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Monday 13 June 2016

(all sessions include 10 minutes break)

08:00-08:30 Registration and Refreshments

08:30-09:00 Welcome & Opening Address (ROOM B)

- Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.
- George Poulos, Vice-President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa.

09:00-10:30 Session I (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): The European Union – New Perspectives on European Integration

Chair: *Hussein Solomon, Professor, University of the Free State, South Africa

1. Erzsebet Csatlós, Senior Lecturer, University of Szeged, Hungary. Cooperation of National Administrative Authorities in the EU: Questions with and without Answers.
2. George Kyris, Lecturer, University of Birmingham, U.K. The Europeanisation of Political Parties: Public Opinion and Competition in the 2014 European Parliament Elections in Greece.
3. Judit Siket, Assistant Lecturer, University of Szeged, Hungary. Legal and Constitutional Protection of Local Governments' Rights.
4. Olga Kulkova, Senior Research Assistant, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia. The Dialogue of the EU and Africa in the Light of the Migration Crisis-2015: Search for Solutions within the Paradigm of "Security – Development Nexus".

10:30-12:00 Session II (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): International Economics, Economic Crisis & Asymmetric Development

Chair: Erzsebet Csatlós, Senior Lecturer, University of Szeged, Hungary

1. Olivier Nay, Professor, Université de Paris 1, France. Governing through Open Knowledge Networks: The Case of the World Bank in Development Aid.
2. Elena Georgiadou, University Teacher – Programme Director in International Crisis Management, Loughborough University, U.K. (Re)organising Greek Commercial Diplomacy in Response to the Economic Crisis. (Monday, morning)
3. Annamaria Artner, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies HAS, Institute of World Economics, Hungary. Role of State in Crisis – The Example of Ireland.
4. [Zahra Ahmadipor](#), Professor, Tarbiat Modares University, Iran, Mahdi Karimi, Ph.D. Candidate, Tarbiat Modares University, Iran & Erfan Dalili Didar, Student, Beheshti University, Iran. Peace Education and Environmental Sustainability.

10:30-12:00 Session III (ROOM C-Mezzanine Floor): Topics in Politics

Chair: Bettina Koch, Associate Professor of Political Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA.

1. [Felipe Schwember](#), Professor, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile & Julia Urabayen, Professor, Universidad de Navarra, Spain. At the Margins of Ideal Cities: The Monstrous, the Abnormal, the Infamous, the Pariah and the Refugee. The Non-Places of the Human.
2. Ghassan El-Eid, Associate Professor, Central Connecticut State University, USA. The Arab Uprisings and the Rise of Islamic Jihadism in Syria.
3. Barbara Sgouraki Kinsey, Associate Professor, University of Central Florida, USA & Anca Turcu, Lecturer, University of Central Florida, USA. Left Parties in Europe and the Burqa Ban: Organizational and Electoral Constraints.

12:00-13:30 Session IV (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): Geopolitics, International Relations and Security**Chair:** *Iliaria Anna Colussi, Marie Curie Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Liège, Belgium

1. *Hussein Solomon, Professor, University of the Free State, South Africa. Going Beyond the State: International Security in the Age of Islamic State.
2. Jacek Wieclawski, Assistant Professor, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland. Neoclassical Realism and the Explanatory Ability of the Realist Paradigm in Contemporary International Relations.
3. De Leon Petta Gomes da Costa, Researcher, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Geopolitical Management Through Irregular Actors.
4. Mohammadreza Hafeznia, Professor, Tarbiat Modares University, Iran. Appearing the New Geopolitical Structure of the World.

13:30-14:30 Lunch**14:30-16:00 Session V (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): International Trade****Chair:** Athanasios Mihalakas, Academic Member, ATINER & Assistant Professor, The State University of New York, at Brockport, USA.

