

First year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Justice and Home Affairs in the European Union

Theme/Topic:	Justice and Home Affairs in the EU
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Character:	Optional
ECTS Credits:	3 ECTS credits
Teaching methods:	Lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshop
Assessment methods:	final exam at the end of the term, 1 assignment (presentation), active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Skills and competences:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ability to understand and assess the global aspects of the JHA policies- ability to identify and examine international policy context.- analytical and research skills and critical thinking

Objective and course content

JHA is a relatively new field of EU expansion. Purely intergovernmental until the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty, it has been gradually shifting towards the community policy since then. JHA policies touch upon the vital state prerogatives, such as migration policy, border management security, law enforcement, judiciary, but also protection of freedoms and rights of citizens. These are all internal policies that states cannot however pursue in a vacuum. Consequently, there are two main axis of tension in this field: intergovernmental versus community policymaking; internal versus external dimension.

The evolution of JHA from side-lined policy area at the times of Maastricht Treaty into the focal yet contested field of EU integration in the aftermath of Lisbon Treaty is a story of slow progress and many reverse turns as governments have tried to upload their security concerns on the EU agenda, while jealously defending their prerogatives. It is also the story of a strictly national policy being one of the main promoters of an active EU foreign policy agenda, as bringing about an Area of Freedom, Security and Justice in a global context is inevitably linked to cooperation with outside actors. This course will analyse the institutional and legal framework of JHA policies and examine the main aspects of practical cooperation. Special attention will be paid to international dimension and global aspects of these policies.

Bibliographical advice

- DG HOME E-Library:
http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/documents/index_en.htm
- DG JUST policy libraries:
http://ec.europa.eu/justice/index_en.htm

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