The Black Sea Region in Transition: New Challenges and Concepts

Vouliagmeni, Attica, Greece
19 – 23 September 2011

DRAFT PROGRAMME
**Monday, 19 September 2011**

*Travel and arrival at the hotel*

*Welcome Dinner*

**Tuesday, 20 September 2011**

*Breakfast*

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<td><strong>Welcome and briefing:</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Zefi DIMADAMA</em>, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens&lt;br&gt; <em>Orsalia KALANTZOPOULOS</em>, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB), Thessaloniki&lt;br&gt; <em>David KERESELIDGE</em>, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens</td>
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<td><strong>Session I: Security and transnational risks in the Black Sea area</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Speakers:</strong> <em>Nadia ARBATOVA</em>, Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow</td>
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<td><strong>Session II: Euro-Atlantic institutions and security structures: their role in the Black Sea area</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Speakers:</strong> <em>Ino AFENTOULI</em>, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO Headquarters, Brussels (TBC)&lt;br&gt; <em>Ognyan MINCHEV</em>, Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS), Sofia&lt;br&gt; <em>Tigran MKRTCHYAN</em>, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Yerevan</td>
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| 15:30–18:00h| **Workshop I with 3 parallel Working Groups (student's presentations and discussion)**<br> **Coordinators / Moderators:**<br> WG 1 - ……<br> WG 2 - Prof. Goltz<br> WG 3 - Dr. Monastiriotis<br> **Presenter:** ...........................................
**Wednesday, 21 September 2011**

**Thematic 2: Institutional reforms and participation**

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| 10:00-11:00h | Session III: Institutional reforms, experience and knowledge transfer in the Black Sea area | *Peter SEMNEBY*, Council of the European Union, General Secretariat, Brussels  
*Ioannis STRIBIS*, OSCE Secretariat, Vienna |
| 11:00-11:30h | Session IV: The role of NGOs and civil society in good governance       | *Alina INAYEH*, the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, a project of the GMFUS, Bucharest (TBC) |

11:30-12:00h Coffee break

**Thematic 3: Regional cooperation and sustainable development**

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| 12:00-13:00h | Session V: Economic development and welfare: convergence or divergence in the Black Sea area? | *Panayotis GAVRAS*, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB), Thessaloniki  
*Vassilis MONASTIRIOTIS*, Hellenic Observatory, European Institute, LSE, London  
-“Growth models and development trajectories: discussing alternative drivers to growth from the Eastern European experience”- |

13:45-15.30h Lunch / afternoon break

**15:30-18:00h Workshop II with 3 parallel Working Groups (student's presentations and discussion)**

Coordinators / Moderators:  
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Presenter:  
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Thursday, 22 September 2011

**Breakfast**

10:00-11:00h  Session VI: The EU and Black Sea Cooperation: new EU programmes and policies

Speakers:  *Ghinea Arminio IORGA*, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB), Thessaloniki  
- "Social and political implications of the Global Crisis for the Black Sea region: austerity economies in theory and practice"-

*Elkhan NURIYEV*, Alexander von Humboldt Research Professor of Political Science, Berlin  
- "Reorienting EU policy in the wider Black Sea region: prospects of a new Eastern Partnership"-

**Thematic 4: Environmental governance**

11:00-12:00h  Session VII: Climate change and green growth

Speakers:  *Zefi DIMADAMA*, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens  
*Thomas GOLTZ*, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT  
- "The new Silk Road: academic adventures in energy and the environment"-

*Andrikos PAPANDREOU*, Department of Economics, University of Athens, Athens (TBC)

11:00-12:00h  Session VIII: The new green agenda for the Black Sea: green entrepreneurship, environmental governance, new environmental policies

Speakers:  *Sureyya MERIC PAGANO*, Namik Kemal University, Tekirdağ

12:00-12:30h  Coffee break

**12:30-13:30h  Session IX: Energy security and conflict resolution in the Black Sea area**

Speakers:  *Mamuka TSERETELI*, Center for Black Sea-Caspian Studies; School of International Service, American University, Washington, D.C.  
*Howard CHASE*, BP Europe, Brussels  
*Theodore TSAKIRIS*, EKEM's Observatory for European Energy Policy, Athens

13:45-15:30h  Lunch / afternoon break

**17:00-18:30h  Plenary Session**

19:00h  *Sounio excursion*

20.30h  *Farewell Dinner*
Breakfast

8.45h Departure from hotel and travel