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Study Tour from May 7 to 27, 2017

Brussels- Antwerp-Luxembourg-Frankfurt-Hachenburg-Eltville

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May 7 Sunday Brussels	Apart'Hotel Citadines Toison d'Or (+ 32 2 543 5353) Avenue de la Toison d'Or 61-63 B, 1060 Bruxelles	
Various times	Arrival in Brussels, Check in (afternoon)	
17:00 – 18:00	Conference Room in Hotel	
	Orientation (Internal seminar)	
	Welcome, and Safety Orientation	Conrad KING Director of EUST&IP Professor, Capilano University Lino FRANCESCON Program Coordinator Associate Researcher European Studies Institute (IEE) Saint-Louis University - Brussels
	Role of the Tour Assistant	Juliette LEGENDRE Tour Assistant
18:00 – 18:30	Getting settled, and life in Brussels (OPTIONAL)	Wilson LEITE Intern at the Canadian Mission to the EU, alumnus of the EUST&IP

TIME	THEMES	SPEAKERS
May 8 Monday	Brussels	
7:30 – 9:00	Breakfast (provided)	
9:00 – 9:30	Public Transit to Saint-Louis University 119 Rue du Marais - Room 3100	
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome on behalf of Saint-Louis University	Bertrand HAMAIDE Vice Chancellor Université Saint-Louis
9:45 – 10:30	Overview of the Study Tour Introductions	Conrad KING Director of EUST&IP Professor, Capilano University Lino FRANCESCON Program Coordinator
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 12:00	The European Union. Introduction and overview of some European Union fundamentals	Willem NOË European Commission DG Enlargement
12:00 – 13:00	Institutional Architecture of the EU	François VAN DER BRUEGGE Professor, Institute for European Studies Université Saint-Louis
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch (Provided)	
13:45 – 14:30	Public Transit to Charlemagne Building European Commission, Visitors Centre 170 Rue de la Loi	
14:30 – 16:00	The Institutional triangle: Commission, Council, European Parliament	Visitors' Service, European Commission
May 9 Tuesday EUROPE DAY!	Brussels	

9:00 – 9:30	Public Transit to Canada Mission to the EU, 2 Avenue de Tervuren - 1040 Brussels Tel.: 00.32.(0)2.741.06.11	
9:45 – 10:00	Check-in to Canadian Mission to the EU. ! Students are not allowed to bring any electronic devices inside with them (includes cameras and phones)! There will be a group locker provided to store electronic devices.	
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome.	Daniel COSTELLO
	How the Mission works with Global Affairs Canada and other Canadian government departments	Head of Mission to the EU
10:15 – 11:00	Foreign and Security Policy	Meghan LAU
		Second Secretary, Political Section
11:00 – 11:45	Environment	Marie GAGNÉ Second Secretary, Environment and Fisheries.
11:45 – 12:00	Break	
12:00 – 13:00	CETA and Canada-EU trade relations	Karl VAN KESSEL
		Counsellor, Trade and Economic Policy
May 10 Wednesday	Brussels European Parliament, Brussels VISITORS Entrance Paul Henri Spaak Building	
8:15 – 8:45	Public Transit to EP Visitors Entrance	
8:45 - 9:15	Check-in (Security)	
9:15 – 11:00	Presentation on activities of the European Parliament; visit to the hemicycle	George STYLIANOU Visit Unit, International Groups
11:00 – 11:30	Walk to 93, Rue Belliard European Economic and Social Committee, (EESC) Committee of the Regions (CoR)	
11:30 – 12:00	Security check-in: EESC	

12:00 – 13:15	The role of the Committee of the Regions in the legislative process (room JDE 63)	Klaus HULLMANN Administrator, Service Visits, Press Communication, Events Committee of the Regions
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch in the EESC cantine (or bring your own)	
14:15 – 14:30	Return to meeting room in EESC	
14:30 – 15:30	Presentation of the EESC and Social Policy	Alberto MAZZOLLA Member of the EESC Senior Advisor of FS International Government Affairs Deputy Chairman of Business Europe, Transport WG
May 11 Thursday	Brussels	
8:45 – 9:15	Public Transit to Info Point Europa: 1 Rue Archimède	
9:15 – 10:30	The European Aid Policy	Franco CONZATO Principal Advisor DG DEVCO, European Commission
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:00	Briefing: Immigration and the Refugee Crisis	Conrad KING
11:00 – 12:00	Immigration Policy	Sebastian STETTER Policy Officer Unit Legal Migration and Integration DG HOME, European Commission
12:00 – 13:15	(Round table) Social challenges in the EU: The Syrian refugee crisis.	Peter BOSCH, Principal Advisor, DG HOME, European Commission Antonio Jorge PORTAS Advisor Justice and Interiors Affairs Representation of Portugal to the EU
13:15– 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 15:30	EU – South America Relations	Jean-Pierre BOU Deputy Head of Division, South America EEAS

