Athens Institute for Education and Research

8th Annual International Conference on Mediterranean Studies
30-31 March & 1-2 April 2015 Athens, Greece

Conference Venue: St George Lycabettus Boutique Hotel, 2 Kleomenous Street, Kolonaki, Athens, Greece

Monday, 30 March 2015

08:00-08:30 Registration and Refreshments

08:30-09:15 (ROOM A) Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Dr. George Poulos, Vice-President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa.
- Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER & Honorary Professor, University of Stirling, UK. "Military Spending, International Trade and Economic Growth in the Mediterranean Basin"

09:15-09:30 Break

09:30-10:50 Session I (ROOM A): Political & Economic Issues

Chair: George Poulos, Vice-President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa

1. Moshe Maoz, Professor Emeritus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Israel and Hamas: A Chance for Peace**?**
2. Cathlyn Mariscotti, Professor, Holy Family University, USA. Islamophobia in the United States: The Muslim Journeys Project.
3. Sami Dogru, Vice Dean of Law, Cag University, Turkey & Herbert Reginbogin, Professor, Cag University, Turkey. Rethinking East Mediterranean Security: Powers, Allies & International Law.
4. Lars Erslev Andersen, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark & Louise Wiuff Moe, Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark. The Threat to Europe from Foreign Fighters? The Case of Al-Shabaab.

09:30-10:50 Session II (ROOM B): Topics in Education

Chair: Ms. Olga Gkounta, Researcher, ATINER.

1. Liga Kamola, Deputy Director, Division of Continuing Education at FEEM, Riga Technical University, Latvia & Vitalijs Jurenoks, Professor, Riga Technical University, Latvia. Education as the Factor Influencing The State Economic Development.
2. Lamya AlAbdulkarim, Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia. Blended Learning in Teaching Research to Undergraduate Students in the Health Sciences.
3. *Enaya Othman, Assistant Professor, Marquette University, USA. Gendering Education: Palestinian Students Shaping Identity between Womanhood and Feminist Ideals.
4. Tolga Yazici, President and Chairman, Plato Collage of Higher Education, Turkey. An Overview Focusing on the Relationship between Vocational Education and the Necessities of Turkish Business.

10:50-11:00 Break

11:00-12:20 Session III (ROOM A): Economic/Political Issues including Southeastern European Studies

Chair: Sami Dogru, Vice Dean of Law, Cag University, Turkey

1. *Suhnaz Yilmaz, Associate Professor, Koc University, Turkey. Energy Security Challenges in the Mediterranean and Eurasia: Assessing the Turkish Role in Changing Regional Dynamics.
2. Nicoleta Valentina Cioran, Assistant Lecturer, Ph.D. Student, University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila", Romania. Tuberculosis in Homeless Adults in Bucharest. (Southeastern European Studies)
3. *Huseyin Surucu, Ph.D. Student, Strategic Research Institute, Turkey. Islamic State of Iraq and The Levant (ISIL/IS) as A Systemic Threat on The Mediterranean Basin in The New World Perception. (Monday, 30th of March 2015)
4. Ahmad Abdel-Hadi, Ph.D. Candidate, Durham University, U.K. The Arab Spring and the Mediterranean Basin: A Case Study of Jordan.

11:00-12:20 Session IV (ROOM B): Literature & The Arts

Chair: *Enaya Othman, Assistant Professor, Marquette University, USA.

1. Helena Pericic, Professor, University of Zadar, Croatia. On a "Small" Mediterranean Language/Literature, "New Positivism", and Cultural Globalization.
2. Reda Abdel Gawwad Raslan, Professor, King Saud University, Egypt. The Imperial Titulature and other Titles of the Roman Emperor Commodus. (Monday, 30th of March 2015)
3. *Nahla Nadeem, Associate Professor, Cairo University, Egypt. "Who are we but the Stories we tell ourselves, about ourselves, and Believe?"- Scott Turow. Autobiographical Narrative: An Exploration of Identity in Relation to Gender and Race.
4. *Caterina Pizanias, Independent Curator, Canada. Graffiti/Street Art—Athens, a Creative City?

