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KEY FORTHCOMING EVENTS



“The European Constitution and the Future of Europe”

Our campaign around Greece is continuing throughout March and April.

On the 9th of April we will be in **Syros** and on the 17th in **Rhodes**. For dates on other main Greek cities please consult our website.

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A GOOD START ALL AROUND?

Developments appear to have been unpredictably hopeful on a number of fronts in world affairs. This perspective is naturally cushioned in cautious, and even slightly hesitant, optimism; nonetheless, there have been some encouraging advances.

As the ratification of the European Constitutional Treaty is proceeding, efforts are being stepped up to raise public awareness and understanding vis-à-vis the

content of the Constitution across all EU Member States. This is a welcome development as core issues of EU affairs are brought to the forefront of the political debate and European citizens are being informed.

At the same time, there appears to be willingness on behalf of both sides to re-boost EU-US relations. President Bush's first official visit was to Brussels and, it aimed to symbolically underline that the US favours a strong Europe. There remain deep differences with regard to Iraq, Iran, the issue of lifting the China arms ban or the Kyoto Protocol to name but a few, but the disposition of both sides can be overall described as having improved.

The first months of 2005 also witnessed developments in the Middle East. The electoral results in Palestine appear to have given a new impetus to all sides involved in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict to work on the Peace Process again. The London Meeting to support Palestinian institution-building recognized the fragility in this revived momentum but has encouraged all sides to continue on the path of dialogue and negotiation. Participation in the elections in Iraq spurred a plethora of articles on Arab democracy and on the potential implications of these elections for the other countries in the region. At the same time, the political system of Egypt appears to be opening up further; and, here too, presidential elections are expected to take place later this year. The violent developments in Lebanon have triggered strong reactions from both sides of the Atlantic and the future relationship between Syria and Lebanon is deliberated an re-assessed.

Equally, the EU's attention remains fixed on the Balkans. All positive developments regarding co-operation with the ICTY constitute steps to bringing the Western Balkans closer to the EU. Kosovo remains the hot item on the agenda and discussions on a viable and fair resolution are picking up speed.

In light of these developments, and through the Halki International Seminars (HIS), ELIAMEP continues to provide a forum for discussion among academics and policy practitioners from the North and the South of the Mediterranean, the European Union, the United States, and the CIS Republics. Our objectives for the 2005 Halki International Seminars will be to identify important global trends and challenges, to discuss the role of various international actors in addressing those challenges, and to debate Europe's future courses.

NEWS ON ELIAMEP'S RESEARCH PROJECTS

LeCORPP – LEARNING CONFLICT RESOLUTION & PRODUCING PEACE

Funded by “Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue” Civil Society Development of the European Commission Representation to Turkey. ELIAMEP's partner to the project is the Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) at Sabanci University, Istanbul.

On 18-20 February 2005, the final conference of the project “Learning Conflict Resolution and Producing Peace” concluded LeCORPP that has been running for the past year. The project aimed at providing upper level university students with the necessary skills to be active participants in conflict resolution and citizenship. The purpose of the project was three-fold: (a) to train university students in conflict management and conflict resolution techniques; (b) to help trigger the process of adaptation and internalization of qualities of mutual respect and tolerance of the “other”; and (c) to develop a curriculum that could be used in universities of Greece and Turkey. At the end of the project, we can say with confidence that these goals were successfully accomplished.

The core participants were thirty students: fifteen Greeks and fifteen Turks. For the last year, these students worked closely together and participated in two seminars (one in Istanbul and the other in Athens) with the goal of producing joint studies the whole spectrum of Greek-Turkish relations. In other words, teams or dyads of Greeks and Turks were given the responsibility of working together and writing a joint essay.



Student group working together

To our knowledge, never before has a Greek and a Turkish student wrote a joint paper. In this sense, this project provided students with the ability to establish new codes of communication and to network; these most certainly will contribute to the effort of strengthening Greek-Turkish rapprochement. The challenge for the students was to find a common language on issues that have been taboos or have divided Greek and Turkish societies. The results of this effort were very positive and they were presented

during our final conference. Beyond the fifteen participants, another sixty university students actively participated in a very vivid debate that took place during the two-day conference.

