

EU Area of Freedom Security and Justice

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Course description

The course examines the Justice and Home Affairs cooperation in the European Union (visa policy, border control, asylum system, imigration policy, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, law enforcement cooperation)

Course schedule

1. week	General overview of Justice and Home Affairs cooperation
1. WCCK	
	in the European Union – history, legal framework
2. week	The Schengen Area – establishment and development of an
	area with no internal borders, current pressures
3. week	Border control – Integrated Border Management, temporary
	reintroduction of internal border control, current issues in
	strengthening border security of the European Union's
	external borders
4. week	Visa policy – visa requirement, visa procedure, Visa
4. WCCK	
	Information System
5. week	Common European Asylum System I origins of EU
	asylum policy and regulation - legal framework,
	competences Qualification Directive – international
	protection provided by the EU: refugee status and subsidiary
	protection
6. week	Common European Asylum System II Qualification
	Directive contd.
7. week	Common European Asylum System III Procedures
7. WCCK	Directive, Dublin Regulation and Eurodac
8. week	
a. week	Common European Asylum System IV. – Understanding
	the '2015-2016' refugee crises' EU and Member States
	responses, discussion on solidarity and responsibility
9. week	EU Immigration policy – regular and irregular migration to
	the European Union, dilemmas yet to be solved – how does
	the EU facilitate labour migration and how does the EU
	combat irregular migration and return illegal migrants
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10. week	Judicial cooperation in criminal matters I. history, legal framework, from mutual legal assistance to mutual recognition
11. week	Judicial cooperation in criminal matters II – The European
	Arrest Warrant, the flagship instrument of EU judicial
	cooperation in criminal matters on surrender procedures
12. week	Judicial cooperation in civil matters – EU legal instruments
	facilitating cross border litigation, asset recovery and a
	glimpse of EU Family law
13. week	Law enforcement cooperation in the European Union, data
	protection and information exchange, European Model of
	Information Exchange

Learning material

Reader and compilation of cases provided by the lecturer

Literature:

- Cathrine Barnard and Steve Peers: European Union Law, Oxford University Press 2014, chapters 25 and 26
- Implementing the Lisbon Treaty Improving the Functioning of the EU on Justice and Home Affairs, Eurpoean Parliament Study 2015

Assessment

Written exam from reader, slides presented, legislation and cases provided and one of the suggested textbooks.