



**2008 International Symposium
“The Wider Black Sea Area in Perspective”
Programme**

Tuesday, 1 July 2008

Travel to Kalymnos

20:30-21:00

Briefing on the Seminar

21:00-21:30

Welcome Address: H.E. Yannis **Valinakis**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Athens

Welcome Dinner

Wednesday, 2 July 2008

Breakfast

9:30-11:30

Session I: The Black Sea: Searching for an Identity

Speaker: Charles **King**, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Break

12:00-14:00

Session II: The Wider Black Sea Area in Perspective - What is at Stake?

Speakers: Alexandros **Yannis**, Council of the European Union, General Secretariat, Brussels
Dimitrios **Triantaphyllou**, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens

Lunch and afternoon break

18:00-19:30

Session III: Regionalism in the wider Black Sea area – Origins, Evolution, Impact, Assessment and Future Prospects

Speakers: Sergiu **Celac**, UNDP Romania/ National Center for Sustainable Development, Bucharest
Panagiota **Manoli**, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens
Leonidas **Chrysanthopoulos**, Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS, Istanbul

19:30-21:00

Session IV: The Black Sea Economic Environment: Obstacles and Incentives

Speakers: Serdar **Sayan**, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara
Panagiota **Manoli**, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens

Dinner

Thursday, 3 July 2008

Breakfast

9:30-11:00

Session V: The Security Dimension – Key Issues and Concerns

Speakers: Tedo **Japaridze**, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens
Sergei **Markedonov**, Institute for Political and Military Analysis, Moscow
Styopa **Safaryan**, Member of Parliament, Yerevan

Break

11:30-13:00

Session VI: Exploring the Frozen Conflicts

Speakers: Carlo **Masala**, University of the Federal Armed Forces, Munich
Paul **Quinn-Judge**, Central Asia Project Director, Crisis Group, Bishkek
Dimitrios **Triantaphyllou**, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens

13:00-14:30

Session VII: The Geopolitics of Energy

Speakers: John **Roberts**, Platts, London
Jonathan **Elkind**, EastLink Consulting LLC; The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
Tedo **Japaridze**, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens

Lunch and afternoon break

18:00-20:30

Study Groups

Study Group I

The Security Dimension-Key Issues and Concerns: Hard and Soft Security Issues (Exploring the 'Frozen Conflicts', maritime security, human security, terrorism, organised crime etc.)

Moderator: Ivanna **Klympush-Tsintadze**, Deputy Director of Programs, Open Ukraine Foundation, Kyiv

Study Group II

Assessing Regionalism in the Wider Black Sea Area

Origins, Evolution, Impact, Economic Cooperation and the Future Prospects

Moderator: Nikolaos **Emirzas**, Attaché for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Athens

Study Group III

Analysing the Role of the extra-regional actors (EU, US, NATO) in the region

Moderator: Pelin **Musabay**, Secretary General, Youth Atlantic Treaty Association-Turkey, Istanbul; Research Assistant, Council of International Relations, Ankara

Study Group IV

Analysing the interests, agendas, strategies of the Key regional Stakeholders (Regional Organisations, local 'hegemons')

Moderator: Tigran **Mkrtchyan**, Armenian Analyst, European Stability Initiative, Yerevan

Dinner

Friday, 4 July 2008

Breakfast

9:30-11:30

Session VIII: The Role of European and EuroAtlantic and Institutions

- **The Role of the EU in the Wider Black Sea Area**

Speakers: Fabrizio **Tassinari**, University of Copenhagen; Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels

Andreas **Marchetti**, Centre for European Integration Studies, Bonn

Tobias **Bergner**, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

- **The Role of NATO in the Wider Black Sea Area**

Speaker: Ino **Afentouli**, NATO Headquarters, Brussels

Break

12:00-14:00

Session IX: The Role of Key Stakeholders: Russia, Turkey, and the United States

Speakers: Mustafa **Aydin**, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara

Nadia **Arbatova**, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Fraser **Cameron**, EU-Russia Centre, Brussels

Lunch and afternoon break

18:00-20:30

Study Groups

Dinner

Saturday, 5 July 2008

Breakfast

9:30-11:30

Study Groups

Break

12:00-14:00

Session X: Enhancing Regional Cooperation – the transregional dimension and the thematic approach

Speakers: Sergei **Konoplyov**, Harvard Black Sea Security Program, Cambridge, MA
Dimitrios **Triantaphyllou**, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens

Lunch and afternoon break

18:00-19:00

Study Groups

19:00-21:00

Study Group Presentations – Participants Receive Certificates

Study Group I

Rapporteurs: Ayşe **Kesler**, Phd Candidate Bilkent University, Department of International Relations, Ankara
Baptiste **Chatré**, Research Associate, Center Thucydide, Paris 2 University, Paris

Study Group II

Rapporteurs: Özgür **Özdamar**, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Tobb University of Economics and Technology, Ankara
Svetlana **Prykhodko**, Student, International Information and English Interpreting, Slavonic University, Kyiv; Youth Atlantic Treaty Association (YATA) of Ukraine, Project Manager

Study Group III

Rapporteur: Hanna **Shelest**, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of Ukraine, Odessa

Study Group IV

Rapporteurs: Miruna **Constantinescu**, MA EU Public Affairs Candidate, International Politics and Development Studies, Middlesex University, London
Dmytro **Shulga**, European Program Senior Manager, International Renaissance Foundation (The Open Society Foundation in Ukraine), Kyiv

Closing Dinner

Sunday, 6 July 2008

Departure

Public figures that intervened during the Symposium:

- Leonidas **Chrysanthopoulos**, Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS, Istanbul
- Yannis **Valinakis**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Athens
- Peter **Semneby**, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Council of the European Union, General Secretariat, Brussels

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