The papers presented covered a number of important issues in Greek-Turkish relations that were grouped in four major panels. In the first panel entitled “Dynamics of Crisis and Co-operation”, the students addressed the issues of the Aegean dispute, the sources of the Imia/Kardak crisis and the debate on “earthquake” diplomacy. The second panel, entitled “The European Union and Greek-Turkish Foreign Policy”, examined the issue of Cyprus within the European framework, the role of the EU in the Greek-Turkish rivalry and co-operation and examined how the Europeanization process has affected decision makers and policy makers in both countries. Panel three was entitled “Religion and Culture in Greek-Turkish relations” and addressed the very sensitive issues of the role of religion and culture in Greek-Turkish relations as well as the Greek and Turkish arguments about the ecumenical character of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch. Finally, the fourth panel on “Civil Society, Social Issues and Democratization” examined the role of civil society in Greek-Turkish rapprochement, the asylum policies of Greece and Turkey, and the democratic impact of EU on Greece and Turkey.



Conference in Athens, 18-20 February 2005

During the conference, participants were also able to benefit from an open panel discussion on “Greek-Turkish Relations: Then and Now” with former Ambassadors Byron Theodoropoulos and Ilter Turkmen, moderated by Professor Theodore Couloumbis.

The two partner institutes, ELIAMEP and IPC, will soon disseminate the papers.

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WORKSHOP ON “KOSOVO: SEEKING A SUSTAINABLE STATUS”

with the support of the German Marshall Fund of the U.S. and NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division

On 4-6 March 2005, ELIAMEP organised the fifth Workshop within the framework of the Forum on New Security Issues (FONSI): Shared Interests and Values between Southeast Europe and the Transatlantic Community. This workshop focused on Kosovo and was held in Thessaloniki, Greece.



Thessaloniki, 4-6 March 2005. From left to right: Mr. S. Lehne (Director- Balkans, Council of the EU), Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Y. Valinakis, Prof. Th. Couloumbis (ELIAMEP), Mr. G. Svrilanovic (Chair WI, Stability Pact for SEE-Belgrade), MP Mr. V. Surroi (Prishtina).

In the aftermath of the recent violence in Kosovo there has been a lot of discussion on the final status of Kosovo as well as on the role of the international community in achieving a sustainable status settlement. The challenge for the actors involved is to promote the maintenance of a multi-ethnic society in Kosovo as well as to accelerate final status negotiations in order to prevent another crisis from developing. What role does the international community have to play to this end? What are the enabling and what are the limiting factors to this effort? Are local societies ready to accept a painful compromise?

These were among the main issues that were examined during the two-day workshop. The dialogue was open and candid and allowed participants to put forward specific policy proposals about the role of the international actors guaranteeing a sustainable status in Kosovo, the protection of minorities and the protection of Serbian cultural and religious sites.

The conference report will be available from our website by the end of March, and the 6th FONSI Workshop will take place in May. *For further information on FONSI’s forthcoming activities, please contact:* Ms. Elizabeth Phocas (Elizabeth@eliamep.gr) Mr. Philippos Savvides (philippos@eliamep.gr)

FEATURED EVENTS

INFORMATION CAMPAIGN FOR THE EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION

From January and until May 2005, ELIAMEP is organizing conferences on the European Constitution in large cities across Greece. The aim is to inform citizens and to stimulate the public debate about the European Constitution, the debate on the future of Europe and the major European issues. These conferences fall within the Hellenic Foreign Ministry’s Campaign “*European Constitution: Europe moves forward, Greece gains.*” In this project, ELIAMEP is grateful for the co-operation of the Hellenic Centre for European Studies (EKEM), and the support of the Representation of the European Commission and the office of the European Parliament in Greece.



