Content and Objective

The EU constitutes an area of freedom, security and justice, within which individuals, regardless of nationality, shall circulate freely and without border controls. The development of a common migration policy for third country nationals is a necessary component of this area. However, although migration policy has developed considerably since the Treaty of Lisbon, integration is still far from complete. As a consequence, the division of competences between the EU and its Member States in the area of migration policy remains complex.

The course will examine, from a legal point of view, the progress towards the building of a common external visa and migration policy. It will cover both short and long-term migration, as well as the fight against illegal immigration. For each of these areas, the course will first consider the state of internal integration and the division of competences between the EU and its Member States, and then examine the relevant external activities of the EU and its Member States in the field. The course will also examine the link between other EU external policies to migration policy. Finally, the course will examine the impact of the variable geometry of EU migration policy on its external dimension.

Outline

I. General concepts

II. Short-term migration

III. Long-Term migration
1. Access
2. Integration

IV. Illegal immigration

V. Other EU External Policies and Migration
1. CFSP
2. Trade Policy
3. Cooperation policies

VI. The Variable Geometry of Migration Policy

VII. Conclusion: Towards a Common External Visa and Migration Policy?
Main Reading


Background Reading

I. External Relations


II. Migration Policy


