



## Public Lecture Series Spring 2016

### Legal and Labor Migration to and within the EU: Ready to Move Forward?

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#### Abstract

Legal and labor migration of third country nationals to and within the EU is a key issue of EU migration policy – a highly sensitive one. Pertaining to the field of so-called admission policies, this aspect of EU migration policy is considered as falling into the domain of the sovereign power of EU

Member States. As a consequence, legal and labor migration issues have always raised questions between Member States when negotiated at EU level. Over the last 15 years, EU institutions have been able to act anyhow, having achieved mixed results so far. While minimum standards and rules have been adopted in the EU legal and labor migration policies, shortcomings and incoherencies can be identified.

This being said, the European Commission in its program and latest communications has shown the willingness to move ahead in the field of labor migration. While interesting and to a certain extent innovative, it is not sure whether the orientations and forthcoming proposals will create a major shift in existing policies. This lecture will portray the complex legal picture of the EU policies on legal and labor migration and evaluate the ongoing debates and contradiction in the negotiations between Member States and EU institutions.

### Curriculum Vitae

Yves Pascouau is Director of Migration and Mobility Policies at the European Policy Centre in Brussels. He joined the Centre in 2011 as Senior Policy Analyst and Head of the European Migration and Diversity Program. Since 2015, he has been Senior Associated Researcher at the Delors Institute in Paris. Yves Pascouau is founder and editor of the website [www.EuropeanMigrationLaw.eu](http://www.EuropeanMigrationLaw.eu), which has been collecting information by experts in the field of European migration law and has made it available since 2013. He was a researcher at the Université Libre de Bruxelles where he conducted a large-scale survey on migrants' integration requirements. Previously, he had worked for 10 years as a researcher at the University of Pau in France where he had obtained his PhD in Law.

### Selected Publications

- “A Job Seeker’s Visa. Towards a New Mobility Policy for Third Country Nationals”, *Policy Paper, Institut Jacques Delors*, 28 April 2016. (link)
- “Measures and Rules Developed in the EU Member States regarding Integration of Third Country Nationals. Comparative Report (Updated December 2014)”, *European Policy Centre Report*, April 2016. (link)
- “L’intégration des personnes protégées au sein de l’Union européenne”, in: *Droit d’asile état des lieux et perspectives*, sous la direction de J. Fernandez et C. Laly-Chevalier, Pedone, Paris, mai 2015.
- “The EU’s Migrant Strategy: A Welcome New Impetus”, (with Antonio Vitorino), *European Policy Centre, Commentary*, 19 May 2015. (link)
- “EU Labour Migration Policy by Other Means?”, *FIERI Working Paper*, February 2015. (link)
- “EU Immigration Policy: Act Now before It Is Too Late”, *European Policy Centre, Commentary*, June 2013. (link)
- “Making Progress towards the Completion of the Single European Labour Market”, (with Claire Dhéret, Alex Lazarowicz, Francesco Nicoli and Fabian Zuleeg), *European Policy Centre, Issue Paper n° 75*, 28 May 2013. (link)
- “Intra-EU Mobility: The ‘Second Building Block’ of EU Labour Migration Policy”, *European Policy Centre, Issue Paper n° 74*, 6 May 2013. (link)
- “La politique européenne d’immigration de travail. Etat des lieux et perspectives”, *Policy Paper, Prix Ullens, Fondation Roi Baudouin*, Octobre 2012.
- “Conditions for Family Reunification under Strain – a Comparative Study in Nine EU Member States” (with Henri Labayle), *European Policy Centre*, November 2011. (link)