Athens- Zappeion Megaron, 12 January 2005. Left to right: Mr. P. Trigazis, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Y. Valinakis, Ms M. Houkli (panel co-ordinator), Prof. L. Tsoukalis (ELIAMEP), MP A. Diamantopoulou, MP A. Skylakos.

Through its participation in this project, ELIAMEP is actively promoting public discussion and debate on European issues, and it particularly targets the less informed groups of the Greek population. Such a project was thought necessary given the apathy that characterizes large parts of the Greek (and European) population when it comes to European matters. Until today, public debates in Greece about the future of Europe and the European Constitution have been limited and these have tended to cater to only a few sections of the population, particularly in the Attica region. In this respect, the core of the debate on European issues continued to retain a rather elitist approach, which seems to have characterized the process of European integration from its origins. Indicative of the limited information that citizens receive on European issues is the fact that, while 69% of the Greeks support the European Constitution, 49% of them have not heard of it, according to the recent Eurobarometer.

In Greece, the European Constitution will be ratified by the Parliament and not through a referendum. Nonetheless, it is the firm belief of all the participating institutions that this Information Campaign is important, or rather necessary, and must be held prior to the parliamentary discussion.



Patras, 24 January 2005. Left to right:
 Prof. P. Spyralakis, Prof. L. Tsoukalis (ELLAMEP), Mr. A. Vouldis (panel co-ordinator), Prof P. Ioakimidis, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Y. Valinakis.

The first public debate on “The European Constitution and the Future of Europe” was held on the 12th of January 2005 in Athens. Since then, conferences have already been organized in **Patra, Thessaloniki, Lamia, Komotini, Ioannina and Tripoli**. Academics, experts on European issues, representatives of the European institutions and civil society representatives have addressed local audiences and have participated in very vivid debates on the need for this Constitution, on the ratification challenges, and on the future direction of the enlarged EU.

Each conference is organized with the support and co-operation of local institutions, authorities and associations (universities, polytechnics, professional associations, etc.), in order to ensure the representation and participation of the local civil society. Our next stops include: **Kozani, Larissa, Heraklio, Chania, Syros, Corfu, Rhodes and Mytilini**. For dates and participation in these future events please contact our Activities Department.

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The full text of the European Constitution and additional information on related initiatives can be found on the Europa web-server:
http://europa.eu.int/constitution/index_el.htm

LECTURE BY THE PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA, MR. THABO MBEKI

In the context of his official state visit to Greece, the President of South Africa Mr Thabo Mbeki was invited by ELLAMEP to give a lecture on “**Contemporary International Challenges**”. The event took place on Thursday, 24 February 2005, and was organized in co-operation with the Embassy of South Africa in Greece.

In his lecture, Mr Mbeki identified peace, poverty and development as international challenges inextricably linked with the Africa. In dealing with these issues within the African continent, Mr Mbeki underlined two parameters:

- The need for Africans to assume an active role on matters that concern their future and their development; and,
- The interdependence of the African countries.

In particular, President Mbeki emphasized the importance for Africans to anchor their development on their own talent and resources. He urged for the need to break with past practices that restricted their role to that of mere bystanders. President Mbeki stressed that what the Africans need from their international partners is their support for the implementation of African plans for action. In this context, reference was made to *The New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)*, which is the strategic framework for Africa’s renewal, and the G8 African Action Plan. NEPAD provides for the establishment of partnerships between the G8 countries and those African countries which will successfully implement the NEPAD principles.

It was equally pointed out that one cannot isolate the successes or the failures of any individual African country. The states of the African continent are interdependent and, African unity aspires to reflect co-operation, uniform rules for development, a joint commitment to respond to poverty and to advance democracy, and the responsibility to intervene in the face of atrocities like the genocide in Rwanda. Beyond the African continent, the principle of interdependence has a broad global scope and is directly linked with the process of globalisation. Countries cannot act on their own but only as an integral part of an international community and on the basis of multilateral arrangements and agreements.

