***Introductory note on course ‘The Schengen Roadmap: adapting EU’s justice and home affairs to new challenges’ 2022 02 09***

Dear student,

First, I would like to inform you that all lectures of the course *‘The Schengen Roadmap: adapting EU’s justice and home affairs to new challenges’* will be delivered in the weeks of 25-29 April and 2-6 May. It consists of eight lectures, of which one will be delivered each day during the two weeks. A schedule of the classes, with the exact time and room nr., is coming soon.

The course will be provided in a face-to-face setting. In other words, physical attendance is now possible (and requested).

The first key document providing information on the course is the ***syllabus of the course***. In this document you will find:

* the description of the course
* the list of assigned reading (of which more than half can easily be accessed via internet)
* information on deliverables (i.e. written exam, position paper, taking a stand in debate) and assessment terms
* a course list (theme and literature for each lecture).

I have uploaded the syllabus of the course, just before posting this mail to you. It is posted in the interactive syllabus *‘The Schengen Roadmap: adapting EU’s justice and home affairs to new challenges’*, under the first class.

A more detailed ***course outline*** will follow (Monday 14/2 at the very latest). The course outline contains, among other things, a list of on the specifics of the class themes that provide reference points for writing your position paper. It will also be uploaded in the interactive syllabus *‘The Schengen Roadmap: adapting EU’s justice and home affairs to new challenges’*, under the first class.

With regard to writing and submitting your position paper, a few actions need to be taken, both by me and by you:

* I will upload the course outline this week (or Monday at the latest), containing the relevant information enabling you to write your position paper
* I will also update and re-design the interactive syllabus for this term
* in the course outline you will find a selection of class themes and related statements
* you may choose one of them for writing your position paper
* the position paper will also be used for the debate after a lecture (on related class theme and statement)
* you will ***submit your position paper on Monday*** ***18 April*** at the latest (***deadline***: 12h00 noon).
* the topic of the position paper responds to the statement that is linked to the theme of the relevant class (see outline for both class themes and related statements)
* the position paper is either supporting or opposing the statement
* you are free to choose the class theme and related statement for your position paper, but it will be determined by me whether you write your paper (and consequently take your stand) in support of or against the statement. This will have happen on a first-come-first-served basis.
* the paper shall not exceed 4 pages (including reference list).
* assignment of paper topic (and hence the position during debate) will proceed as follows:
  + you may indicate the topic (the class theme and related statement) of your choice in a mail
  + indicate also a topic of your second and your third choice
  + the mails will be dealt with in order of receipt (so on a first come first served basis)
* when all mails are in, I will make an overview of student names and assigned position paper topics and post it on Monday 22 February
* you may re-submit an adjusted version of your paper after the debate.
* in that case you will submit either a pdf version with the highlighted adjustments or a msword version with track changes.

I will read and respond my muni.cz mail only on Fridays. As of 18 April I will check my muni-mail more often.

I look forward to seeing you at the first class.

Kind regards,

Dr. Santino Lo Bianco