUNAK</b> , Deputy Head, Engagement Section, Public Diplomacy Division 17:00 – Completion of visit assessment Group: 30 people

17:00	Departure by private bus to the Swiss Core, 98 rue du Trône Group: 30 people
18:00-19:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SWISS CORE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">98 rue du Trône, 1050 Brussels, <b>Metro station: Trône</b></p> <p>Apéro in the premises of Swiss Core ( Swiss information and liaison office for European research, innovation and education); Welcome by <b>Ms. Florence BALTHASAR</b>, European Advisor for Education Group: 30 people</p>

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<b>10 November, Tuesday</b>	8:45	<b>Meeting at the hotel lobby</b>
	9:15-12:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE COMMITTEE OF REGIONS (CoR) and EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (EESC)</b></p> <p>Rue Belliard 101, room JDE 2253, B-1040 Brussels, <b>Metro: Maalbeek</b></p> <p>9:15 – Arrival &amp; security check 9:30-10:30 – Briefing by <b>Mr. Klaus HULLMANN</b>, Administrator at the Directorate for Communication, CoR 10:45-11:45 – Briefing by <b>Ms. Laura ERNSTEINA</b>, Administrator in the REX Section (External Relations), EESC 11:45-12:00 – quick lunch at CoR canteen Group: 30 people</p>
	13:00-14:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON REFUGEES AND EXILES (ECRE)</b></p> <p>Rue Royale 146, 1000 Brussels, <b>Metro: Madou</b></p> <p>Briefing on the Current migration trends into Europe and their impact on legal and economic situations in memberstates and EU itself, as well as socio-cultural impact by <b>Mr. Thorfinnur OMARSSON</b>, Head of Communications, <b>Mrs. Francesca PIERIGH</b>, Communications team, and <b>Mr. Minos MOUZOURAKIS</b>, Asylum Information Database (AIDA) Coordinator Group: 30 people</p>
	14:30-15:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Internal meeting at the EU INFO POINT</b></p> <p>12 Rond-point Schuman, B-1049 Brussels</p>
	15:15-17:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE (EEAS)</b></p> <p>9A Rond Point Schuman, 1000 Brussels, <b>Metro station: Schuman</b></p> <p>15:15-15:30 – Arrival &amp; check-in 15:30-17:30 – Briefing on the EU and Asia with a focus on security and foreign policy making process by <b>Prof. Mr. Dr. Michael REITERER</b>, Principal Advisor at the Asia and Pacific Department Group: 30 people</p>
	17:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EXPOSITIONS AND SIGHTSEEING IN BRUSSELS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Preparations for Wednesday (e.g. sandwiches, snacks on the bus)</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.museedelavilledebruxelles.be/en/museum/14-18/">http://www.museedelavilledebruxelles.be/en/museum/14-18/</a> Venue: Central Market (Grand Place); open until 8 pm</p>

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	4:45	<b>Meeting at the hotel lobby</b>
	4:50	Departure by private bus from the hotel Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels to Luxembourg Group: 57 people
	8:20-14:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION</b> Visitors' entrance - rue du Fort Niedergrünwald</p> <p>8:20-8:45 – Check in &amp; security control 8:45-9:15 – Briefing of case T-437/14 Royaume-Uni / Commission by Mr. H. COHEN, trainee, Protocol and Visits Directorate 9:30-11:25 – Hearing of case T-437/14 Royaume-Uni / Commission, FEOGA, FEAGA et Feader 11:25-11:45 – Break 11:45-12:30 – Meeting with <b>Mr. Egils LEVITS</b>, Judge at the Court 13:00-14:00 – Lunch in “Cafétéria – Erasmus” in the presence of <b>Ms. Ieva FREIJA</b>, Legal Secretary Group: 57 people</p>
	14:30-16:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EUROSTAT</b> <i>(at the Court's facilities)</i></p> <p>14:30-15:00 – Overview presentation of Eurostat by <b>Mrs. Romina BRONDINO</b> and <b>Mr. Vincent BOURGEAIS</b>, Eurostat Press Office (Unit 2) 15:00-15:45 – Presentation on Unemployment by <b>Mr. Boyan GENEV</b>, Statistical administrator (Unit F3) 15:45-16:30 – Presentation on Social statistics by <b>Mr. Gorja BARTSCH</b> and <b>Ms. Daniela SCIRANKOVA</b> (Unit F4) Group: 57 people</p>
	16:30 -17:30	Meeting with <b>Dr. Hubert PETIT</b> , Honorary Ambassador, European Commission and Professor at the Strasbourg University Group: 57 people
	17:30	Departure by private bus to the Embassy of the Russian Federation
	18:00-20:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EMBASSY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN THE GRAND-DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ambassade de Russie, Chateau de Beggen L-1719, Luxembourg</p> <p>Meeting with <b>H.E. Mr. Mark ENTIN</b>, Appointed Extraordinary Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Russian Federation in the Grand-Duchy to Luxembourg Group: 57 people</p>
	20:00-00:00	Return by private bus to the Citadines Toison D'Or hotel in Brussels Group: 57 people
<b>11 November Wednesday</b>		

