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**Conference Venue: Titania Hotel, 52 Panepistimiou Avenue, Athens, Greece (close to Omonoia metro station)**

**Monday 12 June 2017**

**08:00-09:00 Registration and Refreshments**

**09:00-09:30 (Room B-Mezzanine Floor) Welcome and Opening Address**

Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

**09:30-11:00 Session I (Room B-Mezzanine Floor): Topics in Political Economy**

**Chair:** Ioannis Stivachtis, Director, Center for European & Mediterranean Affairs and Director & Professor, International Studies Program Virginia Tech – Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, USA.

1. L. Jan Reid, President, Coast Economic Consulting, USA. Has the BREXIT Vote Affected the United Kingdom's Largest Trading Partners?
2. Olivier Nay, Professor, University of Paris 1, France. Explaining the World Bank's Intellectual Leadership in Development Economics: Some Research Assumptions.
3. Zsuzsanna Mikecz Munday, Assistant Professor, American University of Sharjah, UAE. Business Communication Needs: Graduates' Perspective in the UAE.
4. Zhaoxin Wang, Graduate Student, Chonnam National University, South Korea & Sangjoon Lee, Professor, Chonnam National University, South Korea. Factors that Influence the Sharing Intention in Vehicle Sharing Economy.

**11:00-12:30 Session II (Room A-Mezzanine Floor): Population and Development**

**Chair:** Barbara Zagaglia, Academic Member, ATINER & Assistant Professor, Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy.

1. Robert Cliquet, Emeritus Professor, Ghent University, Belgium & Dragana Avramov, Director, Population and Social Policy Consultants (PSPC), Belgium. The Impact of Global Developmental Objectives on the Future Demographic Goal Setting of Humanity.
2. Keshav Bhattarai, Professor, University of Central Missouri, USA. Nexus among Demography, Caste/Ethnicity, Federalism, Food Security and Environmental Conditions in Nepal.
3. Paul Erdkamp, Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium. Malthus or Climate? Zooming in on Demographic and Economic Decline in the Roman Empire.
4. Adel Zaghera, Professor, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies/Birzeit University, Qatar / Palestine. Demographic Dividend: How to Capitalize on Demographic dividend in Palestine?

**11:00-12:30 Session III (Room B-Mezzanine Floor): Politics and International Law**

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

1. Adelaide Chichorro Ferreira, Professor, University of Coimbra, Portugal. Cross-Topic Politics, Academic Specialization and the neo-Apartheid Society.
2. Masakazu Matsumoto, Associate Professor, Kansai University, Japan. Ethics in Asymmetric Warfare: Why War Conventions Are Regularly Violated?
3. Esengul Ayaz Avan, Lecturer, Hacettepe University, Turkey. Differences between Turkey-EU Security Perceptions in Turkey's Lost Decade.

**11:00-12:30 Session IV (Room C- Mezzanine Floor): Topics in Strategic Studies, Foreign & Security Policy**

**Chair:** Olivier Nay, Professor, University of Paris 1, France.

1. Deon Geldenhuys, Professor, University of Johannesburg, South Africa. ISIS: A Contested State of a Special Kind.
2. Ilksoy Aslim, Assistant Professor, European University of Lefke, Cyprus. Can Energy Sources in the Eastern Mediterranean be Contributor to Solve the Problems in Cyprus, Turkey and Israel Triangle?
3. Damon Major, MSc Student, 4Cities, Belgium. Constructing the Defensible City: A Case Study of Istanbul.

**12:30-14:00 Session V (Room A-Mezzanine Floor): Economic and Social Issues****Chair:** Keshav Bhattarai, Professor, University of Central Missouri, USA.

- 1.Chenggang Yang, Professor, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China. Evidence-based Method and Culture Adaptation in the Choice of Pattern of Service for the Elderly in China.
- 2.Fan Yang, Associate Professor, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China. The Impact of Education on Individuals' Environmental Protection Behaviour in China.
- 3.Changcheng Song, Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore, Singapore. Incentives, Contract Design and Pension Contribution: Evidence from Sri Lanka.

