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CALL FOR PAPERS & PANELS

Deadline: 15 June 2020

4th WORKSHOP

on

***Security & Stability in the
Mediterranean and the Middle East***

to be held on

19-20-21 November 2020

in

Athens, Greece

This Workshop is organized by the **Institute of International Economic Relations (IIEP/IDOS)** of Athens in collaboration with:

- University of Catania, Italy
- Department of International Relations, Yasar University, Turkey
- Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean (Rhodes), Greece
- Universidad Complutense Madrid, Spain
- ARAID/Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain

RATIONALE

Vital issues of security and stability in the Mediterranean continue to dominate the regional and international agendas: for instance, recent developments in Turkey or Iran, the ongoing violence in Syria, Iraq and Libya, as well as the migration and refugee crises; the Trump Presidency's impact on the Middle East; and the growing interest of other global powers such as China. The *Mare Nostrum* remains a key area for the future of the European Union (EU)'s relationship with the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries.

Therefore, there is an absolute need to go beyond conventional understandings of security with the objective of helping to solve the ongoing political conflicts in the Euro-Mediterranean region and of bringing peace and stability to the region.

The general topics of the Workshop may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Security in the Mediterranean and the Broader Middle East

- The unknown future of Syria
- Iran and Turkey in the Middle East
- Perspectives on the Israeli–Palestinian conflict: Arab, European and American approaches
- The Persian Gulf in Crisis: strategic, political, social and economic aspects
- Issues of maritime zones delimitation in the Eastern Mediterranean
- Islam and democracy in Arab states
- Energy security and pipeline diplomacy in the Eastern Mediterranean
- The United States, the Russian Federation and other BRICS, as external actors in the Middle East and the Mediterranean

2. Migration, Refugee Crisis and Human Security in the Mediterranean and the Middle East

- The political and economic consequences of the refugee crisis
- Problems and prospects for migration in the Mediterranean region
- Irregular migration, state security and human security in the Mediterranean
- EU Security and migration policies in the Mediterranean
- Responsibility to Protect (R2P) in the Mediterranean

3. The present and future of Euro-Mediterranean relations

- Development and evaluation for the Union for Mediterranean
- Prospects of regional and sub-regional cooperation in the Mediterranean area
- The revised European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) after the Arab Spring
- Trade and economic relations between Mediterranean EU countries and other Mediterranean states
- Cultural and religious dialogues in the Mediterranean and the role of the EU
- Parliamentary dimensions of EU-Mediterranean relations

Please submit your paper abstract (200-250 words) or your panel proposals (up to four papers per panel) by **Monday 15th June 2020**, which should also include the following information: names, title, status, corresponding address, telephone numbers and email.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by **Monday 22 June 2020**, and the deadline for the submission of the papers will be on **Friday 30th October 2020**.

Please note that papers not submitted by the deadline of **30/10/2020** will NOT be accepted.

The Conference will be held in downtown Athens at the premises of the Institute of International Economic Relations. Address: 16, Panepistimiou Street

PARTICIPATION FEES AND EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION DATES:

Until 1 October 2020: **150 euros per person**

After 1 October 2020: **225 euros per person**

Fees will cover papers in electronic form, two buffet lunches and a reception.

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Paper abstracts, panel proposals and full papers should be submitted to IIER by e-mail or fax to: Mrs Stella Milioti

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Important dates

- **15 June 2020:** Paper abstracts and panel proposals submission's deadline (**please complete the attached form**)
- **22 June 2020:** notification of acceptance
- **1 October 2020:** Deadline for early bird registration (fee: 150 euros) via bank transfer
- **30 October 2020:** Paper submission deadline
- **19-20-21 November 2020:** Conference dates

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