

4th WORKSHOP ON
**Security & Stability
in the Mediterranean
and the Middle East**

MAY 30 - JUNE 1, 2024
ATHENS, GREECE

INDICATIVE TOPICS

- Security in the Mediterranean and the Broader Middle East
- Migration, Refugee Crisis and Human Security in the Mediterranean and the Middle East
- The present and future of Euro-Mediterranean relations

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- ARAID/Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain
- Center for Mediterranean Studies, Yasar University, Turkey
- Institute for European Studies, University of Malta, Malta
- Neapolis University Pafos, Cyprus
- Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Cyprus Centre, Cyprus
- University of Catania, Italy

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 30 May 2024

10:30 – 11:00 Arrival & Registration (welcome coffee)

11:00 – 13:00

PANEL 1: Impact of Gaza & Ukrainian War on the Middle East and Mediterranean

Chair: Prof. **Vivi Kefala**, Head of Middle East Programme, Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER), Greece

- Prof. **Charalampos Tsardanidis**, Honorary Professor, University of Peloponnese, Director, Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER), Greece: *Misperceptions and war: Israel, the causes and consequences of the Gaza War*
- Mrs **Laura Gil-Besada**, Chair of Legislative Studies, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg & Dr. **Stelios Stavridis**, ARAID, University of Zaragoza, Spain: *Unidas Podemos' Reaction to the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine*
- Dr. **Vasilios Th. Zoumbos**, Post Doc Fellow, Department of International and European Economic Studies, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece: *Bringing the New Era of NATO Security Reforms: The Case of Ukrainian War and its Impact on the Middle East and Mediterranean Region*

13:00– 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30

PANEL 2: Greater Maghreb, Western Security and the Decline of MENA Concept, Geopolitics, Great Powers and Hybrid Threats

Chair: Prof. **David Garcia Cantalapiedra**, PhD, Co-Director, Complutense Group of International and Strategic Studies, Spain

- Prof. **Raquel Barras**, PhD, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain: *The Decline of MENA and the rise of the Greater Maghreb Regional Security Complex*
- Prof. **Gustavo Díaz Matey**, PhD, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain: *Peace Operations: Between Deterrence and Peace Enforcement. Lessons for the Greater Maghreb*
- Prof. **Natividad Fernández-Sola**, PhD, Chair on International Law and International Relations, University of Zaragoza, Spain: *Russian Role in the Greater Maghreb*
- Prof. **David Garcia Cantalapiedra**, PhD, University of Madrid, Spain: *“Hybridization” vs. Hybrid Threats: Western Debate and Impact in the Greater Maghreb*

Friday, 31 May 2024

10:00 – 12:00

PANEL 3: Refugee Crisis, Displacement and Migration

Chair: Prof. **Roderick Pace**, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta, Malta

- Prof. **Belachew Gebrewold**, MCI, Innsbruck, University of Applied Sciences, Austria: *Postcolonial African Migration to the West: A Mimetic Desire for Being*
- Dr. **Ayman Zohry**, Independent Expert, Egypt: *Re-examining Replacement Migration as a tool for Demographic Resilience*
- Mr. **Markos Psimitis**, Researcher, Lesvos Island, Greece: *Security Unveiled: An In-Depth Analysis of the 2015 Refugee Crisis's Impact on Human Security in the EU*

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 – 14:30

PANEL 4: Politics and Migration

Chair: Mrs **Effie Charalampaki**, Head of the Research Programme on the Theory and Practice of International Relations, Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER), Greece

- Prof. **Tina Mavrikos Adamou**, Adjunct Professor of Political Science, American College of Thessaloniki, Greece: *Reconciling State Security and Humans Security: Irregular Migration in the Mediterranean*
- Asst. Prof. **Esra Dilek**, Kadir Has University, Istanbul Turkey, & Asst. Prof. **Fulya Hisarlioglu**, Kadir Has University, Istanbul Turkey: *Ethnopolitist Politics of Contention: The Ascendancy of Anti-Immigrant Parties in Greece and Turkey*
- Ms **Habiba Diaaeldin**, Political Researcher, Al Habtoor Research Centre, Cairo, Egypt: *Unraveling the Far-Right Surge in Europe and its Ripple Effects on Migration, Geopolitics, and Humanitarian Crises in the MENA Region*