May 12 Friday	Brussels Meet at Info Point Europa: 1 Rue Archimède	
9:30 – 11:00	Russia-EU relations	Alexander GUSAROV First Secretary Political Section Permanent Mission of Russia Federation to the EU
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 12:00	Briefing on EU external action (Russia and NATO)	Conrad KING
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:00	Public Transit to NATO Boulevard Leopold III Brussels 1110 ! Students are not allowed to bring any electronic devices inside with them!	
15:00 – 15:30	Security Check-in	
15:30 – 16:00	NATO overview	Paul KING Program Officer (Engagements), Public Diplomacy Division (PDD), NATO International Staff
16:00 – 16:30	Canada & NATO	Richard DELISLE First Secretary, Operations Paul RUSHTON First Secretary, NATO Nuclear/NATO-Russia Relations
May 13 Saturday	Brussels	
May 14 Sunday	Brussels Parliamentarium European Parliament's Visitor's Centre Willy Brandt Building Rue Wiertz 60	
10:30 – 13:00	Group 1: Parliamentary role-play (@Parliamentarium)	Meet at 10:15 at entrance to Parliamentarium

14:00 – 16:30	Group 2: Parliamentary role-play (@Parliamentarium)	Meet at 13:45 at entrance to Parliamentarium
May 15 Monday	Brussels – Antwerp - Luxembourg	
8:00 – 8:30	Check-out at Reception desk (All luggage to be left behind in Brussels must be in the lobby no later than 8:30)	
8:30 – 9:30	Tour Bus Loading	
9:30 – 10:30	Transfer Brussels to Antwerp	
10:30 – 12:00	Payoke, Leguit 4, 2000 Antwerp Presentation on Payoke's objectives	Klaus VANHOUTTE Project Manager
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch (and free time) in Antwerp	
13:30 – 16:30	Transfer Antwerp to Luxembourg (Drop-off at Place de la Constitution)	
16:30 – 19:00	Dinner in Luxembourg City, and free time (Pick up at Place de la Constitution at 19:00)	
19:00 – 19:30	Transfer to Luxembourg Hotel Ibis Luxembourg Airport Route de Treves, 2632 Luxembourg +352 42 26 13 10	
May 16 (Tuesday)	Luxembourg Visit of European Court of Justice (ECJ)	
6.45 – 7:30	Breakfast (Provided) Check-out at Reception desk	
7.30 – 8:00	Tour bus loading	
8:00 – 8:15	Transfer to the EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE Rue du Fort Niedergrünewald L-2925 Luxembourg	

8:15	Arrival: Visitors' entrance - Rue du Fort Niedergrünewald, Erasmus Entrance (opposite to ECB and Novotel/Sofitel hotels)	
8:15 – 8:45	Security Clearance	
8:45 - 9:15	Briefing of Case C-267/16	
9:30 - 11:15	Hearing of case C-267/16 Buhagiar and Others (Pertains to the European Firearms Directive). Preliminary ruling of the ECJ following a ruling by Supreme Court of Gibraltar (UK). With legal	
	opinions by the Commission, Council, and Parliament.	
11:15 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 12:15	Structure and relationships of the Court	Melchior WATHELET Advocate General
12:15 – 13:00	Working in the Court.	Diana TORRENS Lawyer Linguist, English Translation Unit
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch provided by the Court Unit	
14:30 – 15:45	Overview presentation on Eurostat Presentation on European Statistical System	Tim ALLEN, Head of Press Office, External communication and Relations with the Press Jillian COOK Press Officer, External Communication and Relations with the Press Unit
16:00 – 19:00	Transfer Luxembourg – Haguenau Campanile Haguenau 129 Route de Strasbourg, Haguenau, France +33 3 88 73 94 76	
19:00	Arrival at hotel in Haguenau	

