

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE **SECOND** CHALLENGE TRAINING SCHOOL

Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
Place du Congrès, 1
1000 Brussels
Belgium

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SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY, BORDERS **EU RESPONSES TO NEW CHALLENGES**

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 second training seminar 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 the academia and policy making worlds. As young researchers rarely have the opportunity to approach experts in these fields,



this training seminar will enable them to interact intensively with experts whose perspectives affect their own position.

STRUCTURE AND 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.

An expert panel is organized around problems investigated by young researchers in the training seminar.

THE CHANGING NATURE OF EU BORDER CONTROL

The control of borders is one of the central policies of the EU. Thus, in recent years, a growing number of instruments have been introduced, new institutions crafted and policies hardened. However, new practices raise unprecedented questions: How effective can borders be managed today? Who controls EU borders? How does border management affect EU policies in the fields of VISA, movement of goods, persons, services and capital?

This two-day Training Seminar seeks to examine various aspects of the management of EU borders at a time of increasing perceived threats. It includes an examination of new instruments (SIS II, VIS), their implications on visa policy, migration, asylum and cooperation over international security issues. Specific innovations such as the use of biometric identifiers should also be assessed. Further, by encouraging case studies, we aim to investigate not only the macro (state-to-state relations), but also micro interactions at borders. The cultural, political and economic dimensions of these practices should be scrutinized. Finally, the seminar will embed substantive issues in strong theoretical and conceptual analyses.

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

- **Theory.** An analysis of the theoretical premises of the concept of borders. This may involve discourse analysis (securitization), perception and image theory, conceptual history, historical sociology of the nexus between borders and security and/or borders and sovereignty, normative theory and the political act of drawing lines; social theory and identity as they relate to borders.
- **The institutional aspects of the integrated borders management (IBM).** A discussion and evaluation of the main institutions that partake in building a field of border management. This may involve an assessment of the responsibilities and limits of the EU borders management Agency and its interactions with other institutions; an analysis of Member States' attitudes

towards the Agency; the role and activities of EUROPOL, EUROGENFOR, the European Border Guard; a debate on the state-of-the art research on the political (variable geometry) and legal instruments of the management of borders. In this context, a focus on the impact of new initiatives such as Prüm is encouraged.

- **Technology.** An examination of surveillance and security technology. An investigation of the “smart borders” approach; a focus on databases and borders control; an assessment of the implications of Directive 2004/82 on transmission of passenger data; a comparison between EU and US practices.
- **Agreements with third countries on asylum and migration issues (regular and irregular).** An assessment of the evolving importance of migration and asylum issues in the management of external borders (e.g. delocalization of borders).
- **Cross-border cooperation.** Here, proposals may address, *inter alia*, the problem of cross-borders minorities and the integration of the Schengen *acquis*, frequent travelers programmes, police cooperation.
- **Visa policy.** An examination of differentiate regimes of visa policy and their overall status in the EU structure of border management. This could be done through a comparison between EU policies towards Eastern Europe on the one hand, and Southern Mediterranean on the other hand.

EXPERTS ROUNDTABLE

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

Thierry Balzacq, Centre for European Policy Studies, Belgium

Jakub Boratyński, Stefan Batory Foundation, Poland

Alessandro dal Lago, University of Genoa, Italy

Juliet Lodge, University of Leeds, UK

R.B.J. Walker, University of Keele, UK

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1st July 2006

To apply, please send a short abstract of no more than 200 words, including your institutional affiliation and contact details.

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

CONTACT PERSON

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DRAFT STRUCTURE OF THE SEMINAR

DAY ONE

9:00 – 9:15 Registration

9:15 – 9:45 Keynote speaker: **Ilkka LAITINEN**, Head of Frontex, the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union

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

DAY TWO

10:00 – 11:30 Second Experts roundtable

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00 Fourth Panel

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Fifth Panel

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Sixth Panel