

Call for Applications:

EU@Work Seminar

On EU Asylum and Migration policies

Brussels, 4-7 December 2018

The [Trans European Policy Studies Association](#) (TEPSA) invites you to take part a 4-day seminar co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme, that takes place at the heart of EU politics: Brussels. The seminar will offer 20 graduate students an opportunity to gain first-hand insights from researchers, EU practitioners, policymakers and officials on the current state of play of EU Asylum and Migration policies.

By attending this seminar, you will be able to:

- Acquire and deepen your knowledge on EU migration and asylum policies, gaining valuable insights into the practicalities of Brussels policy-making
- Meet high level professionals from EU institutions and think tanks and learn from their experience
- Meet and exchange views with students from different disciplinary and national backgrounds from all over the EU and beyond
- Improve your analytical and argumentative skills
- Enhance your employability

Dates, location and format of the seminar

The seminar is a 4-day event. It will be held in Brussels from **Tuesday 4 December to Friday 7 December**. Full participation to all elements of the programme is compulsory. Moreover, you will receive a certificate of attendance on the final day of the programme.

The four seminar days in Brussels will be largely devoted to visiting practitioners from several EU institutions and think tanks with the objective of complementing what you learnt during the lecture sessions. More specifically, we will visit:

- European Commission, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME)
- Council of the European Union, General Secretariat for Home Affairs
- European Parliament, meeting with an MEP working on the migration portfolio
- European External Action Service, Division of Migration and Human Security
- An NGO and a Think Tank
- The Permanent Representation of an EU Member State

At the end of the first day, a volunteer of the **European Solidarity Corps** will share his/her experience with you in an informal setting. This will allow you to discover new, exciting opportunities specifically shaped for young people and which could prove to be a stepping stone into future employment.

On the last day of the seminar, you will be asked to combine the theoretical and practical insights you gained during the week in a final analysis within the group. This exercise will divide students into

groups representing different EU institutions and non-governmental actors, then you will have to discuss on a given topic and report to a plenary. Thanks to this exercise, you will be able to comprehend the complex character of EU negotiations and improve your argumentative skills.

The training seminar is organised by TEPSA and will be led and coordinated by Prof Jaap W. de Zwaan, Emeritus Professor of European Union Law at Erasmus University Rotterdam and TEPSA's Secretary General.

Application procedure

The EU@Work Seminar is designed as an interdisciplinary seminar and is open for twenty Master's students interested in learning more about migration and asylum policies.

Participants will be selected by a review committee. To apply please send 1) your CV and 2) a cover letter explaining your motivation to participate to natalia.martin@tepsa.eu. Non-EU citizens are also encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted until **21 October (midnight)**.

The participation fee for the total 4-day seminar amounts to €200. Participants will receive a reimbursement for their travel and/or accommodation costs up to €200. After the selection decision has been communicated, participants will have ten days to transfer the participation fee, which is not reimbursable. Failure to do so in time will result in exclusion from the training.



Enter in **TEPSA Student Contest** and win a place free of charge in EU@Work Seminar. You just have to write a short policy brief reflecting on "solidarity in the EU" and submit it to natalia.martin@tepsa.eu by **30 September (midnight)**. For more info, check our website [here](#).

About TEPSA

The Trans European Policy Studies Association - TEPSA - was established in 1974 as the first trans-national research network in the field of EU affairs. It comprises leading research institutes throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. Its aim is to provide high quality research on European integration in order to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe. This is achieved by interaction between the European and national institutions as well as the academic and research community. TEPSA is active on a wide range of research topics. Its main focus is on the issues of 'deepening' integration, with a special emphasis on the institutional architecture, and the 'widening' of the EU, particularly the past and future enlargement rounds and the European Neighbourhood Policy.

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