May 17 Wednesday	Strasbourg	
6:30 – 7:45	Breakfast (provided)	
7:45 – 8:00	Tour Bus loading	
8:00 – 8:45	Transfer to ECHR building	
8:45 – 9:15	Arrive at European Court of Human Rights Security check-in	
9:15 – 10:30	Presentation on the role and work of the Court	Lawyer with ECHR
10:30 – 10:45	Walk to Palais D'Europe (Council of Europe)	
11:00 – 12:00	Council of Europe: functions and operations	Lee HIBBARD Media and Internal Governance Division
12:00 – 12:30	Council of Europe Guided Tour	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (in Council of Europe cafeteria)	
13:30 – 13:45	Bus Transfer to old Strasbourg (Place Henry Dunant)	
13:45 – 15:45	Free time in Strasbourg	
15:45 – 16:00	Bus Transfer to European Parliament Building	
16:00	European Parliament Building Security Check in	
16:30 – 17:30	Working in the European Parliament	Marijn VERHEES, Policy Advisor to MEP Lambert Van Nistlerooij Group of the European People's Party (EPP)
17:45 – 18:30	Visit to European Parliament to Plenary chamber	

18:30 – 19:00	Issues faced by European Parliament	Paul BRANNEN, MEP Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) Delegation for relations with Canada Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
18:15 – 19:00	Transfer to hotel in Haguenau	
May 18 Thursday	Haguenau – Frankfurt – Eltville	
8:00- 9:00	Breakfast (provided) Check-out at Reception desk	
9:00 - 9:45	Briefing: The Financial Architecture of the Eurozone	Conrad KING
9:45 – 10:00	Tour Bus Loading	
10:00 – 12:30	Transfer to Frankfurt	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (choice of restaurants near ECB)	
13:45	European Central Bank Sonnemannstraße 20, 60314 Frankfurt am Main, Germany	
13:45 – 14:15	Visitors registration, security screening	
14:15 – 14:30	Explore foyer of ECB building	
14:30 – 16:00	Institutional overview and the monetary policy of the ECB with current challenges (Seminar, along with students from International School of Management in Frankfurt/Main)	Arne GIESECK, Advisor Division Output & Demand
16:00 – 17:00	Transfer Frankfurt - Eltville	
17:00 – 18:00	Arrive Eltville, Check into Accommodation: Tagungszentrum der Deutschen Bundesbank Erbacher Str. 18 65343, Eltville / Rhein	

18:00 – 19:00	Dinner (provided)	
May 19 Friday	Eltville – Hachenburg – Limburg – Eltville University for the German Central Bank	
7:30- 8:20	Breakfast (provided)	
8:20- 8:30	Boarding Bus	
8:30 – 10:00	Transfer to Hachenburg Deutsche Bundesbank University	
10:00 – 10:50	Introduction: The Central Bank – as a bank	Uwe SCHOLLMEYER Lecturer at Deutsche Bundesbank University, Economist and Payment- System Specialist
11:00 – 12.00	Workshop with DBU students	Uwe SCHOLLMEYER
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch (provided)	Castle Restaurant
13.00 – 13:45	Guided tour of the University of Applied Sciences campus, Schloss Hachenburg, and the town of Hachenburg	Christof WOLF Head of Studies Section
14.00 – 14:45	Board Bus Transfer to Limburg	(to bus parking lot Limburg: Katzenturm @ Konrad-Kurzbold Strasse
15:00 – 16:00	Guided Tour of Limburg	
16:00 – 17:00	Transit to Eltville	
18:00 – 19:00	Dinner in Eltville (provided)	
May 20 Saturday	Eltville	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast (provided)	

9:30 – 11:30	Workshop: Populism in Europe	Workshop facilitated by UBC tour participants
18.00 – 19:30	Dinner (provided)	
May 21 Sunday	Eltville - Koblenz - Brussels	
8:30 – 9:30	Breakfast (provided) Check-out from Accommodations	
9:30 – 10:15	Tour Bus Loading	
10:15 – 10:45	Transfer Eltville to Rüdesheim Bingen Cruise line, Boat Landing	
11:00 – 12:45	Rhine River Cruise: Rüdesheim – St. Goarshausen	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (in St. Goarshausen)	
14:00 – 14:30	Transfer St. Goarshausen to Koblenz	
14:30 – 16:00	Free time in Koblenz	
16:00 – 19:00	Transfer Koblenz to Brussels	
19:00	Arrive at hotel in Brussels	
May 22 Monday	Brussels Info Point Europa	
9:15 – 10:45	EEAS structure and organization How does the EU manage conflict prevention?	Silvia CONSTANTINI Policy Officer, PRISM at the EEAS
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Environmental policy	Benjamin CASPER Policy officer DG ENV

