

2012 International Neighbourhood Symposium

“Security and Democracy in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South in the Wake of the Arab Awakening”

Heybeliada, Turkey

26 June – 1 July 2012

The Center for International and European Studies (CIES) at Kadir Has University will host the **2nd International Neighbourhood Symposium** at Heybeliada, Turkey from Tuesday, 26 June – Sunday, 1 July 2012. This year’s Symposium will focus on “**Security and Democracy in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South in the Wake of the Arab Awakening**”

The recent changes in the Southern Mediterranean are unlike any we have seen in the past. Starting with the Green Movement in Iran followed by the uprisings in Tunisia, Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Yemen and Syria citizens have awakened to a new sense of government accountability. Individuals concerned with overall economic well-being, employment, human rights of women and minorities, and the larger framework of good governance stepped out on the streets to demand that their requests be met. Keeping the developments in the Southern Mediterranean in mind, we move to the Eastern Neighbourhood, where similar challenges exist however; which have not been addressed with as much enthusiasm or support. Both regions face security challenges with energy concerns looming large in the equation. As the democratization process takes root in some contexts and remains a distant concept in others, we look at what role NATO and the European Union might play in both regions. Additionally, we look at whether the business community has a specific added value that can present new opportunities for progress. All of these points will be discussed further through Structured Dialogue Workshops with Professor Benjamin Broome from Arizona State University.

The International Neighbourhood Symposium aims to promote further understanding and cooperation in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South and beyond by providing a forum for study, dialogue and networking in a multicultural and interdisciplinary environment. Young professionals and graduate students primarily from the countries of the Eastern Neighbourhood, the Mediterranean South, EU member states, and the United States are the Symposium target group. In addition, applicants from the fields of public policy, politics, journalism, and business are especially encouraged to apply. The target age group is 22-35 years of age.

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