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Conference Venue: Amphitheatre “Yiannos Kranidiotis”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1 Akadimias Street, Athens, Greece

Thursday, 20 March 2008

07:30-08:00 Registration and Refreshments

08:00-08:30 Welcome and Opening Address

Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER. [The Euro-Mediterranean Economic Relations: Towards a Real Free Trade Area](#)

Dr. Gregory A. Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER & Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece

08:30-10:00 Session I: Politics and Security in the Middle East I

Chair: Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

1. Bloss, W., Professor, The Citadel, USA. Supporting Hezbollah: Examining the Effects of Regional State Sponsorship on Islamist Militancy in the Middle East.
2. Isleyen, B., Researcher, Izmir University of Economics, Turkey. Transatlantic Approaches to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.
3. Al-Naboodah, H.M., Professor, UAE University, United Arab Emirates. Cultural Relations between Oman and North Africa during the Islamic Era.
4. Nevo, J., Professor, University of Haifa, Israel. Arab Political Leadership and Social Origin in Mandatory Palestine.

10:00-11:30 Session II: Migration

Chair: Dr. Gregory A. Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER & Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece.

1. Abouyoub, Y., Ph.D. Student, Denis-Diderot Paris VII University, France. The Lavant Migration to the USA: Development of Communal Identity and Patterns of Political Participation.
2. Bristol-Rhys, J., Professor, Zayed University, UAE. Migrants and the Making of Global Abu Dhabi.
3. Drummond, P., Adjunct Professor, New York University in London, U.K. Greek Odysseys: Landscape, History and Identity in Cinematic Representations of Greece.
4. Garavello, O., Professor, State University of Milan, Italy. Skilled and High-skilled Migrations South-North/East-West: The most Recent European Union Initiative (Blue Card).

11:30-13:00 Session III: Politics and Security in the Middle East II

Chair: Drummond, P., Adjunct Professor, New York University in London, U.K.

1. Mahdavi, M., Assistant Professor, University of Alberta, Canada. Democracy from Within: Problems and Prospects for Democratization in Post-Khatami Iran.
2. Almog, O., Lecturer, Kingston University, U.K. In the Name of God- Religious Fundamentalism in Israel- Gush Emunim and the Oslo Peace Accord.
3. McMahon, S., Post-Doctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, American University in Cairo, Egypt. A Genealogy of Israel's 'Iron Wall'.

13:00-14:30 Session IV: Arts and Literature I

Chair: Ms. Andrea Eis, Academic Member, ATINER & Doris and Paul Travis Endowed Professor in Art and Chair, Oakland University, USA.

1. Awny, N., Professor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt. The Realization of Adjacency Pairs by Native Speakers of Arabic, English and Turkish in a Conversational Discourse.
2. Hamdy, I., Editor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt. The Representation of Copts in Egyptian Literature and Drama.
3. Costa, G., Professor, University of Pisa, Italy. From the Feeling of Having been Wronged to the Intuition of Universal Rights.
4. Mehrez, S., Professor, American University in Cairo, Egypt. Found in Cairo: Between Representation and Literalism in the Visual Field.
5. Hall, K., Instructor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt. Bird by Bird: Rhetoric and Composition Pedagogy in the Middle East.

14:30-15:30 Session V: Arts and Literature II

Chair: Dr. Margarita Kefalaki, Researcher, ATINER.

1. Kotini, V., Assistant Professor, American University of Cairo, Egypt. Love across the Med: A Poetry Voyage from Ancient Egypt to Greece and Rome.
2. Paich, S., Artship Foundation, USA. Transmigration of Music: The Significance of Itinerant Musicians in Mediterranean Cultures.
3. Vinci, F., Researcher, Italy. Homer in the Baltic.
4. Baboukis, J., Director of the Music Program, American University in Cairo, Egypt. On Singing Byzantine Chant in English.

15:30-16:30: Lunch

18:00-20:30 Free Afternoon. Shop and Walk Around Plaka and Acropolis

21:30-23:00 Greek Night Entertainment

Friday, 21 March 2008

08:00-09:30 Session V: History I

Chair: Costa, G., Professor, University of Pisa, Italy.

1. Almeida, R., Assistant Professor, Francis Marion University, USA. From Pandora's Box to the Agora: The Problem of Thumos and the Female.
2. Demir, M., Assistant Professor, Mugla University, Turkey. Public Services (leitourgiai) at Athens during the Classical Period: A Reconsideration.
3. Urma, M., Associate Professor, University of Arts 'George Enescu' Iasi, Romania. The Greek Perspective in the Context of the Mediterranean Spatial Organizations.
4. Nosseir, N., Associate Professor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt. Changes and Challenges Affecting Families in North Africa.

