2015 International Neighbourhood Symposium
“Leadership and Change in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South”
Heybeliada, Turkey
23 – 28 June 2015

PROGRAM

Tuesday, 23 June 2015

Travel and arrival at approx. 20:00h

20:30 – 21:30h Welcome Dinner

Icebreaker session – What is at Play? Why these two regions? What are the stakes?
  • Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul

Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Breakfast

09:00 – 10:15h Session I: Understanding the Black Sea Region and the Caucasus
  • Sergei Konoplyov, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA
  • Eka Tkeshelashvili, Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies, Tbilisi

10:30 – 12:00h Session II: Exploring the Middle East and the Mediterranean
  • Amin Tarzi, US Marine Corps University, Quantico, VA
  • Stefanos Vallianatos, International Centre for Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies (DIKEMES), Athens

12:15 – 13:30h Session III: The European Union and its Neighbourhoods
  • Hanna Shelest, Ukrainian Peacebuilding School, Odessa
  • Dimitris Cavouras, Anna Lindh Foundation, Alexandria
  • Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul

Lunch / afternoon break

16:30 – 17:45h Session IV: The Russia Factor
  • Nadia Arbatova, Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Moscow
• Martins Murnieks, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, Bucharest

18:00 – 19:15h  Session V:  NATO’s Role and Potential  
• Barbora Maronkova, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels  
• Mustafa Aydin, Kadir Has University, Istanbul

19:30 – 20:45 Session VI:  The Energy Dynamics  
• Mitat Çelikpala, Kadir Has University, Istanbul

Dinner

Thursday, 25 June 2015

Breakfast

09:00 – 10:30h  Session VII:  Media and Change  
• Nataliya Gumenyuk, Hromadske.tv, Kyiv  
• Mohammad El-Labban, al-Araby, Istanbul

10:45 – 12:15h  Session VIII:  The Role of Business and Change  
• Serdar Dinler, Corporate Social Responsibility Association (CSR) of Turkey, Istanbul

12:30 – 14:00h  Session IX:  Gender and Change  
• Haneen Hijjawi, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Zarqa, Jordan  
• Itır Aykut, Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey (KAGIDER), Istanbul

Group Photo

Lunch / afternoon break

18:15 – 20:15h  Session X:  Debate on Civic Engagement and Democratization  
• Hans-Georg Fleck, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, Istanbul  
• Nelly Corbel, Lazord Foundation, Paris  
• Natalia Budescu, Romanian NGDO Platform (FOND), Bucharest  
• Sanem Güner, The Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Istanbul

Dinner

Friday, 26 June 2015

Breakfast

Structured Dialogue Workshops on Leadership and Change  
(Facilitated by Benjamin Broome, Arizona State University)

09:00 – 09:30h  Introduction and Overview of Workshops

09:30 – 11:30h  Workshop 1:  Identifying Challenges
11:45 – 13:30h  Workshop 2: Categorizing Challenges  
Selecting Most Important Challenges

**Lunch / afternoon break**

Optional visit to the Halki Seminary

17:15 – 18:30h  Case Study Presentation on Structured Dialogue

18:30 – 20:30h  Workshop 3: Analyzing Challenges

**Dinner**

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**Saturday, 27 June 2015**

**Breakfast**

09:00 – 11:00h  Workshop 4: Generating Action Recommendations

11:15 – 12:00h  Workshop 5: Identifying Relevant Projects and Forming Implementation Teams

12:00 – 14:00h  Workshop 6: Implementation Planning

**Lunch / afternoon break**

18:30 – 20:00h  Presentation of Project Proposals

20:00 – 20:30h  Symposium wrap up - Closing Session

**Farewell Dinner**

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**Sunday, 28 June 2015**

**Early morning departure**