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	7:30	<b>Meeting at the hotel lobby</b>
<b>12 November Thursday</b>	7:45-10:00	<p><b>PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION</b> Avenue des Arts 23,1000 Brussels, <b>Metro station: Arts-Loi</b></p> <p>07:45 – Security control 08:00-9:00 – Briefing by <b>H.E. Mrs. Ilze JUHANSONE</b>, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union 8:45-9:30 – Briefing by <b>Mrs. Inese ALLIKA</b>, Counsellor, Representative of Bank of Latvia (Economic and Monetary Policies, European Central Bank and banking union) 09:00-10:00 – Briefing by <b>H.E. Mr. Andris PELSS</b>, Ambassador to the Political and Security Committee Group: 21 people</p>
	11:20-12:45	<p><b>MID-DAY PRESS BRIEFING AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b> Berlaymont Building, 200 Rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels, <b>Metro station: Schuman</b></p> <p>11:20-11:30 – Arrival &amp; security check 11:30-12:00 – Coffee in EC Cafeteria 12:00-13:00 – Mid-day Press Briefing at the European Commission Group: 21 people</p>
	13:00-15:00	<p><b>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT</b> Paul Henri-Spaak building on rue Wiertz 60, Room: PHS 4B49,1047 Brussels, <b>Metro station: Trône</b></p> <p>13:00-13:15 – Arrival &amp; security control 13:15-14:15 – Briefing on the role of the European Parliament by <b>Mr. George STYLIANOU</b>, Directorate-General for Communication, Visits and Seminars Unit 14:15-15:00 – Briefing on the EU-US relationships after the 77th Interparliamentary meeting between the European Parliament and the US Congress on 4-5 November 2015 by <b>Mr. Nicolae STEFANUTA</b>, Administrator, Transatlantic Relations and G8 Unit, DG for External Policies Group: 21 people</p>
	16:00-18:00	<p><b>BRUEGEL</b> <i>European think tank</i> Rue de la Charité 33, 1210 Brussels, <b>Metro station: Madou/Parc</b></p> <p>16:00-16:30 – Arrival and coffee break 16:30-18:00 – Briefing on the Bruegel and Brussels based think tanks by <b>Mr. Matt DANN</b>, Secretary General Group: 21 people</p>

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	8:20	<b>Check-out and meeting at the hotel lobby</b>
<b>13 November Friday</b>	8:45-12:45	<p align="center"><b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b></p> <p align="center">Building: Charlemagne, Rue de la Loi 170 (entrance from: rue du Taciturne), 1000 - Bruxelles, Room: CHAR DURI, <b>Metro: Schuman</b></p> <p>8:45 – Arrival at Charlemagne &amp; security check            09:00-10:30 – Briefing on Role of the European Commission as the Executive of the European Union by <b>Mr. Mark CORNER</b>, Member of the speakers team, Directorate-General Communication            10:30-10:45 – Break            10:45-11:45 – Briefing on the EU Energy Policy by <b>Mr. Michal TRATKOWSKI</b>, Directorate-General Energy            11:45-12:45 – Briefing on the EU Foreign Policy by <b>Mr. Stefan TRESSING</b>, Deputy Head of the Policy Coordination Division, European External Action Service            Group: 30 people</p>
	13:00-14:30	<b>End of the Study Visit</b>