

EUROPEAN STUDIES MASTERS PROGRAMME
FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

Intensive Seminar in Brussels - 11 November - 16 November 2012

Day	Time	Activity
11 November Sunday	16.00-21.00	Check in at the Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels, <i>Avenue de la Toison d'Or 61-63, 1060 Brussels Metro Station Louise</i> (Keys will be distributed by the reception between 16:00 and 20:00 hours)
12 November Monday	9:00 -9:30	Security Control at the European Parliament, <i>Paul Henri Spaak Building, Rue Wiertz 60, 1047, Brussels Metro Station: <u>Maelbeek/Troon</u></i>
	9:30-11:00	Briefings in European Parliament by Ms Laura ZANDERSONE, Lecturer to visitors' groups at European Parliament <i>Room 4C95</i>
	11:00-11:30	Q&A Session by Mr Martins SPRAVNIKS, Parliamentary Assistant to Mrs.Sandra Kalniete, Latvian MEP
	11:30-12:00	Briefing by Ms Ieva VALUTYTE, Transatlantic Relations and G8 Unit DG for External Policies (about recent US presidential elections)
	12:30	Departure by bus to NATO <i>from the coach parking by Rue Montoyer, intersection Rue Wiertz</i>
	13:30-14:15	Lunch in NATO self service restaurant (lunch vouchers will be provided by NATO)
	14:15-15:15	Current NATO's political agenda by Ms.Guna SNORE, Information Officer for Baltics, Public Diplomacy Division
	15:15-15:30	Coffee Break
	15:30-16:30	NATO's partnership policy by Ms. Barbora MARONKOVA, Public Diplomacy Division
	16:30-17:30	NATO's current military operations by Mr.Daniele RIGGIO, Information Officer for Afghanistan, Public Diplomacy Division
	17:30	Departure by bus from NATO to the Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels <i>Avenue de la Toison d'Or 61-63, 1060 Brussels</i>
	18:30	Briefing by Mr. Timothy BEYER-HELM, Parliament's Secretary General, an Adviser in the Cabinet of the European Parliament, Meeting Room, <i>the Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels</i>
	20:00	Meeting with European Studies master's students from Bremen Hochschule, <i>the Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels</i>
13 November Tuesday	8:45-10:15	Briefing by Dr.Alexandre BERLIN, Honorary Director, European Commission, Info Point InfEuropa Schuman 14 Rond-Point Schuman/angle rue Archimède Metro Station: <u>Schuman</u>
	10:15	Security Control at the Council of the European Union <i>JUSTUS LIPSIUS Building, 175 rue de la Loi</i>

	10:30	Council of the European Union <i>JUSTUS LIPSIUS Building, 175 rue de la Loi</i>
	11:50-12:00	Security Control at the DG Regional Policy - CSM2 41 Avenue de Tervuren 1040 Bruxelles
	12:00-13:00	DG Regional Policy , briefing by Mr. Charles WHITE, International Relations Officer, Room 0054
	13:00-14:30	Visit to Parlamentarium <i>Willy Brandt Building Rue Wiertz 60/ Wiertzstraat 60 B-1047 Brussels (Optional)</i>
	14:30-15:30	Registration of participants for the Jean Monnet - ECSA Global Conference Sustainable Growth in the European Union The Role of Education and Training , <i>Crowne Plaza Brussels - Le Palace, Rue Gineste 3,1210 Bruxelles, Metro Station: <u>Rogier</u></i>
13 November Tuesday	15:30-16:30	<p>Welcome and Opening Session Providing education and training to cope with the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century is a crucial requirement to get the EU out of the current crisis. To achieve the Europe 2020 targets, education and training systems should be able to recognise and even anticipate the demands of the labour market. The full potential of educational and training institutions must be exploited through the use of new pedagogical methods which promote open, flexible and innovative ways of learning. In order to adapt education and training systems to produce real outcomes in terms of skills, further development of the relationship between technology, education and training is a key priority, with the overarching aim of promoting smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.</p> <p><i>Session Chair:</i> Jan TRUSZCZYNSKI, DG for Education and Culture</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Androulla VASSILIOU, Commissioner responsible for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth Jose Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission</p>
	16:30-17:00	<p>Keynote Speaker: The keynote speaker, as a distinguished academic or well-established political figure, should offer his/her own views on strategies to reform education and training systems, which could be grounded in their own research or extensive professional experience. S/he is encouraged to present a fresh approach which will set the tone of the conference for exchanging and developing innovative new ideas and strategies to meet the challenges which will be addressed in the working sessions to follow.</p> <p>Jeremy RIFKIN, co-founder of the Foundation on Economic Trends, which examines new trends and their impacts on the environment, the economy, culture and society and engages in litigation, public education, coalition building and grassroots organising activities to advance their goals. Rifkin is the principal architect of the Third Industrial Revolution long-term economic sustainability plan to address the triple challenge of the global economic crisis, energy security and climate change.</p>