Mr Mbeki also referred to gender equality, racism and the environment, as global challenges that need to be addressed within the African continent as well as internationally. In conclusion, he re-emphasised the principle of interdependence in a globalized world and expressed his support for the creation of a global system that will efficiently address contemporary international challenges without being undemocratic and without excluding the less powerful of the world.

In the discussion that followed, three main issues were raised: the future of NEPAD and the function of its peer review mechanism, the readiness of the other African leaders to tackle with the aforementioned global challenges and, the African expectations in the face of the upcoming G8 Summit in Scotland in July 2005.

LECTURE BY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GREECE, MR. CHARLES P. REIS

Charles P. Reis, the new U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic, was invited by ELIAMEP to give a lecture on **“The U.S. and Greece in Today’s World”**. The event took place on Tuesday 8 March 2005, at the Zappeion Conference Hall.

Ambassador Reis opened his lecture by referring to the new security environment created the day after 9/11 and the willingness of most states to participate in the global fight against terrorism.

Mr. Reis’ lecture covered a wide range of issues that are considered priority areas for co-operation on behalf of the U.S. He referred to Greek-US relations at a bilateral level, but also in the context of the wider EU-US partnership. Moreover, Mr. Reis referred to the Balkans and the leading role of Greece, as an EU and NATO member, to promote peace, security and prosperity in the region. He also pointed to the positive developments in the Greek-Turkish relations, particularly in view of Turkey’s EU membership aspirations. With regard to Cyprus he stressed that the US is committed to a reunited island and that a viable solution requires the consent and participation of both sides.

Mr. Reis focused on the continuing fight against terrorism while emphasising on the need to promote and support the new sovereign democratic regimes in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also commented on the importance of Greece’s support in the reconstruction and the peace building efforts in these regions. Mr Reis stated that “democracy is contagious” and referred to the latest developments in Lebanon, stressing that events are unfolding throughout the Middle East.

Greece has developed a new profile in the world scene and, the seat it currently holds in the UNSC enhances its special responsibility toward international peace and security and adds special weight to its choices. Against this background, Ambassador Reis identified a few primary, common goals between the US and Greece insisting on the fight against terrorism and the development of non-proliferation regimes, the resolution of the Cyprus issue and Turkey’s EU membership.

In the discussion that followed, a wide range of issues were raised. Emphasis was placed on the widening gap between the North and South and the directions of the US development assistance in targeting these problems; on the issue of consistency and coherence in promoting freedom, liberty and democracy in international affairs; on the unexpected US decision to recognise FYROM by its constitutional name; and

finally, transatlantic co-operation on issues of global terrorism and security in general.

ABOUT OUR TEAM: ELIAMEP’S NEW RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

ELIAMEP’s Board of Director’s appointed the Foundation’s research associates for 2005-2006. ELIAMEP’s research scope has gradually expanded into new policy areas and we hope that this can also be reflected in the areas of expertise of our associates listed below.

We are extremely pleased to welcome to our team the new associates and to renew our collaboration with our more senior experts:

- Dimitris Antoniou, DPhil candidate, University of Oxford, [Religion and politics]
- Jens Bastian, PhD, Investment Analyst, [Balkan economies]
- Effie Fokas, PhD, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, [European Identity and Religion, Theories of Nationalism]
- Andreas Kintis, PhD, University of Hull, UK, [European Affairs]
- Christos Kollias, Associate Professor, University of Thessaly, [Defence economics]
- Lambis Kondonis, PhD, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, [Balkan Affairs]
- Georgios Kostakos, PhD, University of Kent, UK, [United Nations Affairs]
- Irene Lagani, Assistant Professor, Democretion University of Thrace, [Contemporary Political History, Minorities in SE Europe]
- Panagiotis Liargovas, Associate Professor, Peloponnese University, [International Economics]
- Antigoni Lyberaki, Professor, Panteion University [Small-Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Labour Market, Welfare State, Immigration]
- George Pagoulatos, Assistant Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business [European Public Policy, Political Economy]
- Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, Assistant Professor, University of Athens, [Public Administration, Welfare State, Democratisation, SE Europe]
- Aristotle Tziampiris, Lecturer, University of Piraeus, [Foreign Policy, Balkan Affairs]
- Sappho Xenaki, DPhil candidate, University of Oxford, [Organised crime]
- Alexandros Yannis, PhD, Geneva University, Switzerland, [Balkan Affairs]