1. *Julan Du, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China. Multinational Enterprises under the Shadow of Oppositional Sentiments: A Study of Japanese Automobile Sales in China.
2. *Iliaria Anna Colussi, Marie Curie Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Liège, Belgium. International Trade Sanctions related to the Dual-Use Goods and Technologies.
3. Salif Kone, Lecturer, Félix Houphouët-Boigny University, Côte d'Ivoire. Limits of Comparative Advantage's Principle.

16:00-17:30 Session VI (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): Special Topics on Interdisciplinary Studies I**Chair:** *Reyhan Avcam, Assistant Professor, Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University, Turkey

1. Fatma Celik Kayapinar, Associate Professor, Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, Turkey. Sport in Turkey Party Programs.
2. Asao Inoue, Associate Professor, University of Washington Tacoma and Director of University Writing, USA. Engaging in Classroom Writing Assessment as Social Justice.
3. Ljubica Milanovic Glavan, Assistant Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia, Vesna Bosilj Vuksic, Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia & Dalia Susa, Research Assistant, University of Zagreb, Croatia. Case Study of Conceptual Framework for Process Performance.
4. Behsat Savas, Assistant Professor, Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, Turkey. Historical Thinking in the Fourth Grade.
5. Martin Combrinck, Manager: Quality Assurance, North-West University, South Africa. The Practice of Quality Assurance: A Case Study at the Unit for Open Distance Learning, North-West University.
6. Anne-Francoise Schmid, Research Associate and Chair, Design Theory and Innovation, MinesParisTech, France. Interdisciplinarity, Genericity and Collective Intimacy.

17:30-19:30 Session VII (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): Special Interdisciplinary Panel on Teacher Training I**Chair:** Mary Ellis, Senior Lecturer, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

1. Moyra Boland, Deputy Head of the School of Education, University of Glasgow, U.K. Practice-Based Pedagogies for Initial Teacher Education: The Role of Teacher Educators. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)
2. Joan C. Fingon, Professor, California State University Los Angeles, USA & Leila Ansari Ricci, Associate Professor, California State University Los Angeles, USA. Faculty Modeling Co-Teaching Approaches and Collaborating Practices in General Education and Special Education Courses in Teacher Preparation Programs. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)
3. *Reyhan Avcam, Assistant Professor, Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University, Turkey & Dr. Niyaz Can, Professor, Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University, Turkey. An Investigation on Self-Efficacy Beliefs of Primary School Teachers in Turkey. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)
4. *Fiona Budgen, Senior Lecturer, Edith Cowan University, Australia & *John West, Lecturer, Edith Cowan University, Australia. Identifying and Supporting Numeracy Needs of First Year Undergraduate Education Students. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)
5. Margaret Jago, Programme Leader, University of Glasgow, U.K. & Delia Wilson, Senior Teacher, University of Glasgow, U.K. Partnership Approaches to School Experience Placements: The View of the Student Teacher. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)

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

Tuesday 14 June 2016

08:00-09:30 Session VIII (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): The European Union

Chair: *Orna Almog, Senior Lecturer, Kingston University, U.K.

1. *Evanthia Balla, Professor – Research Fellow, Autonomous University of Lisbon, Portugal. European Security Strategy in the 21st Century: The Blair Doctrine Revisited.
2. *Littlejohn Reid, President, Coast Economic Consulting, USA. Has A High Value Added Tax Harmed the European Economy?
3. Tor Brunzell, Assistant Professor, Stockholm University, Sweden. The Enlargement Strategy of the European Union Should be Continued but Refined: Where the Institutionalization is Promoted by Internal Forces Instead of the EU External Forces.

09:30-11:00 Session IX (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): Africa & Central and Latin America

Chair: *Littlejohn Reid, President, Coast Economic Consulting, USA

1. Iija Luciak, Professor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA. Security, Inequality and Gender in El Salvador.
2. *Athanasios Mihalakas, Assistant Professor, State University of New York – Brockport, USA. Regional Integration in Africa – The Role of Trade and the TFTA in Advancing Political Integration.
3. Tatiana Deych, Leading Research Fellow, Russian Academy of sciences, Russia. What does BRICS mean for Africa?