**12:30-14:00 Session VI (Room B-Mezzanine Floor): The Refugee Crisis: Implications for the European Union and its Mediterranean Member States****Chair:** Ilja A. Luciak, Head, Anthropology & Demography Research Unit, ATINER & Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA.

- 1.Valerie Leon, Researcher, Groupe URD, France. How Should the Humanitarian Sector Position Itself with Regard to the Current Flow of Migrants to Europe.
- 2.Karen Janes, Program Coordinator, Catholic Relief Services, Serbia. Protection Needs and Risks for Migrants in Europe: A Situation Analysis of Five Countries.

**14:00-15:00 Lunch****15:00-16:30 Session VII (Room B-Mezzanine Floor): Populism****Chair:** Deon Geldenhuys, Professor, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

- 1.Yolanda Sadie, Professor, University of Johannesburg, South Africa. A Unique Brand of Populism in South Africa?
- 2.Barry Cannon, Lecturer, Maynooth University, Ireland. We Need to Talk about Populism! Interrogating Populism's Conceptual Utility in a Context of Crisis.
- 3.James Abdu, Student, McDaniel College, USA. The Influence of Far-Right Parties on Established Political Parties: A Case Study of France, Austria, and the Netherlands.

**16:30-18:00 Session VIII (Room B-Mezzanine Floor): Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies****Chair:** Ilksoy Aslim, Assistant Professor, European University of Lefke, Cyprus.

- 1.Adilson Marques da Cunha, Professor, Federal Institute for Education, Science, and Technology of São Paulo, Brazil, Luciana Brasil Rebelo dos Santos, Professor, Federal Institute for Education, Science, and Technology of São Paulo, Brazil, Renan Cavichi de Freitas, Professor, Federal Institute for Education, Science, and Technology of São Paulo, Brazil, Luiz Antônio Rodrigues Júnior, Professor, Federal Institute for Education, Science, and Technology of São Paulo, Brazil & Lucas Venezian Povoá, Professor, Federal Institute for Education, Science, and Technology of São Paulo, Brazil. Teaching web Programming based on Interdisciplinary Projects: An Experience Report.
- 2.Faustina Asha Francis, Postgraduate Student, National Institute of Education, Singapore. Student Perceptions of using Googledocs in the Grade 9 Writing Classroom.
- 3.Gangadaran Khaanchannah, Postgraduate Student, Nanyang Technological University / National Institute of Education, Singapore. A Case Study of the Writing Difficulties of Grade Four Tamil Students in Singapore.

**18:00-19:30 Session VII (Room B-Mezzanine Floor): A Symposium on The International World Order: Political, Demographic and Anthropological Characteristics****Chair:** Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

1. **David Makofsky**, Research Professor, Ethnic Minorities Studies Center, China. Anthropology: Maintaining a "Third World" Perspective in a Post Communist World.
2. **Ilja A. Luciak**, Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA. Trends and Challenges from Latin America.
3. **Umesh Chandra Chattopadhyaya**, Professor, University of Allahabad, India. Order-Disorder Periodicity in Human Civilization: Future of Contemporary World Order.
4. **Johannes Schroeder**, Professor, Heidelberg University Hospital, Germany. Cognitive Reserve - Can it prevent Dementia Epidemic?
5. **Yannis A. Stivachtis**, Associate Chair, Department of Political Science & Director, International Studies Program, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA. Promoting Democracy Versus Promoting 'Greatness': Implications for International Order.

For details on the discussion please [click here](#).**21:00-23:00 The Pragmatic Symposium of the Conference as Organized in Ancient Athens with Dialogues, Food, Wine, Music and Dancing but fine tuned to Synchronous Ethics**