12:20-12:30 Break

12:30-14:00 Session V (ROOM A): Culture & Society	**12:30-14:00 Session VI (ROOM B): Historical & Classical Studies**
Chair: *Suhnaz Yilmaz, Associate Professor, Koc University, Turkey.	**Chair:** *Nahla Nadeem, Associate Professor, Cairo University, Egypt.
1. *Gamal Abdel Naser Yamamah, Professor and Head of Pediatrics Department, National Research Center, Egypt, Nihal Salah & Asmaa Mohammed, National Research Center, Egypt. Screening for Iron Deficiency Anemia in Children Living at South Sinai. (Monday, 30th of March 2015) 2. Menachem Domb, Associate Professor, Ashkelon Academy, Israel, Sunjay Bhatia & Love Singhal, Ashkelon Academy, Israel. Topography Aware Navigation Aid for the Visually Impaired Pedestrians. 3. Corinne Fortier, Researcher, French National Center of Scientific Research (CNRS), France. Gender and Religion Hybridity in Napoli and Campania. (Monday, 30th of March 2015)	1. Dilek Barlas, Professor, Koc University, Turkey. Turkey, Reluctant Naval Activist in the Mediterranean: The Case of Nyon in 1937. 2. David Kushner, Professor Emeritus, University of Haifa, Israel. Acre and It's District in the Late Ottoman Period. 3. Scott Rubarth, Associate Professor, Rollins College, USA. Sex, Gender, and Natural Law in Greek and Roman Stoicism.

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00 -16:20 Session VII (ROOM A): Round-Table Discussion: Energy Security and Policy in the South European Peninsula and the Mediterranean Basin
Chair: Dr. George Poulos, Vice-President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa
1. Gregory T. Papanikos, Honorary Professor, University of Stirling, UK & President, ATINER. 2. Yannnis Maniatis, ex-Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change, Greece & Associate Professor University of Piraeus, Greece. 3. Irit Ben-Abba, Ambassador, Embassy of Israel, Athens, Greece. 4. Lucian Fatu, Ambassador, Embassy of Romania, Athens, Greece. 5. Dashnor Dervishi, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Albania, Athens, Greece. 6. Vladimir Panasyuk, First Secretary, Embassy of the Russian Federation, Athens, Greece.

16:20-16:30 Break

16:30-18:00 Session VIII (ROOM B): Culture & Society: Modern and Classical
Chair: *Gamal Abdel Naser Yamamah, Professor and Head of Pediatrics Department, National Research Center, Egypt
1. Ehud Spanier, Professor, University of Haifa, Israel. The Utilization of Lobsters by Humans in the Mediterranean Basin from the Prehistoric Era to the Modern Era – An Interdisciplinary Review. (Monday, 30th of March 2015). 2. Anagnou Elena, Researcher, Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Spain, Coch Helena & Crespo Isabel, Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Spain. Shop-Window Lighting in Mediterranean Countries: The Use of Sun to Improve Visual Appeal and Reduce Energy Demand

21:00-23:00 Greek Night and Dinner (Details during registration)

Tuesday, 31 March 2015

08:00-09:20 Session IX (ROOM A): Historical & Classical Studies

Chair: *Dario Borim Jr, Professor, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, USA.

1. Maher Abu-Munshar, Associate Professor, Qatar University, Qatar. The Crusaders in the Holy Land; Strategic Plans to Maintain their Presence: Analytical Study.
2. Adriana De Angelis, Art/Architecture Historian, University Federico II, Naples, Italy. The Revival of Classicism and the Myth of the Mediterranean between the two World Wars - Artists and Architects in Pompei, Capri, and on the Amalfi coast in the 20s and 30s.
3. Idan Sherer, Ph.D. Student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Soldiers of a Global Empire: The Spanish Imperial Experience through the Eyes of Its Soldiers
4. *Wan Kamal Mujani, Lecturer & Dean, Faculty of Islamic Studies, National University of Malaysia, Malaysia & Stuart J Borsch, Assumption College, USA. The Peasants during the Mamluk Period: How They have Struggled.
5. *Hussein Elsheikh, Professor, University of Alexandria, Egypt. Sexual Harassment in Greco-Roman Egypt.

09:20- 09:30 Break

09:30-10:50 Session X (ROOM A): Issues in Society

Chair: *Wan Kamal Mujani, Lecturer & Dean, Faculty of Islamic Studies, National University of Malaysia, Malay

1. Edina Meyer-Maril, Senior Lecturer, Tel Aviv University, Israel. People's Houses in New Settlements in Eretz-Israel/Palestine (1890-1948).
2. Tatiana Smetanina, Assistant Professor, Udmurt State University, Russia. Practical Tools for Managing the Waste Pyrolysis Project in Russia
3. Maria de las Mercedes de Obesso Arias, Professor, ESIC Business and Marketing School, Spain, Esther Valbuena Garcia, Professor, ESIC Business and Marketing School, Spain & Pilar Sanchez, Professor, ESIC Business and Marketing School, Spain. The Bachelor's Degree Final Project (BDFP) and the Business Venture Can Be Closely Related.
4. *Milenko Petrovic, Senior Lecturer, University of Canterbury, New Zealand. Different Values and Norms or Different Conditions? Revisiting the Causes of the Postponed EU Accession of the Western Balkan States. (Southeastern European Studies)(Tuesday)

09:30-10:50 Session XI (ROOM B): Literature

Chair: Helena Pericic, Professor, University of Zadar, Croatia.