09:30-11:00 Session X (ROOM C-Mezzanine Floor): Topics in World Politics

Chair: Barbara Sgouraki Kinsey, Associate Professor, University of Central Florida, USA

1. *Mali Mann, Psychoanalyst, Psychiatrist and Professor, Stanford University, USA & William James Stover, Professor, Santa Clara University, USA. Cultural Interaction and the Development of Ethnic Identity: External Elements in the Construction and Demise of Ethnicity.
2. *Krishna K. Tummala, Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University, USA. Corruption as an Impediment to Good Governance: The Case of India.

11:00-14:00 Educational and Cultural Urban Walk Around Modern and Ancient Athens (Details during registration)

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 Session XI (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): Special Topics in Politics and International Studies

Chair: Dr. Ioannis Stivachtis, Director, International Studies Program, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA.

1. *Orna Almog, Senior Lecturer, Kingston University, U.K. The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Oslo and Beyond.
2. *Ziba Moshaver, Lecturer, London University, U.K. Strategic Predicaments of Foreign Policy: Making Sense of Iran's International Relations.
3. Ian Nelson, Assistant Professor, The University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China. Cross-Cultural Research and Teaching in the Post-9/11 Era: The Case of China.

16:30-18:00 Session XII (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): Special Topics on Interdisciplinary Studies II

Chair: *Linda Mary Hanington, Lecturer, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

1. *Mirjana Pejic-Bach, Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia. Expanding the Technology Acceptance Model for Business and Process Intelligence: Preliminary Research.
2. Johanna Maria Roels, Professor at the Academy Muwoda of Heist op den Berg, Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. Music Learning in an Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Manner.
3. *Solon Thanos, Director, University of Münster, Germany. Molecular Control of Postinjury Axonal Regeneration in Primate Retinal Ganglion Cells. (Tuesday June 14, 2016)
4. Marc Stuhldreier, Ph.D. Student, Northumbria University Newcastle, Germany. To What Extent is the Risk to Health Created by Patent Rights on Medical Products under International Law Linked to the Development Process of Least Developed Countries?
5. Mirko Pasquini, MA Graduate, University of Bologna, Italy. "Time Disabilities". The Everyday Struggle between Illness Related Time and Working Needs among Mental Health Clients in Northern Italy.
6. *Pierre Chardin, Research Director, INSERM, France. Hypothesis: Brain Size and Skull Shape as Criteria for a New Hominin Family Tree.

18:00-20:00 Session XIII (ROOM B-Mezzanine Floor): Special Interdisciplinary Panel on Teacher Training II

Chair: *Fiona Budgen, Senior Lecturer, Edith Cowan University, Australia

1. *Mary Ellis, Senior Lecturer, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Teacher's Language Development Center (TLDC) in the English Language and Literature Department at the National Institute of Education (NIE) in Singapore: Theory to Practice. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)
2. *Linda Mary Hanington, Lecturer, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Linking Theory and Practice: Facilitating Transfer in Teacher Education. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)
3. Anitha Devi Pillai, Lecturer, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Connecting the Dots: Interlinking Subject Content Knowledge and Pedagogical Content Knowledge in Writing. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)
4. Christine Anita Xavier, Lecturer, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Interlinking Subject Content Knowledge and Pedagogical Content Knowledge in Pedagogical Grammar Courses at the NIE. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)
5. Mark Wilkinson, Lecturer, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Theory, Practice, and Envisioning Future Classrooms in a Digital Journalism Project. (*Panel on Teacher Training*)

21:00-22:30 Dinner (Details during registration)

Wednesday 15 June 2016
Cruise: (Details during registration)

Thursday 16 June 2016
Delphi Visit: (Details during registration)