<p>13 November Tuesday</p>	<p>17:00-18:30</p> <p>18:30</p>	<p>Session I: New education, New growth Education and training systems have to be modernised to increase research, innovation and employability, through the adoption of pedagogical methods allowing the provision of the skills necessary for a new growth, that is, the adaptability, creativity and flexibility necessary for success in the labour market. The knowledge triangle (education - research - innovation) plays an essential role in gaining a competitive edge in global competition. Opening-up the present educational approaches will lead to productivity and growth, and allow people and countries to compete in an increasingly digital and knowledge-based economy.</p> <p>Subjects to be discussed: - re-thinking the education and training systems: new pedagogical methods providing the skills necessary for success in the labour market; use of ICT for pedagogical purposes; teachers' training; action to develop at the European level.</p> <p><i>Session chair:</i> Fausto DE QUADROS, Professor of European Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, Director of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence of the University of Lisbon and Jean Monnet Chair in Constitutional and Administrative Law</p> <p>Maria da Graca CARVALHO, MEP, Group of the EPP, Industry, Research and Energy Committee</p> <p>Dusan SIDJANSKI, Honorary President of the European Cultural Centre, Professor Emeritus at the University of Geneva and Special Advisor to the President of the European Commission</p> <p>Gabriele SUDER, Jean Monnet Chair, PhD, Professor of International and European businesses at the SKEMA Business School.</p> <p>James WICKHAM, Director of the ERC and Jean Monnet Professor of European Labour Market Studies in the Department of Sociology at Trinity College (Dublin)</p> <p>Hans-Peter FÜSSEL, Director of the Department of Educational Administration (German Institute for International Educational Research) in Berlin and Professor of Educational Administration at the Humboldt University (Berlin)</p> <p>Dirk VAN DAMME, Head of the CERi (Centre for Education Research and Innovation) at the OECD in Paris</p> <p><i>Session Editor:</i> Olivier HANRION, journalist, RTBF</p> <p>Dinner hosted by the European Commission Jean Monnet - ECSA Global Conference Sustainable Growth in the European Union The Role of Education and Training</p>
<p>14 November Wednesday</p>	<p>10:00-10:30</p>	<p>Arrival of participants and coffee, Jean Monnet - ECSA Global Conference Sustainable Growth in the European Union The Role of Education and Training, Crowne Plaza Brussels - Le Palace, Rue Gineste 3,1210 Bruxelles</p>

<p>14 November Wednesday</p>	<p>10:30-12:00</p>	<p>Session 2: Skills for the 21st Century - Mapping the needs of the labour market Skills are a core asset for the European Union. The Commission has recently published a Communication on "Rethinking skills - the EU education and training system's contribution for growth". The underlying idea of this session is to find out what are the skills that markets presently need in order to achieve higher economic outcomes. The economic crisis led to a focus on short-term reforms and the resistance to change require a new impetus for reform. <i>Subjects to be discussed:</i> towards open and globalised markets; partnership with businesses; quantifying outputs; action to develop at the European level. <i>Session chair:</i> Koos RICHELLE, Commission's DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER, MEP, Group of the EPP, Employment and Social Affairs Committee Maxime CERUTTI, Director for Social Affairs of BUSINESS EUROPE Kevin DOOGAN, Jean Monnet Professor of European policy studies at the University of Bristol Tatiana MURAVSKA, President of the ECSA-Latvia, Jean Monnet Professor at the University of Latvia Annemarie MUNTZ, Eurociett (European Confederation of Private Employment Agencies) President <i>Session Editor:</i> Jeremy Fleming, Senior Reporter, Euractiv</p>
	<p>12:30 -13:30</p>	<p>Lunch hosted by the European Commission Jean Monnet - ECSA Global Conference Sustainable Growth in the European Union The Role of Education and Training</p>
	<p>13:50-14:00</p>	<p>Security control and registration at the Committee of the Regions <i>Rue Belliard 93, B-1040 Brussels Metro station: <u>Maelbeek</u></i></p>
	<p>14:00-15:00</p>	<p>Committee of the Regions, briefing by Mr. Klaus HULLMANN, Administrator at the Directorate for Communication, Press and Events <i>Room JDE2253</i></p>
	<p>15:00-16:00</p>	<p>European Economic and Social Committee, briefing by Mr Charis XIROUCHAKIS, Head of Unit for Visits and Publications <i>Room JDE 2253</i></p>
	<p>15:30-17:00</p>	<p>Closing Session of the Jean Monnet-ECSA Global Conference Sustainable Growth in the European Union The Role of Education and Training <i>Brussels - Le Palace, Rue Gineste 3,1210 Bruxelles</i> Session chair: Xavier PRATS MONNE, Deputy Director-General for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth José María GIL ROBLES,, Professor Jean Monnet at the University Complutense de Madrid, President of the Jean Monnet Foundation Mike CAMPBELL, Headingley Enterprise and Arts Centre (HEART), expert in the fields of skills, labour markets and the economy, focusing on research, policy analysis and high level strategic thinking Ioana VADASAN, Jean Monnet Professor, Director of European Studies and International Affairs of West University of Timisoara (Romania) Doris PACK, Group of the EPP, Chair of the EP Committee on Culture and Education <i>Session editor:</i> Xavier PRATS MONNE, Deputy Director-General for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth</p>
	<p>17:00-17:30</p>	<p>Coffee Break hosted by the European Commission Jean Monnet - ECSA Global Conference Sustainable Growth in the European Union The Role of Education and Training</p>

