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3rd WORKSHOP
on
*Security & Stability in the Mediterranean and
the Middle East*

Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th November 2018

VENUE:
INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS,
2nd Floor (in portico/arcade entrance),
No. 16, Eleftherios Venizelos Avenue (also known as Panepistimiou Street),
Athens, Greece

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

- University of Catania, Italy
- Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean (Rhodes), Greece
- ARAID/University of Zaragoza, Spain.

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The Workshop Organizers are Prof. Tsardanidis, Dr. Stavridis, and Prof. Attinà.

PROGRAMME

Monday 5th November 2018

10h30-11h Arrival & Registration (welcome coffee)

11h-13h

PANEL 1: REGIONAL & GLOBAL DYNAMICS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Chair: Prof. **Charalambos Tsardanidis**, Professor, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean, Rhodes & Director, IDOS/IIER Athens, Greece

- Prof. **Alfred Tovias**, Emeritus Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, *The Union for the Mediterranean: the first decade (2008-2018)*
- Dr. **Christos Kourtellis**, Lecturer in European and International Politics, Loughborough University, UK, *The Agadir Agreement: The pathologies of an Arab-Mediterranean regional initiative*
- Prof. **Thomas J. Volgy**, Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Arizona, Tucson, USA & Prof. **William R. Thompson**, Professor, Distinguished Professor and (Emeritus) Rogers Chair of Political Science, Dept. of Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA, *Power, State Capacities, and Regional Institutions in the Mediterranean Compared to Other Regions*

Buffet Lunch (13h-14h30)

14h30-16h30

PANEL 2: THE USA, THE EU AND THE BRICS

Chair: Prof. **Alfred Tovias**, The Hebrew University, Israel

- Prof. Dr. **Humberto José Lourenção**, Air Force University - Unifa, Brazil, *Political protagonism of BRICS international actions*
- Prof. **Fulvio Attinà**, Professor of Political Science and International Relations & Jean Monnet Chair Ad Personam, University of Catania, Italy, *The EU at a standstill and the Mediterranean*

Tuesday 6th November 2018

10h-12h30

PANEL 3: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND HUMAN (IN)SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (panel organized by UNU-GCM Barcelona)

Chair/Discussant: Dr. **Valeria Bello**, Senior Research Fellow, UNU-GCM, Barcelona, Spain

- Prof. **Belachew Gebrewold**, Head of Department & Studies, MCI Management Center Innsbruck, University of Innsbruck, Austria, *EU and Africa relations on migration*
- Prof. **Eugenio Cusumano**, Assistant Professor in International Relations and European Union studies, the University of Leiden, The Netherlands, *Straightjacketing migrant rescuers: International Norm Contestation in the Mediterranean*
- Dr. **Iole Fontana**, Post-Doc/Tutor EUMedEA, University of Catania, Italy, *The Mediterranean refugee crisis and the recognition of protection between securitization and humanitarianism: the case of Italy*
- Dr. **Katherina Crepaz**, post-doctoral research associate, Max Plank Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich, Germany, *Overcoming borders: The Europeanization of Civil Society Activism in the "Refugee Crisis"*

Coffee break

13h-15h

PANEL 4: STABILITY AND INSTABILITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Chair: Prof. **Fulvio Attinà**, Professor of Political Science and International Relations & Jean Monnet Chair Ad Personam, University of Catania, Italy

- Prof. **Charalambos Tsardanidis**, University of the Aegean, Rhodes & IDOS/IIER Athens, Greece, *Eastern Mediterranean and energy security: Towards stability or instability?*
- Mr. **Minas Lyrstis**, MSc Student, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, *Is Islam a Factor of Regional Destabilization? The Case of Algeria*

- Mr. **Dimitris Papanikolaou**, former IIER/IDOS trainee, Athens, Greece, *Jihadist terrorists in Europe 2016-17 and the Changing nature of financing, organizational structure and modus operandi: The case of Barcelona 2017 attacks*

Buffet Lunch

16h30-18h30

PANEL 5: IRAN AND TURKEY - DOMESTIC AND REGIONAL DIMENSIONS

Chair: Prof. **Vivi Kefalá**, Assistant Professor, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean, Rhodes, Greece

- Mr. **Georgios Kyriakos Fragkos**, Postgraduate student, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, *The role of Iran as a regional power in the Middle East*
- Dr. **Marianna Charountaki**, Lecturer in Kurdish Politics and International Relations at the School of History, Politics and International Relations & Director of Kurdistan International Studies Unit, the University of Leicester, UK, *Determinants of Foreign Policy: the case of Iran and Turkey*
- Dr. **Ali Granmayeh**, Former lecturer, SSEES & SOAS, University of London- former Iranian diplomat, UK, *Iran and Turkey in the Middle East: Security Objectives, Domination Incentives*

21h Dinner (exact venue TBC)

Wednesday 7th November 2018

10h-14h30

PANEL 6: PARLIAMENTARY ACTORS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Chair: Dr. **Fotis Fitsilis**, Head of Department for Scientific Documentation and Supervision, Scientific Service, Hellenic Parliament, Athens, Greece

Discussant: Dr. **Maria Gianniou**, Research Associate, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

10h-12h

- Dr. **Kiki Santing**, Assistant Professor Middle Eastern Studies, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, *The political downfall of the Muslim Brotherhood: The historical case of the 1987 parliamentarians*
- Dr. **Jan Claudius Völkel**, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Institute for European Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, *Euro-Mediterranean parliamentary diplomacy: a pathway to democracy?*
- Dr. **Stelios Stavridis**, ARAID Senior Research Fellow, University of Zaragoza, Spain, *The French Parliament and the conflict in Syria*

Coffee break

12h30-14h30

- Dr. **Andrea Cofelice**, post-doctoral researcher, Centro Studi sul Federalismo, Torino, Italy & Dr. **Stelios Stavridis**, ARAID/University of Zaragoza, Spain, *Mapping IPIs in the Mediterranean: what next?*
- Ms. **Cosima Glahn**, PhD Candidate, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, *Comparing the two ENP inter-parliamentary dimensions: UfM PA and Euronest*
- Prof **Roderick Pace**, Professor of International Relations and European Studies, University of Malta, Malta & **Kenneth Curmi**, member of the COSAC Secretariat in Brussels, Belgium and PhD Candidate, University of Malta, Malta, *The parliamentary diplomacy of Malta*

END OF EVENT

