



FINAL DRAFT (May 21)

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TIME	THEMES	SPEAKERS
Sunday 17 May	Brussels: Arrival and Welcome	
Various times	Arrival at Apart'Hotel Citadines Toison d'Or (Check in after 15:00) Avenue de la Toison d'Or 61-63 B, 1060 Bruxelles (Phone: + 32 2 543 5353)	
17:00 – 19:00	Meet and Greet (Meet in hotel breakfast room)	Keith CHERRY EUST Accompanying Instructor, Professor, University of Victoria JR WIKKERINK Tour Assistant (+1 403 894 7666)

Monday 18 May	Brussels: Orientation and Canadian Mission (Dress Code: Business Formal)¹	
8:30 – 09:30	Group Breakfast (provided), Citadines Hotel Breakfast Room	
09:30 – 10:00	Walk/Transit to the European Parliament PAUL-HENRI SPAAK visitor area 60 Rue Wiertz / Wiertzstraat 60, 1047 Brussels	
10:00 – 10:30	Security Check at the European Parliament	
10:30 – 11:30	The European Parliament and EU Institutions	
11:30 – 12:00	Visit the Gallery (Hemicycle)	
12:00 – 14:30	Lunch (not provided)	
14:30 – 14:45	Walk/Transit to Canadian Mission Avenue des Arts 58, 5th Floor, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.	
14:45 – 15:00	Security Check at the Canadian Mission to the European Union	
15:00 – 16:45	The Canadian Mission	Susanne CONNOLLY, Media Relations & Outreach Officer Jarrett RECKSEIDLER, Senior Political Affairs Officer

¹ For details on dress code, please consult Newsletter #2.

16:45 – 17:15	Walk/Transit to Citadines hotel	
17:45 – 19:15	Orientation (Internal seminar) • Personnel and roles • Tour Program • Coursework and expectation • Safety orientation • About the EU Institutions	Keith CHERRY

Tuesday 19 May	Brussels: Parliamentarium and European Commission (Dress Code: Business Formal)	
08:15 – 08:45	Walk/Transit to Parliamentarium 100, Luxembourg Square, Esplanade Solidarnosc, 1050 Brussels	
8:45 – 09:15	Security check-in at Parliamentarium	
09:15 – 11:45	Interactive role play game at the European Parliament	Step into the shoes of a Member of the European Parliament and experience European Union lawmaking in action as you negotiate new EU legislation.
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch (not provided)	
13:00 – 13:30	Walk/Transit to European Commission Charlemagne, Rue de la Loi 170, 1000 Bruxelles	
14:00 – 14:30	Security Check-in at European Commission	
14:30 – 15:30	Shaping Europe's Future-The European Commission at Work	Mr Rubén SÁNCHEZ VILLA Information and Communication Officer Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels
15:30 – 15:45	Break	
15:45 – 16:45	EU's Migration Policy	Mr Alexander VAN THIEL Policy Officer HOME.DDG1.C.3 - Asylum and Protection Policies Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs

Wednesday 20 May	Brussels: Council of the European Union (Dress Code: Business Formal)	
08:00 – 08:30	Check out, store luggage by front desk	
08:30 – 09:00	Walk/Transit to the Council of the European Union Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 175, 1040 Bruxelles	
09:00 - 09:30	Security check-in at Council of the European Union (Main entrance of the <u>Justus Lipsius building</u>)	
09:30 – 10:30	Council of the European Union and European Council	Alexander HARDING, Linguist, English Language Unit, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
10:30 – 10:50	Possibility for group photo	
10:50 – 11:30	Return to Citadines, change to casual clothing, grab luggage	
14:30 – 18:00	Transit by train to Luxembourg (train ticket supplied by Tour Assistant) Gare du Midi – Luxembourg (Train to leave from Platform 12 at 14:32)	
18:00	Check in at Hotel Bell Vue 5 Av. Marie-Thérèse, 2132 Hollerich, Luxembourg, Luxembourg	

Thursday 21 May	Luxembourg: Court of Justice of the EU (Dress Code: Business Formal)	
06:30 – 07:00	Breakfast (provided), Hotel Parc Belle Vue	
07:15 – 08:10	Transit to Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) (free - tram/bus/walk) Rue Charles-Léon Hammes (Visitors' entrance), Luxembourg	
08:10 – 08:45	Security check-in at CJEU	
08:45 – 09:15	Briefing of case C-328/25	Mr T. MOGA, Administrator, Communication Directorate
09:15 – 11:15	Hearing of case C-328/25	Speakers TBC
11:15 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 12:15	Guided tour of the Court's buildings	

12:30 – 14:15	Buffet lunch provided by the Court	Mr J. SVENNINGSEN, Judge at the General Court, Mr C. Mac EOCHADH, Judge at the General Court, Mr T. MGA, Administrator, Communication Directorate Mrs D. TORRENS, Lawyer Linguist, English Translation Unit
14:15 –15:00	Meeting Judge at the General Court	Mr J. SVENNINGSEN
15:15 -16:00	Meeting with Judge at the General Court	Mr C. Mac EOCHADH
16:00 – 16:15	Break	
16:15 –17:00	Meeting with Lawyer Linguist, English Translation Unit	Mrs M. REID
16:00 – 16:30	Return to hotel (free – tram/bus). Free evening	

Friday 22 May	Luxembourg: European Investment Bank and Euratom Supply Agency (Dress Code: Business Formal)	
07:00 – 08:00	Breakfast (provided), Hotel Belle Vue breakfast room	
08:00 – 09:00	Transit to European Investment Bank (free – tram/bus/walk) West Building, 100 Blvd Konrad Adenauer, Luxembourg	
09:00 – 09:30	Security check-in at European Investment Bank	
09:30– 10:30	Visit and speakers at the EIB	Jérôme GANDIN
11:00 – 12:30	Lunch (not provided)	
12:30 – 13:30	Transit to Euratom Supply Agency (free – tram/bus) 1, rue Henri Schnadt L - 2530 Luxembourg	
14:00 – 14:30	Security check-in, Euratom Supply Agency	
14:30 – 16:30	The Euratom Supply Agency	Stefanos KARADARAS, Senior Expert - Legal and Strategy Adviser to the Director-General of ESA