12:00 – 13:00	Institutional set up of the Council of the European Union	Jan VAN ELST Head of Unit, European Council and Strategic Planning General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
13:00 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:00	Public Transit to Saint-Louis University 119 Rue du Marais - Room 1200 + 1300	
14:00 – 16:00	Workshop: EU response to the abuse of human rights in South Sudan	Toby KING Desk Officer, South Sudan EEAS
16:15 – 17:00	OPTIONAL Internal Workshop: How to succeed in your internship	Conrad KING
May 23 Tuesday	Brussels Bruegel Think Tank 33 Rue de la Charité, 1210 Bruxelles	
9:30 – 10:00	Transit to Bruegel (33 Rue de la Charité)	
10:00 – 12:00	Role of Think Tanks in the policy making process in Europe.	Matt DANN Director, Bruegel Think Tank
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 – 13:00	Walk to Turkish Delegation to EU Avenue des Arts 36, 1000 Bruxelles,	
13:00 – 14:15	Turkey-EU relations	Burak ERDENIR Deputy Permanent Delegate Turkish Mission to EU
14:15 – 14:30	Walk to Emergency Response Coordination Centre	
14:30 – 16:00	Presentation of the activity of ECHO Visit to Emergency Response Coordination Centre Humanitarian Aid & Civil protection (DG ECHO)	Loïc LALLEMAND-ZELLER Deputy Head of Unit DG ECHO, European Commission

May 24 Wednesday	Brussels Info Point	
9:15 -10:15	EU-Canada relations	Alvaro BORDALLO SAINZ
		Canada Desk-Officer, US and Canada Division, European External Action Service (EEAS)
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 11:45	Recovering from Economic Crisis and the Brexit countdown.	Theodoros KALLIANOS
		Professor at Bonn University Former official of European Commission
12:00 – 13:00	EU-Canada relations in the view to climate change	Anne BERGENFELT
		Policy Officer, DG CLIMA International and Inter-institutional Relations
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	Panel:	Erisa ZYKAJ
	The role of the press towards the European Institutions	Brussels Correspondent, ABC news (Albania)
	mentalions	Joe KERWIN
		Journalist, Correspondent with Bloomberg BNA
15:30 - 16:00	Public Transit to Québec Mission	
	Rue de Chatelain 32	
16:00 – 17:00	Introduction to the role of the Quebec Mission	Grégoire DIAMANT
		Directeur des Affaires bilatérales et des Affairs publiques
17:00 – 18:00	Reception	Hosted by Michel AUDET
		Delegate General of Québec Mission
May 25	Pruesole	
(Thursday)	Brussels	
ASCENSION DAY	(Hotel Conference room 9th floor)	
10:00 – 11:00	Internal Workshop: Debriefing the EU Study Tour	Conrad KING
	Whither the European Union?	
	(Juncker's White Paper and the future of the EU)	

11:30 – 12:00 12:00 – 13:30	Transfer to Gare du Midi Train to Bruges		
14:30 – 18:00	Procession of the Holy Blood		
18:30 – 19:30	Train back to Brussels		
May 26 Friday	Brussels Saint-Louis University – Brussels 119 Rue du Marais, 1000 Brussels Room 2200 + Hall		
10:30 – 12:00	Round Table: The perspectives of the European Union in the near future	Pierre DEFRAIGNE Director of Madariaga, College of Bruges Foundation Lorenzo CONSOLI Journalist (EU Affairs) at ASKANEWS, Visiting lecturer: European journalism and EU history) at IHECS	
12:00 – 14:00	Cocktail buffet hosted by		
	Bertrand HAMAIDE Vice Chancellor of Saint-Louis		
	(Hall of 2ds floor of IEE building)		
18:30	Closing Dinner (provided) Restaurant Restobières (Rue des Renards 9)		
	END OF THE STUDY TOUR 2017		

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