09:30-11:00 Session VI: History II

Chair: Almeida, R., Assistant Professor, Francis Marion University, USA.

1. Starr, D., Associate Professor, Cornell University, USA. Reflections on the Colonial-Cosmopolitan Encounter: Alexandria in Contemporary Egyptian Literature.
2. Venzke, M., Associate Professor, Stetson University, USA. Syria in the 16th Century: Lands in Decline.
3. Mascilli Migliorini, L., Professor, University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italy & Canale Cama, F., Professor, University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italy. Teaching Mediterranean History.
4. Akture, Z., Assistant Professor, Izmir Institute of Technology, Turkey. On the Limits of Modern Intervention in Burial Mounds: The Examples of Tumulus Mm at Gordion, Tomb-Museum of Vergina, Tomb of Clytemnestra at Mycenae.

11:00-12:00 Session VII: Trade in the Mediterranean Basin

Chair: Starr, D., Associate Professor, Cornell University, USA.

1. Boughanmi, H., Associate Professor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman. Does Regional Trade Integration Arrangement Increase Agri-food Intra-trade? The Case of the GCC Countries using a Gravity Model Approach.
2. Saad, R., Researcher, American University in Cairo, Egypt. The Impact of Globalisation on the Production and Consumption of Traditional Crafts in Contemporary Egypt.
3. Scorbureanu, A.I., Ph.D. Student, University of Verona, Italy. A Spatial General Equilibrium Model with Discrete Choice of Differentiated Products - An application with international trade and environmental policy.
4. Trunk-Sirca, N., Director, University Center for Euro-Mediterranean Studies, Slovenia & Kovac, A., Lecturer, University Center for Euro-Mediterranean Studies, Slovenia. Internationalisation of Higher Education: Case of Establishing the Euro-Mediterranean University.
5. Bunzl, J., Associate Professor, University of Vienna, Austria. Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and European Views of the Middle East.

12:00-13:30 Session VIII: Country Case: Economic and Business Aspects of Modern Italy

Chair: Boughanmi, H., Associate Professor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.

1. Affuso, A., Ph.D. Student, University of Parma, Italy. Credit Rationing and Real Assets: Evidence from Italian Panel Data.
2. Bosetti, L., Post-Doc Fellow, University of Brescia, Italy & Salvioni, D.M., Professor, University of Brescia, Italy. Corporate Responsibility, Ethics and Management Control: Some Evidence from Italian Public Utilities.
3. Lopes, A., Professor, University of Foggia, Italy and Giordano, L., Senior Economist, Italian Stock Exchange Commission, Italy. Measuring Efficiency of Banking System in a Dualistic Economy: Do Bank size and Legal organization matter? Evidence from the Italian Case.
4. Martini, E., Study Grant Recipient, University of Sannio, Italy & Rossi, M., Study Grant Recipient, University of Sannio, Italy. The Transformation of University-Industry Relations. The Case of Campania.

13:30-15:00 Session IX: Country Case: The Role of Turkey in the Middle East and Europe

Chair: Dr. Marina Stefania Giannakaki, Deputy Head, Research Unit of Education, ATINER.

1. Yilmaz, S., Assistant Professor, Koç University, Turkey. The Role of Turkey in the Euro-Mediterranean Security: Challenges and Opportunities.
2. Sever, A., Associate Professor, Marmara University, Turkey. Reflections of 'Iraq' on Turkish Foreign Policy Behaviour.
3. Jorum, E.M., Ph.D. Student, Uppsala University, Sweden. The Value of Territory: Hatay in Turkish-Syrian Relations.
4. Krumhuber, P., Graduate Student, Vienna University, Austria. Austrian-Turkish Business Relations – Why Way behind CEE-Level.
5. Barlas, D., Associate Professor, Koç University, Turkey. Turkey in the Middle of Great Power Rivalry in the Mediterranean in the 1930s.

15:00-16:00: Lunch

16:00-20:00 Free Time for Shopping Around Syntagma Square or/and Visit the [National Archaeological Museum of Athens](#)

20:00-21:30 Dinner

Saturday, 22 March 2008

Attica tour and lunch in a Greek Tavern

Departure 08:30 from Conference Hotel

Visit Marathon

Return 16:30 to Conference Hotel

Sunday, 23 March 2008

One Day Cruise to the Aegean Islands (includes Lunch)

07:00 Bus Departure from Omonoia Square (Confirm Exact Time and Place during registration)

20:30 Return to the Center of Athens.