Saturday 23 May	Luxembourg: Individual Check-In with Tour Instructor
06:30 – 07:00	Breakfast (provided)
09:30 – 12:00	Individual check in sessions with Keith Cherry
12:30 – 15:00	Individual check in sessions with Keith Cherry

Sunday 24 May	Luxembourg – Leuven: Irish College of Leuven (Dress Code: Business Casual)	
07:00 – 09:00	Breakfast (provided)	
09:30 – 12.30	Bus to Leuven and check in at the Irish College Leuven (Arrival at <i>Bankstraat</i> from where students walk with luggage to ICL)	
14:30 – 16:00	Tour of Irish College Leuven (est. 1607) – The legacy of Irish Continental Colleges in Early Modern Europe	Ryan MCGUINNESS Program Liaison & Communications Executive, Irish College Leuven
18:30	Optional/informal dinner at Ethiopian restaurant (not provided)	

Monday 25 May	Leuven: Free morning and early afternoon (Note: Pentecost in Belgium) (Dress Code: Casual)	
07:00 – 09:00	Breakfast (provided)	
09:00 – 14:00	Free morning and early afternoon	
14:00 – 15:15	Informal Talk: The Changing Architecture of Security in Europe & Canada-Europe and SAFE	Nataliia VYNIARCHUK, Maastricht University Lukas SPIELBERGER, University of Luxembourg
15:15 – 15:30	Walk to Premonstreit Seminar Room (KU Leuven) Side Entrance of College van Premonstreit, KU Leuven, Naamsestraat 61	
15:30 – 16:45	Informal Talk: Current Developments in Global Trade Governance: Some Reflections	Axel MARX, Deputy Director Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies Gustavo GAYGER MÜLLER, Senior Researcher and Research Manager at the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies Kari OTTEBURN, Senior Researcher Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies

Tuesday 26 May	Leuven – Mons – Brussels: NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (Dress Code: Business Casual)	
06:30 – 06:40	Check out, collect packed breakfast in Reception area	
06:40 – 06:50	Walk to bus pick-up location Opposite to St. Michael’s Church, Naamsestraat 57a, 3000 Leuven	
06:50 – 8:45	Bus from Leuven to NATO SHAPE Mons, Belgium	
08:45 – 09:00	Security Check at NATO SHAPE	
09:00 – 10:00	NATO SHAPE Presentation	Speakers TBC
10:00 – 11:00	Briefing	National Military Representative of Canada
11:30 – 12:00	Bus to Nivelles Chau. de Mons 18, 1400 Nivelles (shopping mall)	
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch (not provided) at mall	
13:30 – 14:00	Bus to Waterloo Rte du Lion 1815, 1420 Braine-l'Alleud, Belgium	
14:00 – 15:45	Visit Waterloo site (historic battlefield)	
15:45 – 16:15	Bus to Citadines hotel	
16:15	Check-in at Citadines hotel	

Wednesday 27 May	European External Action Service (EEAS) and ETUI - European Trade Union Institute / Institut syndical européen (Dress Code: Business Formal)	
08:30 – 09:30	Transit to EEAS Rond Point Schuman 9A, B-1046 Brussels	
09:30 – 10:00	Arrival and security check	
10:00 – 10:45	The role and political priorities of the European External Action Service, the EU's Diplomatic Service	Katarina HANUSOVA, Policy Officer, Policy Coordination Division
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11: 00 – 11:45	Transatlantic relations	Kilian MCDONAGH-DIT, Policy Officer, United States and Canada Division
11:45 – 12:30	The EU's response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine	Adam JANCZAK, Policy officer, Ukraine Division and Ms Heli PARAŠIN, Policy Officer, Russia Division
12:30 – 13:00	Walk/Transit to ETUI Bd du Jardin Botanique 20, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgien	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (not provided)	
14:00 – 16:00	Visit at the European Trade Union Institute	Sophie KAISERS, other names TBC
16:00 – 16:30	Walk/Transit to Citadines hotel	

Thursday 28 May	Brussels: DG ECHO (Dress Code: Business Formal)	
08:00 – 08:30	Walk/transit to DG ECHO	
08:30 – 9:00	Security Check at the Emergency Response Coordination Centre, ERCC Rue Joseph II 79, Brussels 1000	
09:00 – 10:00	The ERCC and the Union Civil Protection Mechanism	Sophia BERGER Julius KRAUT
10:30 – 13:30	Lunch (not provided)	
13:00 – 13:30	Walk/transit to the European Economic and Social Committee Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 99 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel	
14:00 – 14:30	Security Check	
14:00 – 16:00	European Economic and Social Committee Speakers TBC.	

Friday 29 May	Brussels: Final Debrief and Closing Dinner (Dress Code: Business Casual)	
10:00 – 12:00	Tour Debriefing Session	Keith CHERRY
12:00 – 19:00	Free afternoon	
19:00 – 21:00	Closing Dinner (set menu provided, drinks not included) Location: TBC	
END OF THE STUDY TOUR 2026		

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Emergency Contact:

Download the **ISOS app** for emergency assistance and the SupportConnect app for additional support resources.

Please be aware of the **dress code** when visiting EU institutions. EU institutions require business formal dress, other institutions (as research institutes or universities) require business casual.

Please make sure to carry your **passport** when visiting institutions, as there are frequent security checks.