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# **PRESS RELEASE**

**RE: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Mediterranean Studies, 30-31 March & 1-2 April 2015, Athens, Greece, on Monday 30 March 2015 and Tuesday 31 March 2015, at St George Lycabettus Hotel, 2 Kleomenous Street, Kolonaki.**

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The [Athens Institute for Education and Research](http://www.atiner.gr) is organizing its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on **Mediterranean Studies**, on **Monday 30 March 2015** and **Tuesday 31 March 2015** at St George Lycabettus Hotel, 2 Kleomenous Street, Kolonaki. The Opening Speech and Welcome Remarks of the conference will be given on **Monday 30 March 2015, at 8:30 a.m.**, by **Dr. George Poulos**, Vice-President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa and **Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos**, President of the Institute, with an opening speech on "[Military Spending, International Trade and Economic Growth in the Mediterranean Basin](#)".

During the first two days of the conference, about 64 papers will be presented by more than 50 academics and researchers from 29 different countries (**Albania, Bahrain, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, France, Greece, Iran, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Spain, the Netherlands, Tunisia, Turkey, UK and USA**)

The conference is organized into 15 sessions on the following themes: Political and Economic Issues, Aspects on Education and Society, Literature, Arts, Cultural and Historical Matters, Issues on Southeastern Studies and Sciences. The conference's program is available on <http://www.atiner.gr/2015/2015PRO-MDT.pdf>. All papers are to be presented in English without interpretation. The registration form is available at <http://www.atiner.gr/2015/REG-MDTA.doc>. More information (program of the conference, registration fee, social program, venue details, etc.) can be found at the conference website: <http://www.atiner.gr/mediterranean.htm>.

As part of this conference, [A Round-Table Discussion on Energy Security and Policy in the South European Peninsula and the Mediterranean Basin](#) will take place, on Monday 30 March 2015, between 15:00-16:30. Dr. George Poulos, Vice President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa will serve as the chair of this discussion and the speakers are:

1. Gregory T. Papanikos, Honorary Professor, University of Stirling, UK & President, ATINER.
2. Yannis 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.
7. Khatira Museyibova, Second Secretary for Economy, Trade and Cultural Issues, Embassy of Azerbaijan, Athens, Greece.

This is the second of the 80 Annual International Conferences that ATINER is organizing in 2015. More than 2000 professors and researchers from over 100 countries are expected to participate in all our conferences. All conferences are take place on an annual basis and are always held in Athens. The list of the 2015 conferences is available on: <http://www.atiner.gr/2015Conferences.htm>.

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