



## **Athens Institute for Education and Research**

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Organized by ATINER's [Politics & International Affairs Research Unit](#)

**Conference Venue:** [Titania Hotel](#), 52 Panepistimiou Street, 106 78 Athens, Greece

**Monday 15 June 2015**

(all sessions include 10 minutes break)

**08:30-09:30 Registration and Refreshments**

**09:30-10:00 (ROOM A) Welcome & Opening Remarks**

- Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.
- Dr. Ioannis Stivachtis, Head, Politics & International Affairs Research Unit, ATINER and Director, International Studies Program Virginia Tech - Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, USA.

**10:00-11:30 Session I (ROOM A): International Law**

**Chair:** Ioannis Stivachtis, Head, Politics & International Affairs Research Unit, ATINER and Director, International Studies Program Virginia Tech - Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, USA.

1. Masakazu Matsumoto, Associate Professor, Kansai University, Japan. An Equal or Unequal Right to Kill?: A Defense of the Traditional Just War Theory.
2. Tijana Surlan, Assistant Professor, The Academy of Criminalistic and Police Studies in Belgrade, Serbia. Diversification of the International Criminal Judiciary.
3. Dorothea Anthony, Ph.D. Candidate, University of New South Wales, Australia. Can the Mainstreaming of Human Rights at the International Level Achieve Political Neutrality?
4. Kevin Coffey, Ph.D. Candidate, University College Dublin, Ireland. A European Court for Africans: Examining the European Union's policy and the role of aid in advancing the universality of the International Criminal Court in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**11:30-13:00 Session II (ROOM A): Country and Regional Experiences with Development and Policy Issues**

**Chair:** Chrysoula Gitsoulis, Adjunct Assistant Professor, City University of New York, USA.

1. Ingrid Sarti, Professor, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ, Brazil. Theoretical and Developmental Challenges to Contemporary Latin American Integration.
2. Varsha Khanwalker, Associate Professor, Kanpur University, India. The Scenario of Globalized India: From Exclusion to Financial Inclusion.
3. Dennis Gregory, Associate Professor, Old Dominion University, USA. The Assessment of Higher Education Programs: A Comparison of the American and Portuguese Models.
4. Nikolaos Liodakis, Associate Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada. Between the Scylla of Ordoliberalism and the Charybdis of Keynesianism: The Development of Social Policy with the Greek Left in Power.

**13:00-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00-15:30 Session III (ROOM A): Democracy and Democratization**

**Chair:** \*Jacqueline Laguardia Martinez, Lecturer, University of the West Indies, Campus St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

1. Salvor Nordal, Director, Centre of Ethics, University of Iceland, Iceland. A Democratic Experiment. Iceland's Reactions to the Banking Crisis.
2. Filadelfo Leon-Cazares, Assistant Professor, University of Guadalajara, Mexico. Transformational Leadership and Perceived Organizational Performance: The Mediating Influence of Individual Level Factors.
3. Chrysoula Gitsoulis, Adjunct Assistant Professor, City University of New York, USA. Utilitarian vs. Rights Based Constructions of Value.

**15:30-17:00 Session IV (ROOM A): International Relations**

**Chair:** Salvor Nordal, Director, Centre of Ethics, University of Iceland, Iceland.

1. \*Nadezhda Ponomarenko, Associate Professor, The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Russia. Systems Analysis in the Study of the Political Elite of the Transitive Society.
2. Sanjeev Kumar H.M., Assistant Professor, South Asian University, India. Reorientalism and the Place of Islam in Contemporary International Relations.
3. Fulya Ereker, Assistant Professor, Gaziantep University, Turkey & Utku Ozer, Assistant Professor, Gaziantep University, Turkey. Crimea in Turkish-Russian Relations: Discourse, Realism or Interdependence.
4. \*Mohd Aminul Karim, Senior Research Fellow, University of Malaya, Malaysia. Is China Destined to Play High-politics in East Asia?

**17:00-18:30 Session V (ROOM A): Round Table Discussion on "*Country Experiences of the European Crisis*"**

**Chair:** Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER

1. Dr. **L. Jan Reid**, President, Coast Economic Consulting, USA.
2. Dr. **Jerome Creel**, Director & Associate Professor, OFCE/Sciences Po & ESCP Europe, France.
3. Dr. **Shann Turnbull**, Principal, International Institute for Self-Governance, Australia.
4. Dr. **Nordal Salvor**, Director, Centre for Ethics, University of Iceland, Iceland.
5. Dr. **Ioannis Stivachtis**, Head, Politics Research Unit, ATINER & Director, International Studies Program Virginia Tech - Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, USA.

