

Call for Applications:

EU@Work Summer Seminar on the European Neighbourhood Policy

Brussels, 9-12 July 2019

Deadline for applications: 19 May 2019

The [Trans European Policy Studies Association](#) (TEPSA) invites you to take part a **4-day summer seminar** co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union, that takes place at the heart of EU politics: Brussels. The seminar will offer 15 Master students and graduates an opportunity to gain first-hand insights from researchers, EU practitioners, policymakers and officials on the **current state of play and future prospects of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)**.

By attending this seminar, you will:

- Acquire and deepen your knowledge on the EU's policies towards its Eastern and Southern neighbours, 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 9 July to Friday 12 July 2019**. Full participation to all elements of the programme is compulsory. You will receive a **certificate of attendance** on the final day of the seminar.

The four days will be devoted to **attending expert lectures** and **meeting practitioners** from key EU institutions, think tanks and civil society organisations with the objective of complementing the insights gained during the lectures. The seminar includes visits to:

- The European External Action Service (EEAS)
- The European Parliament
- The European Commission
- A Brussels-based NGO working on the EU Neighbourhood
- A leading European think tank

At the end of the first day, a volunteer of the **European Solidarity Corps** will share his/her experience during a welcome drink. 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 opportunities.

Throughout the seminar, dedicated sessions for analysis and discussion in the group will be provided in order to allow participants to critically reflect on the insights gained during the lectures and visits.

A detailed draft agenda of the seminar can be found at the end of this document. Please note that this is a draft which can be subject to changes.

The seminar is organised by TEPESA under the academic lead of Prof. Frank Schimmelfennig, Professor of European Politics at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zürich) and TEPESA Board member.

Application procedure

The EU@Work Seminar is designed as an interdisciplinary seminar and is open for 15 Master's students and recent graduates from different disciplines (e.g. Political Science, European Studies, International Relations, Law, Economics) interested in learning more about the European Neighbourhood Policy.

Participants will be selected by a review committee. **To apply please send the following documents to TEPESA's Project Manager Giulia Bonacquisti giulia.bonacquisti@tepsa.eu:**

- 1) **Your CV**
- 2) **A cover letter** explaining your motivation to participate in the seminar.

Applications are open to **both EU and non-EU citizens**. However, we can only offer travel reimbursement (see below) to participants travelling from and to: the member states of the European Union; Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Kosovo; Montenegro; Serbia; and the Republic of North Macedonia.

Applications are open until Sunday 19 May 2019 (midnight).

The **participation fee** for the total 4-day seminar is **€ 200**. Participants will receive a **reimbursement for their travel and/or accommodation costs up to € 200** upon presentation of the original receipts and tickets (see list of eligible countries above).

After the selection decision has been communicated, participants will have one week to transfer the participation fee, which is not reimbursable. Failure to do so in time will result in exclusion from the seminar.



Want to participate in the seminar free of charge? Join TEPESA's Student Contest (<http://www.tepsa.eu/studentcontest2019/>) and win a place in the EU@Work Seminar! You just have to write a short policy brief or essay reflecting on "solidarity in the EU" and submit it to TEPESA's Project Officer julia.krebs@tepsa.eu by **Sunday 12 May (midnight)**. For more info, check our website [here](#).

About TEPESA

The Trans European Policy Studies Association - TEPESA - 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. TEPESA 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.

More information on our activities can be found at <http://www.tepsa.eu/>



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Draft agenda*

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Tuesday 09 July

Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E.Francqui, Rue d'Egmont 11

- 14:30 - 15:00 Registration and coffee
- 15:00 – 16:00 Opening and introduction to the seminar, *by Prof Frank Schimmelfennig (Academic Coordinator of the Seminar, TEPSA & ETH Zürich) and the TEPSA Team*
- 16:00 - 18:00 Introductory lecture: 'Context, history and rationale of the European Neighbourhood Policy', *by Prof Frank Schimmelfennig*
- 18:30 Welcome drinks and info session about the European Solidarity Corps, *with Mr Lope Gallego (Programme Manager, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission) and Ms Manon Levrey (former European Solidarity Corps participant)*
Venue: Ginette Bar, Place du Luxembourg 5

Wednesday 10 July

- 09:00 - 10:00 Lecture: 'The structure of the European Neighbourhood Policy: objectives, instruments, reviews' *by Prof Sieglinde Gstöhl (Director of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe Bruges)*
Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E.Francqui
- 10:30 - 12:00 Visit to the **European External Action Service**: The EU Global Strategy and the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood *with Luc Devigne (Deputy Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia and Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia and OSCE, EEAS)*
Venue: EEAS, Rond Point Robert Schuman 9A
- 12:00 - 13:00 Visit to the **European External Action Service**: The EU Global Strategy and the EU's Southern Neighbourhood *with Colin Scicluna (Director for Middle East and North Africa, EEAS)*
Venue: EEAS, Rond Point Robert Schuman 9A



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- 13:00 - 14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00 - 15:00 Lecture: ‘The EU and the Eastern Neighbours: the Eastern Partnership’ by *Prof Frank Schimmelfennig*
Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E.Francqui
- 15:00 - 15:15 *Coffee break*
- 15:15 - 16:15 Lecture: ‘A contested Neighbourhood: Russia and alternative integration projects’ by *Prof Laure Delcour (CASCADE’s scientific coordinator, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme)*
Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E.Francqui
- 16:30 - 18:00 Visit to the **European Endowment for Democracy**: ‘The role of civil society in the EU’s Neighbourhood(s) with *Svitlana Kobzar and Veronika Kucherchuk (Programme Officers, EED)*
Venue: European Endowment for Democracy, Rue de la Loi 34

Thursday 11 July

- 09:30 - 10:15 Analysis & discussion in the group with *Prof Frank Schimmelfennig*
- 10:15-10:30 *Coffee break*
- 10:30-12:00 Lecture: ‘The Southern Neighbourhood: from the Barcelona Process to the Union for the Mediterranean’ by *Prof Frank Schimmelfennig*
Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room D
- 12:00 - 13:30 *Lunch break*
- 13:30 – 15:30 Visit to the **European Parliament**: Cooperation with the Southern Mediterranean with a *MEP and/or an official from the European Parliament*
- 16:00 - 18:00 Visit to the **European Commission**: the toolbox of the European Neighbourhood Policy with *Vassilis Maragos, Head of Unit C2 Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus & Eastern Partnership, DG NEAR, European Commission*

Friday 12 July

- 09:30 - 11:00 Visit to a Brussels think tank: ‘The future of the European Neighbourhood Policy’
- 11:30 – 12:30 Closing remarks and feedback from participants with *Prof Frank Schimmelfennig and the TEPSA Team*
Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room D
- 12:30 Farewell lunch at Fondation Universitaire