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Conference Venue: The Stanley Hotel, 1 Odisseos street, Karaiskaki Square, 104 37 Athens (close to Metaxourgeio metro station)

Monday 22 May 2017

08:00-09:00 Registration and Refreshments
09:00-09:30 (Room C-Mezzanine Floor) Welcome and Opening Address
Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

09:30-11:00 Session I (Room B - Ground Floor): Labor, Employment & Migration
Chair: John Roufagalas, Head, Economics Research Unit, ATINER & Professor, Troy University – Montgomery, USA.
1. Ujjaini Mukhopadhyay, Assistant Professor, Behala College, India. Effects of Public Expenditure on Primary and Higher Education and FDI on Unskilled Labour.
2. Alina Botezat, Researcher, Romanian Academy - "Gh. Zane" Institute for Economic and Social Research, Romania & Doru Botezat, Lecturer and Postdoctoral Researcher, “Gr. T. Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy Iași and Romanian Academy - "Gh. Zane" Institute for Economic and Social Research, Romania. Intergenerational Transfer of the Medical Profession and Emigration Intentions among Romanian Medical Students.
3. Victoria Moutseri, PhD Student, University of Stirling, UK, Michael Daly, Associate Professor, University of Stirling, UK & Liam Delaney, Professor, University of Stirling, UK / UCD Geary Institute, University College Dublin, Ireland. Involuntary Part-time Employment and Mental Health: Evidence from Britain.

11:00-12:30 Session II (Room B - Ground Floor): European Economies
Chair: Nikola Mirkov, Economist, Swiss National Bank, Switzerland.
1. Bruno Dallago, Professor, University of Trento, Italy. Growing Rifts in the Eurozone.
### 12:30-14:00 Session III (Room B - Ground Floor): Environment, the Industry and the Economy

**Chair:** Nicolas Abatzoglou, Head, Environment Research Unit, ATINER & Professor, Department of Chemical & Biotechnological Engineering, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada, Chair Pfizer, PAT in Pharmaceutical Engineering, Director GREEN-TPV and GRTP-C & P.

1. **Roland Leduc**, Professor, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada, Marion Landry Carter, Graduate Student, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada, Hubert Cabana, Professor, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada & Amina Nait Sidi Ahmed, Professional Engineer, CRB Innovations Inc, Canada. Oxidation Processes for the Decontamination of Wastewaters from a Treated Wood Recycling Industry.


3. **Deniz Dolgen**, Professor, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey & *Mehmet Necdet Alpaslan*, Professor, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey. An Ecological Approach to Managing Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludges.

### 14:00-15:00 Lunch

### 15:00-16:30 Session IV (Room B - Ground Floor): Essays on Applied and Theoretical Economics Analyses

**Chair:** *Amitendu Palit*, Senior Research Fellow, National University of Singapore, Singapore.


2. **Panagiotis Petratos**, Professor, Department of Computer Information Systems, California State University, Stanislaus, USA. Egalitarian Equal Opportunity Education.


### 16:30-18:30 Session V (Room C-Mezzanine Floor): A Symposium on Ethics, Economics and Environment

**Chair:** Panagiotis Petratos, Professor, Department of Computer Information Systems, California State University, Stanislaus, USA.

1. Patricia Hanna, Professor and Interim Chair of Linguistics, University of Utah, USA. Neither Love nor Money: What could Save the Environment?

2. Frans P. de Vries, Professor, University of Stirling, U.K. Ethics and Environmental Markets.

3. Timothy M. Young, Professor and Graduate Director, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, Center for Renewable Carbon, The University of Tennessee, USA. Protecting Ethics, Economies, and the Environment in the Era of the Digital Citizen and Exponential Population Growth.

4. Nicolas Abatzoglou, Professor, Department of Chemical & Biotechnological Engineering, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada, Chair Pfizer, PAT in Pharmaceutical Engineering, Director GREEN-TPV and GRTP-C & P. Produce Fuels from Renewable Resources.

For details on the discussion please [click here].

### 21:00-23:00 Greek Night and Dinner (Details during registration)
Tuesday 23 May 2017

07:30-10:30 Session VI (Room B - Ground Floor): An Educational Urban Walk in Modern and Ancient Athens
Chair: Gregory Katsas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, ATINER & Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece.

Group Discussion on Ancient and Modern Athens.
Visit to the Most Important Historical and Cultural Monuments of the City (be prepared to walk and talk as in the ancient peripatetic school of Aristotle)
(Note: The simple registration fee of the conference does not cover the cost of this session. More details during registration).

11:30-13:00 Session VII (Room B - Ground Floor): Special Topics in Economics
Chair: Bruno Dallago, Professor, University of Trento, Italy.
1. *Hakan Hyden, Professor, Lund University, Sweden & Farai Nyika, PhD Student, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Social Cohesion and the Anticipated Fall of the Welfare State.
2. Rainer Przywara, Professor, Hannover University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Germany. De-Industrialization – Opportunity or Threat?
3. *Amitendu Palit, Senior Research Fellow, National University of Singapore, Singapore. TPP, TTIP & Developing Countries: Implications & Challenges.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session VIII (Room A - Ground Floor): Technical Topics on Environmental Issues
Chair: *Salim Hiziroglu, Professor, Oklahoma State University, USA.
1. Xiao-Quan Chen, Associate Professor, South-China University of Technology, China, Wen-Hao Shen, Technical Director, South-China University of Technology, China & Shi-Bin Wu, Student, South-China University of Technology, China. Advanced Treatment of Papermaking Wastewater by Photocatalytic Oxidation with Nano-TiO2 Colloids.

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

Wednesday 24 May 2017
Educational Island Tour (Details during registration)
or
Mycenae and Epidaurus Visit (Details during registration)

Thursday 25 May 2017
Delphi Visit (Details during registration)