

12:00 – 12:30: Coffee Break

12:30 - 14:15: **Session 8: Regional**

Problems: Factors and Actors

1. **Vivi Kefala**, The Aegean University, Rhodes, *The Egyptian Crisis: Internal and External Regional Dimensions*.
2. **Özgür Budak**, Ege University, Izmir, *The Rise of an Intellectual Elite in Turkey And Foreign Policy. Think Tanks in the 'Field of Power'*
3. **Mersilia Anastasiadou**, Panteion University – **Athanasios Samaras**, University of Piraeus, Piraeus – **Eleni Loukopoulou**, University of Piraeus, Piraeus, *Post- Crisis Redefinition of the Cyprus Problem in International Media*.
4. **Michael Kavuklis**, The University of Aegean, Rhodes, *The Role of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the BMENA Region After the Arab Spring, the Events in Syria and the Iran Nuclear Program Settlement*.

14:15 – 15:15: Buffet Lunch

15:15 - 15:45: **Session 9: Turkey and the Middle East.**

Chairman: **Prof. Panayotis Tsakonas**, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean

Keynote Speech: **Itir Bagdadi**, Izmir University of Economics Turkey's Foreign and Economic Challenges in the Middle East

15:45 - 17:30: **Session 10: The Consequences of the Civil War in Syria**

1. **Alessia Chiriatti**, University for Foreigners, of Perugia, Perugia, *The Uncertain Future of Syria and the EU Role*.
2. **Bahri Yilmaz**, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey *a Model for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) States: Realistic or Merely Wishful Thinking?*
3. **Elena Savvaidi**, University of the Aegean, Rhodes, *Turkey's Middle East Policy and the Arab Revolts: The Case of Egypt and Syria*.
4. **Aysegul Sever**, Marmara University, Istanbul, *Revisiting Turkey's Policy Towards the Mediterranean: New Challenges, Old Legacies*.

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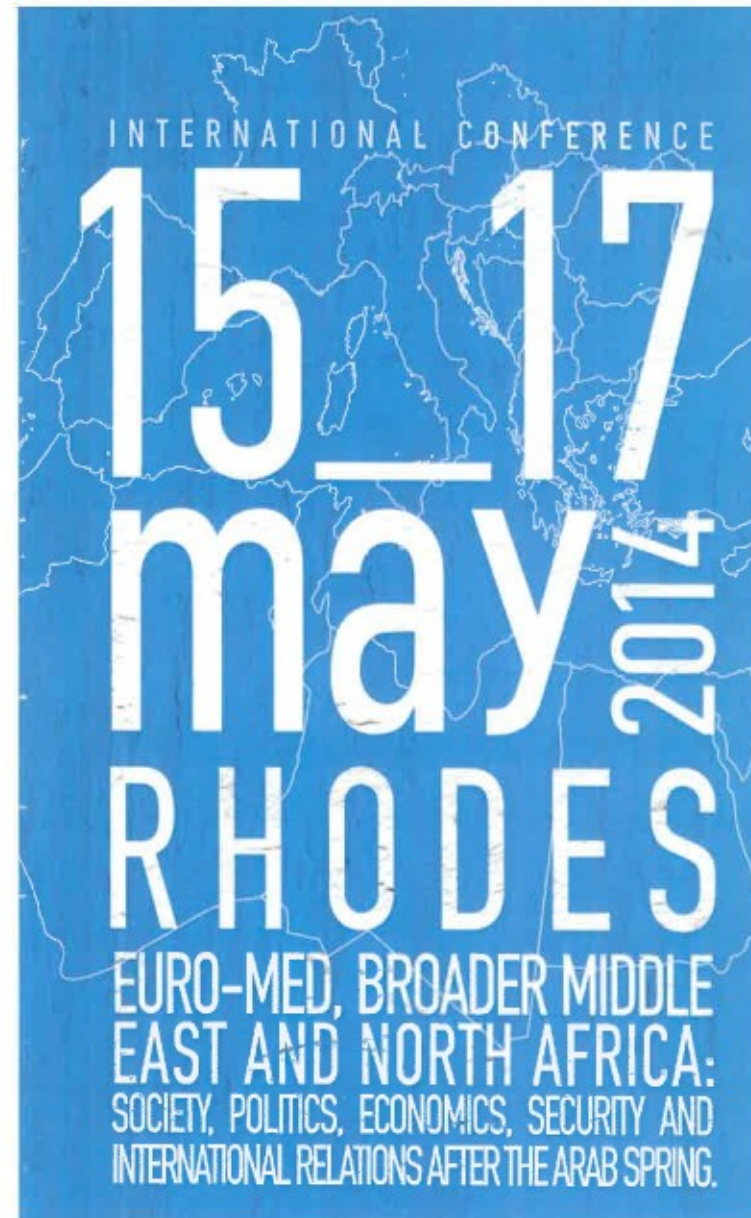
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9.00 - 9.30: **Registration**

