**JSDI-EUA 3380 Justice and Home Affairs in the EU**

**Total number of lectures: 12 hours**

**Credits: 6 or 0 credit(s)**

**Examining: alternative exam**

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**The aim of the course** is to empower students to be able to understand the architecture, development and functioning of this complex and interconnected field of law in the EU. Not only shall a thorough and practice-oriented analysis be made (outlining also the core jurisprudence of the ECJ), but doing so students will deepen and broaden their knowledge in this particular field of EU law and policy. Enrobed by this in-depth knowledge, students are expected to understand, besides the general context, the legal and policy aspects of AFSJ. As a result, they will be able to effectively work in the relevant units of the foreign service, with the EU Delegations and in other international organizations, too (UNHCR, IOM, UNODC, OSCE, CoE etc.).

**Course outline**: This series of lectures introduces students to the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ) of the European Union (field previously and traditionally called „Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)”). In its scope it provides thorough overview of all the horizontal (institutional and legal) issues as well as the key thematic fields of this ever-expanding area, ranging from Schengen, external borders, visas, immigration (legal and illegal) as well as asylum to police cooperation, civilian crisis management and judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters. The course is meant to serve both as stocktaking and focusing on the way forward, the current legislative and policy debates.

**Lecture topics:**

1. History of ASFJ (from the ‘70s until the Treaty of Lisbon; changes brought by the Treaty of Lisbon; the Tampere and the Hague Programmes)
2. Legal and institutional framework of the AFSJ (TEU and Chapter V of TFEU; the Stockholm Programme and other policy documents; role of EU institutions, agencies; decision-making procedures; JHA Council and its preparatory bodies)
3. The Hungarian EU coordination mechanism and our AFSJ Strategy for 2009-2014
4. Schengen and management of external borders (Schengen acquis, IBM, FRONTEX, SIS, „Schengen reform”: enhancing the Schengen governance, External Borders Fund)
5. Visa policy (EU Code on visas; visa facilitation agreements; visa liberalisation dialogues; use of biometrics, VIS)
6. Legal migration (relevant directives, Mobility Partnerships, EU Immigration Portal, integration, European Integration Fund)
7. Fight against illegal migration (return and readmission, EU readmission agreements and policy, THB and smuggling of persons; European Return Fund)
8. Asylum (Common European Asylum System – directives and regulations; EASO, role of UNHCR)
9. Police cooperation (operational cooperation between national authorities; EU Policy Cycle, EUROPOL, CEPOL)
10. Civilian crises management (strengthening the rule of law, civil protection, civil administration)
11. Cooperation in civil and criminal matters (mutual recognition of judgment, conflict of laws and jurisdiction harmonisation, family law, E-justice, rights of individuals in criminal proceedings, rights of victims of crimes, EUROJUST)
12. External dimension of AFSJ and main partners/regions (including links to European Neighbourhood Policy and Eastern Partnership)
13. Financing AFSJ (the new Multiannual Financial framework 2014 – 2020 and the new funds)
14. Quo vadis AFSJ: the contours of the next five years programme („the Vilnius Programme”)

**Reading:**

* lectures given and the ppt-presentations

Peers, Steve: EU Justice and Home Affairs Law. Oxford, OUP, 2010, 3rd edition, 1100 pages (designated chapters – scanned)