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# Call for Applications

## ***3<sup>rd</sup> Political Science Study Trip of the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS)***

to

### **Brussels, Belgium**

#### **“EU Institutions, Supranational and Inter-Governmental Decision-making, Foreign Policy and Defense”**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**(Arrival Day: March 25<sup>th</sup>, Departure Day: March 29<sup>th</sup>)**

The International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) organizes its third political science study trip in 2014. The destination is Brussels, the capital of Belgium and the headquarters of most of the supranational institutions of the European Union.

The first major topic of the study trip is **EU Institutions and Decision-making**. We will be visiting several institutions incl. the European Commission and the European Parliament to learn more about their work and their role within the EU's institutional design. A second focus lays on **Foreign Policy and Defense**, on which we will concentrate during our visits to the headquarters of NATO and the European External Action Service, the EU's worldwide diplomatic service. Talks, exchanges and debates with civil society, business, academia and media representatives will round up the program.

#### **Key information on the excursion:**

**Arrival:** **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – in Brussels**, throughout the day.

**Departure:** **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – from Brussels**, throughout the day.

**Costs:** **155 EUR**. This includes accommodation in Brussels (4 nights), breakfast, local transportation, a welcome dinner, excursion materials and access to all program components. This fee has to be transferred to our bank account in advance in order to confirm your participation.

**Accommodation:** Hostel Bruegel (March 25<sup>th</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>)  
Heilige Geeststraat 2, 1000 Brussels  
<http://www.jeugdherbergen.be/en/youth-hostels/city-hostels/brussel-bruegel>

Hostel Centre Vincent van Gogh-CHAB (March 26<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>)  
Dwarsstraat 8, 1210 Sint-Joost-ten-Node (Brussels)  
[www.chab.be](http://www.chab.be)

**Further Remarks:** Please note that you will have to arrange transportation to Brussels yourself. IAPSS does not cover travel expenses to/from Brussels.



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**The program will include the following items:**

- A visit to the **European Commission (EC)**, providing an introduction to the EU's supranational institutions in general, but also some specific policy fields will be discussed;
- A visit to the **European Parliament (EP)**, where we will learn more about the legislative process in the EU, its actors, conditions and obstacles, as well as an outlook;
- A visit to the **European External Action Service (EEAS)**, during which there will be information sessions on the work of the EEAS, the Common Foreign and Security Policy, and EU military operations;
- A talk with a **Member of the European Parliament (MEP)**, on industry policy and lobbyists (*to be confirmed*);
- A visit to **NATO Headquarters**, for a briefing on NATO's current agenda and a Q&A session;
- Talks with **Media, Business, Academia and Civil Society** stakeholders.

More details, as well as a complete overview of the program will be published soon.

Excited? Then don't hesitate and join IAPSS on our third Study Trip! You can simply **send an email with your completed registration form** (see [link](#)) to [studytrips@iapss.org](mailto:studytrips@iapss.org) **before February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If your application has been accepted, you will receive a confirmation, including the payment details.

Please note that **IAPSS membership is required** in order to participate in this event. This costs you only 15 EUR (for citizens of Europe, the US, Canada, Japan, New Zealand & Australia) or 10 EUR (for all others) a year and offers you a wide range of benefits, including priority access to IAPSS conferences, IAPSS delegations, and IAPSS study trips as well as the opportunity to participate in IAPSS' political science journals *POLITIKON* and *A Different View*. Also, members receive the 2-weekly *IAPSS News & Opportunities*, providing political science opportunities such as internships, jobs, conference calls and more. Please consult our website for more information.

In case of any further question or inquiry, do not hesitate to contact us at [studytrips@iapss.org](mailto:studytrips@iapss.org).

Kind regards,

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