9.30 - 10.00: **Welcome Addresses**

Ms. Eleftheria Ftakiaki, Vice Governor of Tourism, Employment etc., South Aegean Region, Hellenic Republic
Prof. Constantinos Vratsalis, Dean, School of Humanities, University of the Aegean

10.00- 11.00: **Session 1, Europe and the Mediterranean Area**

Chairman: **Dr. Stelios Stavridis**, ARAID/Universidad de Zaragoza

Keynote Speech - **Geoffrey Edwards**, University of Cambridge, The foreign policy of the EU towards the Mediterranean and the Middle East Area: A European Perspective

11.00 - 11.30: Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.45: **Session 2: The (De-)Europeanization of National Foreign Policies: Examples from the Mediterranean**

4. Carla Monteleone, University of Palermo, *De-europe-izing at the UN? The Impact of the International Economic Crisis on Italian Foreign Policy.*

13.45 - 15.00: Buffet Lunch

15.00 - 17.30: **Session 3: Security: Old, New and Traditional Aspects**

1. Eleni Papanikolaou, International Hellenic University, Thessaloniki, *Energy Transit of Energy Materials and Products under the Energy Charter Treaty.*

2. Triantafyllos Karatrandos, University of the Aegean, Rhodes, *Securitizing Asymmetries in the Mediterranean Security Complex.*

3. Zerrin Ayşe Öztürk, Ege University, Izmir, *Water Security in the Mediterranean as a Human Security Issue.*

4. Christian Henderson, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, *"Never Say no to Panda". GCC Investments in Egyptian Food and Agriculture, and the Power of Production, State and Ideology.*

5. Norafidah Ismail, University of Utara Malaysia, – **Mohamed Mustafa Ishak**, University of Utara Malaysia, *The Rising of Sudan and South Sudan : A Case of Petronas.*

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10.00 - 11.15: **Session 4:**

The Euro-Mediterranean Relationship

Chairman: **Dr. Charalambos Tsardanidis**, Institute of International Economic Relations, Athens

Keynote Speech - **Sotiris Varouxakis**, Ambassador a.h., European Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediter-

3. Karim Ashour, American University, Cairo, Future University in Egypt, Cairo, *Union for the Mediterranean.*

13.00 - 14.00: Buffet Lunch

14.00 - 16.30: **Session 6: Global Economic Crisis, the Arab Revolts and Political Islam**

1. Aslihan Aykac Yanardag, Ege University, Izmir, *Neo-Liberal Globalization and the Seeds of the Own Destruction: Arab Spring, European Anti-Austerity and Beyond.*

2. Argiro Vassilaki, University of the Aegean, Rhodes, *The Macroeconomic Environment of the Southern Mediterranean Countries: Consequences of the Global Financial Crisis and the Arab Revolts.*

3. Çağrı Değer, Ege University, Izmir – **Ersin Ulaşan**, Ege University, Izmir, *The Impact of Arab Spring on International Trade: A Gravity Analysis.*

4. Georgia Papakosta, The Aegean University, Rhodes, *From Evren to Erdogan: The Course of Political Islam in Turkey from 1982 to 2002*

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10.00 - 12.00: **Session 7: Parliamentary Diplomacy in the Mediterranean**

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1. Roderick Pace, University of Malta, Msida - An-