15 November Thursday	5:30	Departure by bus from the hotel to Luxembourg <i>Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels, 61-63, avenue de la Toison d'Or, 1060 Bruxelles</i>
	8:20	Check in at the Court of Justice of the European Union <i>Rue du Fort Niedergrünwald</i>
	8:45 - 9:15	Briefing of case C-476/11 Kristense by Mr J.Haslam, trainee, Directorate of Protocol and Information Salle de conference - Palais (together with Universite de Gand)
	9:30 - 11:15	Hearing of case C-476/11 Kristensen Subject Matter - Reference for a preliminary ruling – Vestre Landsret – Interpretation of Article 6(2) of Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation (OJ 2000 L 303, p. 16) – Justification for differences of treatment on grounds of age – Determination, for occupational social security schemes, of age limits for admission or eligibility for pension or invalidity benefits – General exception for occupational social security schemes provided that there is no discrimination on grounds of sex, or exception solely for admission to social security schemes – National legal situation in which an employer may pay, as part of pay, pension contributions graded according to the age of the employee
	11:15-11:30	Break
	11:30-12:15	Meeting with Mr Egils LEVITS, Judge at the Court of Justice <i>Salle d'accueil No2 - GA3 +1 035</i>
	12:15-13:00	Meeting with Mrs Ingrida LABUCKA, Judge at the General Court <i>Salle d'accueil No2 - GA3 +1 035</i>
	13:15-14:15	Lunch at the Commission's self-service restaurant (no host)
	14:30	Departure by bus to Eurostat
	15:00-15:15	Security control at Eurostat <i>Joseph Bech building, 5 Rue Alphonse Weicker, L-2721 Luxembourg</i>
	15:15-15:45	A general presentation of Eurostat by Mr. Tim ALLEN
	15:45-16:30	Regional statistics by Mrs. Teodora BRANDMULLER
	16:30-17:15	Migration statistics by Mr. David THOROGOOD
	17:30	Departure by bus from Eurostat to the Hotel
15 November Thursday	20:00	Arrival to the hotel <i>Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels Avenue de la Toison d'Or 61-63, 1060 Brussels</i>

November 16 Friday	8:00	Check out from the hotel
	8:45	Security Control at Permanent Representation of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union, Avenue des Arts 23, <u>Metro Station Arts Loi</u>
	9:00-10:45	Briefings with Ambassador Mrs. Ilze JUHANSONE and Representative of the Bank of Latvia Mrs.Inese ALLIKA
	10:50-11:00	Security control at European Commission <i>Berlaymont building, Rue Archimede 73, 1000, Brussels</i>
	11:00-11:55	Briefing with Mr. Pēteris USTUBS , Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Development Andris Piebalgs , Director for West and Central Africa and Sahel Coordinator
	12:00-13:00	Press conference at the European Commission
	13:00-14:00	Lunch at the Caffeteria of the European Commission (no host)
	14:00-16:00	Visit to Parlamentarium <i>Willy Brandt Building Rue Wiertz 60/ Wiertzstraat 60 B-1047 Brussels</i>
	16:00	End of the Program