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EVENTS

2ND EXPERT TASK FORCE MEETING ON THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE EASTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD

26 November 2014

The CIES, in cooperation with the German Marshall Fund of the United States has established a Task Force to provide policy outputs and recommendations for an EU strategy for the Black Sea Region. The second meeting was held at German Marshall Fund's Berlin office.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ISLAM

17 November 2014

The CIES, in cooperation with the Corporate Social Responsibility Association of Turkey and the Hollings Center for International Dialogue, hosted an international conference on "CSR in Islam (Corporate Social Responsibility in Islam)" at Kadir Has University's Galata Hall.

1914-2014: THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY

22 October 2014

The CIES, in cooperation with the Department of International Relations and the Middle East and Africa Research Center, held a panel discussion titled "1914-2014: The Trials and Tribulations of Turkish Foreign Policy" at Kadir Has University's Fener Hall.

PROJECTS

PROMOTING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE THROUGH DIALOGUE BETWEEN TURKEY AND IRAN

December 2014-September 2015

The CIES is launching a 10-month long project on "Promoting Civic Engagement and Good Governance through dialogue between Turkey and Iran." The project aims to strengthen the capability of youth and women towards civic engagement and good governance in Iran and Turkey. The Project will help the participants to advocate the virtues of good governance, civic engagement and human rights in their societies.

RESEARCH ON GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS

November 2014

CIES Director **Dimitrios Triantaphyllou** and Associate Professor **Kostas Ifantis** (Kadir Has University and the University of Athens) have recently concluded a collaborative research project on **Greek-Turkish relations**. The project, titled "National Role Perceptions and Foreign Policy Orientation: the Ideational Bases of Greek Political Elite's Perception and Policy Towards Turkey", was chosen by the London School of Economics' Hellenic Observatory through a competitive open call for proposals. The granting organization is the National Bank of Greece.

PUBLICATIONS

"TURKEY AND THE G20 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA" PUBLISHED

November 2014

Following the expert meeting held on 26 June 2014 on "Turkey and the G-20 Development Agenda: Where to Stand?" hosted by the CIES in partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, the roundtable brief containing recommendations for Turkey's donor role in the G20, has been published.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2015 INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD SYMPOSIUM



The CIES will host the **5th International Neighbourhood Symposium** at Heybeliada, Turkey between Tuesday, 23 June and Sunday, 28 June 2015.

This year's Symposium will focus

on "Leadership and Change in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South". The call for application will be available online by 31 December 2014.

UPCOMING EVENTS

29 January 2015: "3rd Expert Task Force Meeting on the European Union and the Eastern Neighbourhood" to be hosted by the European Policy Centre (EPC) in Brussels.

23-27 February 2015: Civic Engagement and Democratization Seminar – 1st seminar of the project on "Promoting Civic Engagement and Good Governance through dialogue between Turkey and Iran" to be held at Kadir Has University.

30 March-4 April 2015: The Participation of Women in Civic Engagement – 2nd seminar of the project on "Promoting Civic Engagement and Good Governance through dialogue between Turkey and Iran" to be held at Kadir Has University.

Director's Corner

Our world is changing and being redefined and with it so are we. In an age of growing sectarianism, conflict, populism, and regional flux, the CIES has been working hard to contribute to understanding some of these issues through public and closed debates; the implementation of research projects; publications; and synergies between young elites; and by expanding its areas of focus. The work we have done over the last two and a half months reflects these priorities through their focus on the wider neighborhood (the European Union, the wider Middle East, and the wider Black Sea area) that Turkey finds itself a part of. Some of the focus is of a bilateral nature – such as the study on the perceptions of Greek elites towards Turkey and its foreign policy and its very interesting findings. Others such as the Expert Task Force on the European Union and the Eastern Neighbourhood or the conference on CSR and Islam have a more regional focus. Most importantly, the bulk of our work is the product of partnerships with like-minded institutions in Turkey and abroad.

The same applies to new projects we are developing including the promotion of civic engagement and good governance through dialogue between Turkey and Iran, and the fifth edition of the International Neighbourhood Symposium. Both aforementioned projects target young leaders and are meant at enhancing the links between them.

The New Year will also see the CIES more active on the publications front with new analysis in its Neighbourhood Policy Paper and its CIES Policy Brief series as well as its involvement in summer schools, major national and international academic conferences, and the development of new projects that will be announced in due time.

As we continue to strive to understand our changing world and hope to contribute with our input, however small, to finding solutions to its numerous challenges, my colleagues and I would like to wish you – the reader, the partner, the supporter – all the best for the New Year and look forward to interacting with you in 2015.

Dimitrios Triantaphyllou

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16 April 2015: International Conference on "Turkey's Foreign and Security Policies"

7 May 2015: Europe Day Event

23-28 June 2015: 5th International Neighbourhood Symposium on "Leadership and Change in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South" to be held in Heybeliada, Istanbul.

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