

# CHALLENGE

## Liberty & Security

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

THE **FIFTH** CHALLENGE TRAINING SCHOOL

### **MIGRATION, VISAS AND ASYLUM**

*Social, legal, political and economic issues*

Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

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#### **ABOUT CHALLENGE**

"The Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security" (CHALLENGE), is a research project funded by the Sixth Framework Research Programme of DG Research of the European Commission. It seeks to facilitate a more responsive and responsible assessment of the rules and practices of security, and it examines the implications of these practices for civil liberties, human rights and social cohesion in an enlarged Europe. 23 universities and research centres from all across Europe participate in this project.

#### **THE RATIONALE OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL**

The training school brings together young researchers to deepen and widen their knowledge in subjects dealing with freedom, security and justice. This is the fifth out of six training schools that will be organized by the Justice and Home Affairs Section at CEPS during the CHALLENGE project. The training school constitutes a unique opportunity for researchers to see how experts and policy makers confront their position on these issues.

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## **STRUCTURE AND THEMES**

Each training school is organized thus: A number of panels each composed of a maximum of four papers and two discussants who are experts on the issues being examined.

The training school addresses 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 integration of immigrants.
- 5. Migration, visas and asylum: Social, legal, political and economic issues.**
6. The nexus between internal and external security: the EU anti-terrorism activities.

Expert roundtables are jointly organized around problems investigated by young researchers in the training school.

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## **Migration, visas and asylum:** **Social, legal, political & economic issues**

Since Maastricht, the issue of a common EU policy on the movement of third-country nationals into and across the EU has made its way steadily up the political agenda. The issue finds itself high on the priority lists of nearly all EU Council presidencies and forms part of the Strategic Objectives of the Barroso Commission. Yet the 'migration dossier' is highly complex as it comprises a considerable number of different facets, making it nearly impossible to find a "one size fits all" approach. It is a cross-cutting policy that touches on many areas: social policy, diversity and social cohesion, economy and employment, demography, education, security and border control, human rights and human dignity, external affairs and development, to name just a few. On top of all, it is an issue deeply rooted in the national sphere and nation states have been keen on maintaining their sovereignty over these questions.

After the European Union had been assigned competence to play a role in this field, it has exerted a significant activity. Its current rationale is framed in a policy labelled the "Global Approach to Migration" and steps are well underway in the realization of this policy. At the same time, the first phase of a common EU asylum policy has been finalized and its second phase is already at the door step. Similarly, in the field of economic migration, the Commission has tabled its first legislative proposals, keeping its timetable set in the 2005 Policy Plan on Legal Migration. Yet again, due to its cross-cutting nature, also at EU level, "migration" is addressed in many ways and by many actors, providing an ever changing picture. While it appears in one document as a necessary component to achieve the Lisbon Strategy objectives and may be cheered in another as a source of inspiration for



the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, it is simultaneously perceived as a threat by the EU's counter-terrorism and security policies urging for measure to control mobility more effectively. This may be seen by some as contradictory or as a further proof of incoherency of EU policies. On the other hand, one may perceive this incoherency a merely a mirror of the immense complexity of mobility and diversity in a "globalising" world.

Either way, the "immigration dossier" provides ample room for academic assessment and reflection. Yet in order to understand the phenomenon and its implication as well as the efforts undertaken to "respond", to "manage" or to "control" it better, interdisciplinarity appears indispensable.

This two-day training school seeks to address the various issues and questions related to "migrations" exactly from such an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective focusing on theories, concepts, laws, discourses, practices, actors, implications (social, legal, political, economic, etc.). CEPS invites submission of **Proposals for Papers** covering any of the related issues and questions.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Holding a university degree in economics, law, political science, philosophy, sociology, international relations, geography, psychology, pedagogic; and
- currently studying or conducting a Ph.D./doctorate thesis in an EU member state.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: 21 February 2008**

To apply, please send a short abstract of no more than 200 words, including your CV and full contact details to the following e-mail address: [miriam.mir@ceps.eu](mailto:miriam.mir@ceps.eu)

Applications not fulfilling these requirements and the date of submission will not be taken into consideration.

Selected candidates will be informed about the final decision concerning their eligibility **during the last week of February 2008**. Those who will then submit their final paper and give a presentation in the training school will be allocated a fixed grant of 200 euros. Other expenses linked with the participation in the school will not be covered.

### **For more information please contact:**

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## About CHALLENGE

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The familiar world of secure communities living within well-defined territories and enjoying all the celebrated liberties of civil societies is now seriously in conflict with a profound restructuring of political identities and transnational practices of securitisation. CHALLENGE seeks to facilitate a more responsive and responsible assessment of the rules and practices of security. It examines the implications of these practices for civil liberties, human rights and social cohesion in an enlarged EU. The project analyses the illiberal practices of liberal regimes and challenges their justification on the grounds of emergency and necessity.

The objectives of the CHALLENGE project are to:

- understand the convergence of internal and external security and evaluate the changing character of the relationship between liberty and security in Europe;
- analyse the role of different institutions in charge of security and their current transformations;
- 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; and
- bring together a new interdisciplinary network of scholars in an integrated project, focusing on the state of exception as enacted through illiberal practices and forms of resistance to it.

The CHALLENGE network is composed of 21 universities and research institutes selected from across the EU. Their collective efforts are organised under four work headings:

- *Conceptual* – investigating the ways in which the contemporary re-articulation and disaggregation of borders imply a dispersal of practices of exceptionalism; analysing the changing relationship between new forms of war and defence, new procedures for policing and governance, and new threats to civil liberties and social cohesion.
- *Empirical* – mapping the convergence of internal and external security and transnational relations in these areas with regard to national life; assessing new vulnerabilities (e.g. the 'others' targeted and critical infrastructures) and lack of social cohesion.
- *Governance/polity/legality* – examining the dangers to liberty in conditions of violence, when the state no longer has the last word on the monopoly of the legitimate use of force.
- *Policy* – studying the implications of the dispersal of exceptionalism for the changing relationship among government departments concerned with security, justice and home affairs, along with the securing of state borders and the policing of foreign interventions.

### The CHALLENGE Observatory

The CHALLENGE Observatory tracks the changes in the concept of security and monitors the tension between danger and freedom. Its authoritative website maps the different missions and activities of the main institutions charged with the role of protection. It explores the convergence of internal and external security as well as policing and military functions. The resulting database is fully accessible to all actors involved in the area of freedom, security and justice. For further information or an update on the network's activities, please visit the CHALLENGE website: [www.libertysecurity.org](http://www.libertysecurity.org)