1. *Dario Borim Jr, Professor, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, USA. "Teasing Camões' Tongue: Revering and Desacralizing the Portuguese Idiom in Caetano Veloso".
2. Stanislava Stojan, Professor, Zagreb University, Croatia. An Insular Experience in Croatian Renaissance Literature.
3. Jayoung Che, Assistant Professor, Busan University of Foreign Studies, South Korea. The Values of Honour and Shame of Mediterranean Society and Lysias' Oration, 'On the Murder of Eratosthenes'. (Mediterranean Studies in Asian Countries)
4. Kathleen Ann O'Donnell, Independent Scholar, British School at Athens, Greece. The Disintegration of the Democratic Eastern Federation and Demise of its Supporters 1885-1896 and the Poems of Ossian. (Tuesday, 31st of March 2015)

10:50-11:00 Break

11:00-12:20 Session XII (ROOM A): Issues in Society: Health and the Sciences & Southeastern European Studies

Chair: Jayoung Che, Assistant Professor, Busan University of Foreign Studies, South Korea.

1. Jose Luis Gomez-Ordonez, Professor, University of Granada, Spain & Celia Martinez Hidalgo, Researcher, University of Granada, Spain. The New Cities of the Nineteenth Century in the Mediterranean Ports.
2. *Joseph Helou, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Exeter, United Kingdom. Policy Making Overcomes Confessional Hurdles: A Policy Strategy Tackles Challenges in the Segmented Society and State of Lebanon.

11:00-12:20 Session XI11 (ROOM B): The Arts/Music

Chair: Simonetta Milli Konewko, Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA.

1. Hyejin Kim, Assistant Professor, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea. Research and Education in Classical Greek Art History in Korea: Present State, Obstacles, and Suggestions.
2. Sibel Almelek Isman, Assistant Professor, Dokuz Eylul University Izmir, Turkey. Mediterranean Mountains in the Mythological Paintings of European Art. (Tuesday, 31st of March 2015)
3. *Agata Kubala, Senior Lecturer, University of Wroclaw, Poland. Eduard Schaubert's Collection of Antiques.
4. *Anastasia Hasikou, Lecturer, Arte Music Academy, Cyprus. Music and Society in Cyprus: British Colonialism and the Emergence of European Music Traditions. (Chair the same day with presentation).

12:20-12:30 Break

12:30-13:30 Session XIV (ROOM A): Topics in Education, Society	12:30-13:30 Session XV (ROOM B): Literature, Modern & Classical/ Media/Films
Chair: *Agata Kubala, Senior Lecturer, University of Wroclaw, Poland	**Chair:** *Anastasia Hasikou, Lecturer, Arte Music Academy, Cyprus.
1. Sevkinaz Gumusoglu, Professor, Yasar University, Turkey, Serpil Kestane, Assistant Professor, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey & Ozer Kestane, Lecturer, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey. Labor Force Planning in Local Governments with Computer Software: Izmir Sample. 2. *Nellie Munin, Associate Professor, Zefat Academic College, Israel. The Didactic Value of Role Plays for Law Teaching in Multi Cultural Societies Involved in a Conflict. (Tuesday, 31st of March 2015) 3. Khalil Al Qatawneh, Associate Professor, Tafila Technical University, Jordan. Andragogy: Resolving the Conflict in Teaching Children and Adults.	1. Benjamin Lewis, Founding Director, The Philology Institute, USA. The Inner Ear: Reading in Antiquity and the Role of Books in Augustine's Confessions. 2. *Simonetta Milli Konewko, Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA. Emanuele Crialese's Nuovomondo and the Triumph of the Mediterranean Heritage. (Tuesday, 31st of March 2015). 3. Moyses Marcos, PhD Student, University of California, Riverside, USA. The Influence of Iamblichus' Epistles on Fourth Century Philosophical and Political Epistolography and the Neoplatonic Curricula at Athens and Alexandria.

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-17:30 Urban Walk (Details during registration)

20:30- 21:30 Dinner (Details during registration)

Wednesday 01 April 2015
Cruise: (Details during registration)

Thursday 02 April 2015
Delphi Visit: (Details during registration)