14:30 – 15:30 Lunch

15:30 – 17:30

PANEL 5: Western Sahara

Chair: Dr. **Meriem Nali**, Université of Grenoble Alpes, France

- Dr. **Jacob Mundy**, Associate Professor and Director, Peace and Conflict Studies, Colgate University, USA: *Infrastructures of Global Insecurity: Western Sahara Reconsidered*

- Dr. **Sidi Omar**, Jaume I University, Spain: *Western Sahara: a critical analysis of UN management of a Protracted Conflict*
- Dr. **Meriem Nali**, Université of Grenoble Alpes, France: *Soft Power through Litigation: The Aftermath of the CJEU Rulings on EU-Morocco Trade and Beyond*

17:30 – 18:00 Coffee Break

18:00 – 20:00

PANEL 6: Parliamentary Diplomacy

Chair: Prof. **Charalampos Tsardanidis**, Honorary Professor, University of Peloponnese, Director, Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER), Greece

- Dr. **Meriem Nali**, University of Grenoble Alpes, France: *Reimagining Parliamentary Diplomacy: The European Parliament's Role in Addressing the Western Sahara Conflict in the Mediterranean*
- Asst. Prof. **Paula Lamoso González**, Loyola University Andalusia, Spain & Dr. **Stelios Stavridis**, ARAID Senior Research Fellow, University of Zaragoza, Spain: *The European Parliament and the 2023 Israel-Hamas War*
- Adj. Prof. **Jordi Xuclà Costa**, Department of Communications and International Relations, University Ramon Llull, Spain: *The New Foreign Policy of the European Union in the South Caucasus: Energy Security and Parliamentary Diplomacy*
- Prof. **Roderick Pace**, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta, Malta: *The End of Tunisia's Flirt with Democracy: EU Democracy Promotion, the European Parliament and Parliamentary Diplomacy*
- Adj. Prof. **Marta Pascal**, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain & Adj. Prof. **Jordi Xuclà Costa**, Department of Communications and International Relations, University Ramon Llull, Spain: *The Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean: Evaluation of its Work and Challenges (2014-2024)*

Saturday, 1 June 2024

10:00 – 12:00

PANEL 7: Cooperation in the Mediterranean

Chair: Prof. **Panayotis Tsakonas**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Athens, Greece

- Dr. **Andreas Kotelis**, University of Malta, Malta: *Epistemic Communities and Innovation Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean*

- Prof. **Emre İşeri**, Director, Research Center for Mediterranean, Yasar University, Turkey: *Navigating the Anthropocene: Geopolitics, Green Economic Transition, and Renewable Energy Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean.*
- Dr. **Hoda Shaltout**, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, School of Economics and Politics, New Giza University, Egypt: *The 2015 Mediterranean Crisis and European Human Rights Values: Security Comes Before R2P?*

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 – 14:30

Round Table: Turkey's Role in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East

Chair: Prof. **Charalampos Tsardanidis**, Honorary Professor, University of Peloponnese, Director, Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER), Greece

- Mr. **Alexis Lekakis Kerkyraios**, Phd Candidate, Panteion University, Greece: *The Gaza War's Impact on Iranian -Turkish relations: Still Frenemies?*
- Prof. **Emre İşeri**, Director, Research Center for Mediterranean, Yasar University, Turkey
- Associate Professor **Ekavi Athanassopoulou**, Faculty of Political Science & Public Administration, University of Athens, Greece
- Prof. **Panayotis Tsakonas**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Athens, Greece
- Dr. **Ronald Meinardus**, Senior Research Fellow; Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Greece