Halki International Seminars

FORGING REGIONAL COOPERATION

2005

The Halki International Seminars (HIS) are the pride and joy of ELLAMEP, forming the core of its training activities for young leaders. The HIS have been held annually since 1990 on the small island of Halki in the Aegean Sea (off the island of Rhodes).

Information on the sessions and dates of this year's Halki International Seminars will be available on our website in mid-April!

The primary purpose of the Halki International Seminars is to promote the exchange of ideas and experiences leading to greater understanding and forging links among young political and economic decision-makers, researchers, academics, journalists and other professionals interested in international affairs, while offering training packages on the processes of European integration and the building of civil societies.

Recent sessions have been funded by the European Commission, NATO, the EU Institute for Security Studies, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Bertelsmann Foundation, the Soros Foundation, the Volkswagen Foundation, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Eleni Nakou Foundation, the International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), the International Development Cooperation Department (Hellenic Aid) at the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of the Aegean, the Ministry of Culture and the General Secretariat for Youth among other donors.

If your company or institution is interested in supporting our HIS, please contact our Development Officer: Ms Christianna Karageorgopoulou (christianna@eliamep.gr)



OUR PUBLICATIONS

Occasional Papers and Postgraduate Notes may be in either Greek or English and can be downloaded from the Publications Section of our website. If you are interested in submitting a paper for publication, please contact Dr. Thanos Dokos, Director of Studies. All papers are reviewed anonymously by an expert in the field.

Additions to our Occasional Papers Series based on last year's Halki International Seminar on 2004 "Redefining the European Project":

Working Papers

- 04.1.1. *Of Core Groups and Directorates; From Avant Garde to Arrière garde*; by William Paterson
- 04.2.1. *European and Polish democracy and participation*; by Lena Kolarska – Bobińska
- 04.2.2. *Calculation, Community, and Cues: Public Opinion on European Integration*; by Liesbet Hooghe
- 04.2.3. *Party Ideology & EU Integration: An East- West Comparison*; by Gary Marks
- 04.3.1. *Irregular Migration, Security and Rights in the EU*; by Ryszard Cholewinski
- 04.3.2. *Minority Rights and the EU: Before, During and After Enlargement*; by Gwendolyn Sasse
- 04.3.3. *In the Balance: Internal Security and Civil Liberties in the European Union*; by Monica den Boer
- 04.3.4. *Post-Accession Strategies for Resolving the Statelessness Problem in the Baltic States*; by Nida Gelazis
- 04.4.1. *Is there a European model and, if so, does it need to adjust?* by Iain Begg
- 04.4.2. *The European Union and the New Growth Paradigm*; by Paolo Guerrieri
- 04.4.3. *The Political Dynamics of External Empowerment: The emergence of EMU & the challenge to the European social model*; by Kevin Featherstone
- 04.4.4. *Economic governance and the EU budget: A survey of the issues and a modest proposal for stimulating labour market reform*; by Nikos Koutsiaras & contribution by George Andreou
- 04.5.1. *The EU as a Global Power: Vision or Nightmare?* by Olav Knudsen
- 04.5.2. *The Challenge of the Near Abroad*; by Iver B. Neumann
- 04.5.3. *The Challenge of the Near Abroad*; by William Wallace

ELIAMEP Postgraduate Notes

- PN05.01. "Strategic culture in post-war Europe" by Georgios Skemperis.
- PN05.02. "Η ένταξη της Τουρκίας στην Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση" από τη Μαρία Τσώνη.