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EU@Work Seminar

12-15 November 2018, Brussels

Monday 12 November

Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels, Room Francqui

15:00 - 16:00 Opening and introduction to the seminar, *by Prof. Jaap de Zwaan* (Academic Coordinator of the Seminar) and the *TEPSA Team*

16:00 - 18:00 Introductory lecture – The EU institutional infrastructure and decision-making process *by Prof. Jaap de Zwaan*

18:30 Welcome drinks and info session about the **European Solidarity Corps**, *with Mr Lope Gallego* (European Commission, Programme Manager on the European Solidarity Corps) and *Ms Helena Gandra* (European Volunteer Centre and participant of the European Solidarity Corps) (tbc)
Venue: Ginette Bar, Place du Luxembourg 5, 1050 Ixelles

Tuesday 13 November

09:00 - 10:30 Visit to the **European External Action Service**: the “foreign affairs ministry” of the EU, *with Ms Sanja Marinkovic*, Strategic Communications Division

11:00 - 12:30 Lecture – The Council of the European Union, key decision maker and the European Council, the driver of EU’s political agenda *by Prof. Jaap de Zwaan*
Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room D

12:30 - 13:30 *Lunch break*

14:00 - 16:00 Visit to the **Council of the European Union**: mandate and competencies, *with an official from the Council*

16:30 - 18:00 The role of **think tanks** and network organisations in EU policy making *by Dr Loes Debuysere*, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) and TEPSA
Venue: CEPS, 1 Place du Congres, 1000 Brussels



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Wednesday 14 November

- 08:45 - 10:00 Lecture – The European Commission, initiator of EU policy and guardian of the Treaties *by Prof. Jaap de Zwaan*
Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room Francqui
- 10:30 -13:00 Visit of the **European Commission**: mandate and its competencies, *with an official from the Commission*
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 - 16:30 Visit to the **European Parliament**: legislative procedure of the European Union *with Ms Ioana Bobes*, lecturer, Directorate-General for Communication, and the role of MEPs and Political Groups *with Mr Sebastian Heidebrecht*, Head of Office of Mr Elmar Brok (MEP, EPP, Germany)
- 17:00 – 18:30 Lecture – The European Parliament, mandate/competences and its democratic dimension in view of the 2019 European Elections *by Prof. Jaap de Zwaan*
Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room Francqui

Thursday 15 November

- Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room Francqui*
- 09:00 – 09:20 Preparation for the group exercise on EU institutions
- 09:20 – 11:00 Discussion in the group
- 11:00 – 12:00 Final analysis
- 12:00 Farewell lunch at Fondation Universitaire