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

## Tuesday 16 June 2015

### 08:00-09:30 Session VI (ROOM A): International Economics

**Chair:** \*Nadezhda Ponomarenko, Associate Professor, The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Russian.

1. Jerome Creel, Director, Research Department, OFCE/Sciences Po and Associate Professor, ESCP Europe, France, Christophe Blot, Deputy, OFCE, France, Bruno Ducoudre, Senior Economist, OFCE, France & Xavier Timbeau, Director, OFCE, France. Back to Fiscal Consolidation in Europe and Its Dual Tradeoff: Now or Later, Through Spending Cuts or Tax Hikes.
2. \*Shann Turnbull, Co-founding Member of the Sustainable Money Working Group, U.K. and Principle of the International Institute for Self-governance, Australia. Currency Options for Distressed Economies.
3. \*Pavol Babos, Junior Analyst, Institute for Forecasting, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia. Skills, Education or Policies? Employability across Different Varieties of Capitalism.

### 09:30-11:00 Session VII (ROOM A): Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

**Chair:** \*Pavol Babos, Junior Analyst, Institute for Forecasting, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia.

1. Kenneth Christie, Professor, Royal Roads University, Canada & Marion Boulby, Associate Professor, Trent University, Canada. Globalization, Identity and Social Media in the Middle East; Comparing the UAE and Jordan.
2. Hillel Frisch, Professor, Bar-Ilan University, Israel. Choosing the Right Strategy: Why the 1987 Intifada Succeeded and the al-Aqsa Intifada Failed.
3. Ali Elwahishi, Director of Political Science Department, Faculty of Algelat, University of Zawia, Libya. Comparing the Transition of Political Regime in Libya and Egypt.

### 11:00-12:30 Session VIII (ROOM A): International Security

**Chair:** Kenneth Christie, Professor, Royal Roads University, Canada

1. Branislav Slantchev, Professor, University of California, USA & R. Blake McMahon, University of California, USA. The Guardianship Dilemma: Regime Security through and from the Armed Forces.
2. Mario Esteban, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute, Spain & Miguel Otero-Iglesias, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute, Spain. The Geopolitical and Strategic Implications of China's Purchases of Spanish Sovereign Debt.
3. Seongwon Yoon, Ph.D. Student, University of Bradford, U.K. The US's Sisyphean Labour: Failed Conflict Management of the Korean Nuclear Crisis.
4. Teodora Dobre, Junior Researcher, National Institute for Intelligence Studies, Romania & Karin Meghesan, Associate Professor, "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy, Romania. Serious Gaming-Instrument for Addressing Global Threats.

### 12:30-13:30 Lunch

**13:30-14:30 Session IX (ROOM A): National Politics**

**Chair:** Angela Parham, Political Officer, US Department of State, USA.

1. Drazen Lalic, Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia. Features and Implications of the 2014-15 Presidential Election in Croatia.
2. \*L. Jan Reid, President, Coast Economic Consulting, USA. The Political Segregation of America.

**14:30-16:00 Session X (ROOM A): Foreign Policy**

**Chair:** \*L. Jan Reid, President, Coast Economic Consulting, USA.

1. Walter Hatch, Associate Professor, Colby College, USA. European Integration, Asian Disintegration: The Different Roles of the U.S. in Two Regions.
2. \*Jacqueline Laguardia Martinez, Lecturer, University of the West Indies, Campus St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. The “Updating” of the Cuban Model: Implications for the Cuba-CARICOM Relations.
3. \*Ariel Gonzalez Levaggi, Ph.D. Student, Koc University, Turkey & Huseyin Zengin, Research Assistant, Koc University, Turkey. A Decade of Opening: Turkey's New International Role in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America (2005-2015).

**16:30-19:00 Urban Walk (Details during registration)**

**20:30- 22:00 Dinner (Details during registration)**

**Wednesday 17 June 2015**  
**Cruise: (Details during registration)**

**Thursday 18 June 2015**  
**Delphi Visit: (Details during registration)**