

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE FIRST CHALLENGE TRAINING SCHOOL

Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Place du Congrès, 1

1000 Brussels

Belgium

21-22 April 2006

Theme: Perspectives on the European Neighbourhood Policy

ABOUT CHALLENGE

“The Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security” (CHALLENGE), is a European Commission-funded project that seeks to facilitate a more responsive and responsible assessment of rules and practices of security.

The objectives of CHALLENGE are: To understand the merging between internal and external security and evaluate the changing character of the relationship between liberty and security in Europe; To analyse the role of different institutions in charge of security and their current transformations; To facilitate and enhance a new interdisciplinary network of scholars who have been influential in the re-conceptualising and analysis of many of the theoretical, political, sociological, legal and policy implications of new forms of violence and political identity.

THE RATIONALE OF THE TRAINING SEMINARS

The training seminars will bring together young researchers from universities, research institutes and think tanks to deepen and widen their knowledge in subjects dealing with freedom, security and justice. This is the first training seminars out of six that will be organized by CEPS in the next four years.

The training seminars constitute a good opportunity for researchers to see how the experts confront their position on these contested issues. It will involve experts from both academia and policy making world. As young researchers hardly have the opportunity to approach



experts in these fields, this would enable them to interact intensively with experts whose perspectives affect their own position.

THE STRUCTURE AND THE THEMES

Each training seminar is organized thus: Five panels each composed of three papers maximum and a discussant who is an expert on the issues examined by young researchers.

The training seminars will address the following subjects:

1. Perspectives on the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP);
2. Borders, biometrics and security;
3. Police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the EU;
4. The politics of recognition and integration of migrants in the EU.
5. Migration, asylum and free movement: Social and economic issues;
6. The nexus between internal and external security: the EU anti-terrorism activities.

Expert panels will be organized around problems investigated by young researchers in the following training seminars: Perspectives on the European Neighbourhood Policy; police and judicial cooperation; borders, biometrics and security.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY

The conduct and experience of integration between the EU and its neighbours creates a unique institutional framework of comprehensive political cooperation. With heightened international concerns about insecurity and illegal migration, the field of Justice, Freedom and Security is now set at the centre of second-generation agreements, new bilateral Association Agreements and Action Plans.

This two-day Training Seminar seeks to examine various aspects of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) in the domains of visa policy, illegal migration and readmission agreements, asylum and cooperation over international security issues (terrorism, the fight against the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction).

CEPS invites submission of proposals for papers on any of the following topics:

- **Theory.** An analysis of the theoretical premises of the ENP. This may involve integration theory, discourse analysis, socialization and conditionality approaches to cooperation and the role of ideas and norms in international cooperation.
- **The institutional aspects of the European Neighbourhood Policy.** A discussion and evaluation of the main institutions involved in the building of the ENP. A debate on the

state-of-the art research on the political (socialization and conditionality) and legal instruments of the ENP.

- **Agreement with third countries on asylum and migration issues (regular and irregular).** An assessment of the evolving importance of migration and asylum issues in the Action Plans; a synthesis, comparison and analysis of neighbourhood Association Agreements and Action Plans in the area of Justice, Freedom and Security with regard to their scope, institutional setting and policy output.
- **Visa policy.** An examination of differentiated regimes of cooperation with neighbours (Israel, Jordan, Moldova, The Palestine Authority, Tunisia and Ukraine) in the field of visa rules and labour movement may influence the coherence, credibility and effectiveness of the ENP.
- **Foreign policy and geopolitics.** An assessment of the extent to which the ENP attends to the EU's geopolitical ambitions in Eastern Europe and the Southern Mediterranean. An examination of cooperation initiatives in the fight against international terrorism, crime, drug smuggling, trafficking in human beings, the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).

EXPERTS ROUNDTABLE

The experts invited for this roundtable will be responsible for discussing students' papers.

Professor Didier Bigo, Sciences Po Paris, France

Anabelle Roig, UNHCR, Brussels, Belgium

Professor Elspeth Guild, Radboud University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Professor Sandra Lavenex, University of Bern, Switzerland

Dr Karen Smith, London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE), United Kingdom

Professor Judit Tóth, Szeged University, Hungary

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Holding a university degree in law, political science, sociology, international relations or economics;
- Currently studying or doing research in a EU country;

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 December 2005

To apply, please send a short abstract of no more than 200 words, including your resume.

Selected candidates will be allocated a fixed grant of 200 euros.

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DRAFT STRUCTURE OF THE SEMINAR

Friday 21 April 2005

9:00 – 9:15 Registration

9:15 – 9:45 Keynote speaker: **Benita Ferrero-Waldner**, EU Commissioner for External Relations

9:45 – 10:00 Open questions

10:00 – 11:30 First Experts roundtable

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 First Panel

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Second Panel

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Third Panel

Saturday 22 April 2005

10:00 – 11:30 Second Experts roundtable

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00 Fourth Panel

13:00 – Lunch