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RE: 9th Annual International Conference on Mediterranean Studies, 21-24 March 2016, Athens, Greece

The [Athens Institute for Education and Research](http://www.atiner.gr) organized its **9th Annual International Conference on Mediterranean Studies**, on Monday 21 March 2016 and Tuesday 22 March 2016, Titania Hotel (52 Panepistimiou Street), Athens, Greece.

The opening speech and the welcome remarks of the conference took place on **Monday 21 March 2016**, at **8:30 a.m.**, and were given by **Dr Gregory T. Papanikos**, President of the Institute and Honorary Professor, University of Stirling, UK and **Dr George Poulos**, Vice-President of Research, ATINER and Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa.

During the two days of the conferences 40 papers were presented by authors from 25 different countries (Albania, Algeria, Austria, China, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, UAE, UK and USA). In the sessions, as organized, the researchers presented their work on various topics connected to the Mediterranean Studies such as: education, arts and music, law, economics, media, politics, literature, culture and society. Military Spending was also among the main topics of the conference's research agenda. Furthermore, a [Round-Table Discussion on "The Current Refugee Crisis in the Mediterranean Basin"](#) was organized. The conference's program is available on: <http://www.atiner.gr/2016/2016PRO-MDT.pdf>.

The Institute was established in 1995 as an independent world member-based **association** of academics and researchers. Its mission is to act as a forum where academics and researchers from all over the world can meet and exchange ideas on their research, and discuss the future developments in their disciplines. Athens was chosen as the meeting place because of its long history and culture.

In 2016, ATINER organizes more than 100 Annual International Conferences and other Events. About 3000 professors and other researchers from more than 100 countries participate in all conferences. All of them are taking place on an annual base and always in Athens. Regarding the upcoming 2016 conferences, the list is available on: <http://www.atiner.gr/2016Conferences.htm>.

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