The European Union and the United Nations in Global Governance

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Draft Programme*

The United Nations University - CRIS Summer School seeks to familiarise you with the salient challenges related to global governance. It explores how a regional integration scheme such as the European Union (EU) interacts with the United Nations (UN) in the provision of public goods, aiming to enhance the conditions for stability, sustainability, peace and justice. With a focus on themes such as peace missions, climate change, migration, justice and stable institutions, it will explore how the two entities interact in practice, focusing on both synergies and challenges to coordination.

Taking place in Bruges, Belgium, the UNU-CRIS Summer School will take advantage of its central location and close proximity to numerous sites of historical and contemporary significance, including a visit to Flanders Fields (World War I battlefield) around Ypres and a three-day excursion to Brussels, where the group will visit institutions and organisations such as the UN House, the European External Action Service, the European Parliament and the European Commission.

Seize this opportunity to learn from leading academics and policy makers in the heart of Europe, and to deepen your knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing the EU and the UN as they tackle the prominent issues in our globalised world.

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KEYNOTE SPEECH

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TOUR OF BRUGES

A guided walking tour of the city.
CLIMATE AND ENERGY GOVERNANCE ON THE REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS

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Panel Discussion

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THE GLOBAL COMPACT – MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Simulation Game Preparation

Within the context of the Simulation Game, participants will submit a position paper (approx. 2 pages).

Students submit the position paper on Wednesday, June 19, at 20:00 (online); 3-6 students play roles as European Council President, European Commission and European External Action Service. The European Commission delegates prepare a draft agreement (circulated in advance of the game).

Participants will be given materials in the weeks prior to the summer school to aid in their preparation of the position papers.
**Simulation Game on the Migration Crisis**

**Background**
The migration crisis began in the EU in 2015, when hundreds of thousands of people fleeing persecution and conflict in the Middle East and Africa arrived in frontline European states in search of asylum.

Over the years, thousands have died while trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea to reach the European Union.

In view of the complexity of the issue, with diplomatic, socioeconomic, security-based, and cultural dimensions, the question remains: can Europe agree on a more comprehensive and harmonized approach to asylum policy?

**Objectives**
You are all gathered here today for an urgent special meeting of the European Council, chaired by the President, to prepare a sustainable and unified agenda of how the EU proposes to tackle the ongoing refugee crisis, which will be used to determine the EU priorities for the UN in order for the President of the European Council to present the position of the EU at the next UN General Assembly meeting.

There is an urgent need to rethink and update the current strategy and reach a consensus on this issue.
EXCURSION TO YPRES (FLANDERS FIELDS)

From 1914 to 1918, Flanders Fields was a major battle theatre on the Western Front during the First World War. A million soldiers from more than 50 different countries were wounded, went missing or killed in action here. Entire cities and villages were destroyed, their populations scattered across Europe and beyond. The destruction of the city of Ypres and the brutal conditions endured during the Battle of Passchendaele (Third Battle of Ypres) became worldwide symbols for the senselessness of war. Today, the peaceful region still bears witness to this history through its monuments, museums, cemeteries and the countless individual stories that link it with the world.

FREE DAY
TACKLING INEQUALITY

DR. JAN VANDEMOORTELE
Co-architect of the Millennium Development Goals
Formerly of UNICEF, UNDP and ILO

ALLEVIATING POVERTY

MS. MARVI MEMON
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THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

DR. AD VAN RIET
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CHALLENGES TO TRADE AND INTERNET GOVERNANCE

PROF. JAN ORBIE (tbc)
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The European Commission is an institution of the European Union, responsible for proposing legislation, implementing decisions, upholding the EU treaties and managing the day-to-day business of the EU.

Students will hear lectures on a variety of topics related to EU governance and the role of the EU in global affairs.

EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The European Council is a collective body that defines the European Union’s overall political direction and priorities. It comprises the heads of state or government of the EU member states, along with the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission.

In the Council’s Justus Lipsius Building, students will learn about the role of the Council of the EU and the European Council in defining strategies for the EU. They will also get first-hand insights into the ways in which this institution operates and defines strategies for a range of regional and global challenges.
**European Parliament**

The European Parliament is an important forum for political debate and decision-making at the EU level. The Members of the European Parliament are directly elected by voters in all Member States to represent people’s interests with regard to EU law-making. Elections to the European Parliament, such as the one in May 2019, are crucial for the determination of the new leadership of EU institutions, including the President of the European Council and the Commission President.

**European External Action Service**

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is the diplomatic arm of the EU and is headed by the High Commissioner of the Union for Foreign and Security Policy. Presentations will be given to students by EEAS representatives on a range of topics related to the role of the EU in global governance, including relations between the EU and the UN.

**Closing Ceremony and Graduation**
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