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26-27-28 May 2016
Athens, Greece

This Workshop is organized by the Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER/IDOS), in collaboration with:

- School of Government, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome
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- Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean (Rhodes)
- Research Unit on European & International Studies, University of Zaragoza
- The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

PROGRAMME

Thursday 26 May

16h30 -17h Registration

17h, Opening Keynote Speech: Dimitris KOURKOULAS, former Alternate Foreign Minister of Greece, *Greece's Foreign Policy in the Mediterranean*

17h30-19h30, Panel 1: Migration

Chair: Charalambos TSARDANIDIS, IDOS & University of the Aegean (Rhodes)

- **Triantafyllos KARATRANOS**, PhD Candidate University of the Aegean, Security Expert, Center for Security Studies (KEMEA), *Radicalization identification and borders control and its implications for human security*
- **Stefania PANEBIANCO**, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Catania, *The EU and migration in the Mediterranean: entrapped between the humanitarian approach and border security*
- **Fulvio ATTINÀ**, Professor of International Relations and Jean Monnet Chair Ad Personam, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Catania, *The EU management of the Mediterranean migration crisis: the legitimacy problem*

Welcome Cocktail Reception

Friday 27 May

10h30-13h, Panel 2: The European Union and the Mediterranean

Chair: Fulvio ATTINÀ, University of Catania

- **Gaia TAFFONI**, PhD Candidate, Political Studies, Università degli Studi di Milano, *The EU as a democracy promotion actor. The europeanization of third Mediterranean countries*
- **Süleyman AKSOY**, PhD Candidate, European Union Studies, İstanbul University, *The EU's Mediterranean policy after the Arab Spring*
- **Asterios BOUZIAS**, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Athens), *The European Neighbourhood Policy (E.N.P.) five years since the beginning of the Arab Spring and its review*
- **Charalambos TSARDANIDIS**, IDOS & University of the Aegean (Rhodes), *The southern dimension of the revised ENP*

Buffet Lunch

15h30-17h, Panel 3: Socio-Cultural Issues in the Arab World

Chair: Stefania PANEBIANCO, University of Catania

- **Ragnar WEILANDT**, PhD Candidate, University of Warwick/Université Libre de Bruxelles, *Faultlines in Tunisian civil society*
- **Clara DELLA VALLE**, PhD Candidate, DIRPOLIS Institute, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento, Pisa, *A gap between rhetoric and performance? 'Normative Power Europe' in Egypt and Tunisia*

17h coffee break

17h30-19h, Panel 4: Middle East

Chair: Stelios STAVRIDIS, ARAID/Universidad de Zaragoza

- **Vivi KEFALA**, Assistant Professor of International Relations, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean (Rhodes), *The Saudi-Iranian rivalry: the impact on regional security*

- **Ragnar WEILANDT**, PhD Candidate, University of Warwick/Université Libre de Bruxelles, *Tunisian civil society's perceptions of the European Union*
- **Maria GIANNIOU**, Research Associate, Athens University of Economics and Business, *The European Parliament and the Middle East: promoting coherence and consistency in EU foreign policy*

Saturday 28 May

9h30-12h, Panel 5: Parliamentary Diplomacy

Chair: Theodoros TSAKIRIS, University of Nicosia

- **Valentina Rita SCOTTI**, Postdoctoral fellow in Comparative Public Law, Department of Political Science, LUISS Guido Carli, *The Italian Parliamentary Diplomacy toward Southern Mediterranean Countries*
- **Stelios STAVRIDIS**, ARAID Senior Research Fellow, Universidad de Zaragoza, **Sofia CHANI**, University of Piraeus, **Zacharoula GEORGIOU**, Panteion University of Athens, *Greek parliamentary diplomacy: some preliminary findings*
- **Eleni AVLONITOU**, MP (SYRIZA), Head of the Greek Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM): *Parliamentary diplomacy and regional organizations: a practitioner's view*

12h coffee break

12h30-14h, Panel 6: Eastern Mediterranean

Chair: Vivi KEFALA, University of the Aegean, Rhodes

- **Theodoros TSAKIRIS**, Assistant Professor, University of Nicosia, *Deciphering the geostrategic transformation of the Eastern Mediterranean: The hydrocarbon parameter and its importance for EU Gas Security*
- **Kyriakos MIKELIS**, Lecturer, University of Macedonia, *Regional powerhood and the Eastern Mediterranean*

Organizing Committee: Prof. Tsardanidis, Dr Stavridis, Prof. Kefala, Dr Gianniou, Prof. Attinà, Prof. Panebianco