## Tuesday 13 June 2017

### 07:30-10:30 Session X: 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)

### 11:30-13:00 Session XI (Room A-Mezzanine Floor): Migration and Ethnicity

**Chair:** Akis Kalaitzidis, Professor, University of Central Missouri, USA.

1. Sergey Ryazantsev, Head of the Center for Social Demography, Institute of Socio-Political Research of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia. Russian-Speaking Economy as a Mechanism of Integration of Migrants from Russia into the Host Society (on example of the USA).
2. Henry Allen, Professor, Wheaton College, USA. Scientific Literacy and the Future of Ethnic Minority Groups in the United States: The Unfinished Civil Rights Movement.
3. Nikolaos I. Liodakis, Associate Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada. The New Diaspora: Divergent Patterns of Greek Migration to Canada.
4. Philipp Deschermeier, Economist, Cologne Institute for Economic Research, Germany. The Influence of Immigration on Demographic Developments in Germany.
5. Ben Chia-hung Lu, Postdoctoral Fellow, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, Hsunhui TSENG Lu, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong & Jing Song, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Stories of "in-Between": Gendering Migrant Women Identity from Post-Socialism Countries to neo-Liberal Taiwan.
6. Siqin Wang, PhD Candidate, The University of Queensland, Australia, Yan Liu, Associate Professor, The University of Queensland, Australia, Jonathan Corcoran, Professor, The University of Queensland, Australia & Thomas Sigler, Senior Lecturer, The University of Queensland, Australia. Characteristics, Ethnic Diversity, and Residential Segregation of Chinese Subgroups in Australia.
7. Kamala Robson, Associate Professor, Lady Doak College, India. Under-Five Mortality Differentials in India.

### 11:30-13:00 Session XII (Room B-Mezzanine Floor): Topics in Political Theory

**Chair:** Yolanda Sadie, Professor, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

1. Kathleen Luana de Oliveira, Professor, Federal Institution of Education, Science and Technology of Rio Grande do Sul (IFRS), Brazil. The Disappearance of "Biographies": About Memory and Violence in Hannah Arendt's Thinking.
2. Felipe Schwember, Professor, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile & Julia Urabayen, Professor, Universidad de Navarra, Spain. Utopia, Indigenism and Communitarian Politics in Latin America from Vasco de Quiroga until Zibechi: A Synoptic Approach.
3. Iuri Andreas Reblin, Professor, Faculdades EST, Brazil. From Daughter of Clay to Daughter of Zeus: Representations of Feminism through the Times since a Look into Wonder Woman's Stories.

### 13:00-14:00 Lunch

### 14:00-15:30 Session XIII (Room B-Mezzanine Floor): United States' Foreign Relations

**Chair:** Utku Ozer, Research Fellow, ATINER.

1. Akis Kalaitzidis, Professor, University of Central Missouri, USA. The Trump Doctrine and the American Return to Jacksonian Politics.
2. Timothy G. Cashman, Associate Professor, University of Texas at El Paso, USA. Promoting a Transnational Dialogue between Cuba and the United States: Lessons to be Learned from the Cuban Educational System.
3. Aneta Hlavsova, PhD Student, University of Economics, Czech Republic & Kristyna Tamchynova, PhD Student, University of Economics, Czech Republic. Is Turkey Becoming the New Saudi Arabia in the US-Middle Eastern Relations?

**15:30-17:00 Session XIV (Room B-Mezzanine Floor): Special Issues**

**Chair:** Barry Cannon, Lecturer, Maynooth University, Ireland.

1. Henry Wambui, Professor, University of Central Missouri, USA. A Comparative Look at Institutional Mechanisms for Combating Corruption in Africa.
2. Victor S. Pena, Research Professor, El Colegio de Sonora, Mexico. Flatliners: Why the Work against Corruption is not Observed in International Indexes? Thoughts from Latin America.
3. Kristyna Stejskalova, PhD Candidate, University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic. Paying for Wrong Decisions? Impact of the Regime Change in Libya on the European Security Area.

**17:00-17:20 Closing Remarks**

Ioannis Stivachtis, Director, Center for European & Mediterranean Affairs, ATINER, Greece, Director & Professor, International Studies Program Virginia Tech – Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, USA.

**21:00- 22:30 Dinner**

**Wednesday 14 June 2017  
Educational Island Tour  
or  
Mycenae and Epidaurus Visit**

**Thursday 15 June 2017  
Delphi Visit**

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