

SOLVING THE SECURITY PUZZLE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST

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Friday 24 November 2006

13:30 - 15:00 Informal lunch for participants who have arrived *Aristotelis conference room 5*

13:00 – 16:00 Registration *Aristotelis foyer*

16:00-16:15 **Introductory remarks** *Aristotelis conference room No 1,2,6*
Dr. Thanos Dokos, Director General, ELIAMEP, Athens

16:15- 18:00 **Strategic Actors in Eurasia:** Interests and policies vis-à-vis the Mediterranean and the Broader Middle East; Competing or converging strategic visions? The need for strategic dialogue

Chair: **Mr. Daniel Vernet**, Director, International Relations Department, 'Le Monde' Newspaper, Paris

Speakers, **The EU** -EU Security Strategy

Prof. Sven Biscop, Senior Research Fellow, Royal Institute for International Relations (IRRI-KIIB); Professor of European Security, Ghent University

USA –American policy in the Broader Middle East

Dr. Ian Lesser, Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center; Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the U.S., Washington D.C

Russia – Russian interests and strategies

Dr. Timofei Bordachev, Director, Center of the Integral International and European Studies, State University-Higher School of Economics (HSE), Moscow

18:00-18:30 Coffee break

18:30-20:30 **Regional flashpoints I: The Gulf region** (Iran, Iraq, proliferation of WMDs, energy security)

Chair: **Dr. Walter Posch**, Senior Research Fellow, EU-ISS, Paris

Speakers: **Mr. Abdulaziz Sager**, Chairman, Gulf Research Center, Dubai

Dr. Kayhan Barzegar, Assistant Professor, Science and Research Campus, Islamic Azad University, Tehran

Dr. Ariel Levite, Principal Deputy Director General (Policy), Israel Atomic Energy Commission, Tel Aviv

Dr. Michael Myrianthis, Director-General, International Activities, Hellenic Petroleum Group, Athens

20:45 Dinner *Aphrodite room*

Keynote speaker: **Ms. Dora Bakoyanni**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Athens

Saturday 25 November 2006

09:00-11:00 **Regional flashpoints II: The Israeli-Palestinian conflict after the elections in Israel and Palestine and the recent conflagration in Lebanon**

Chair: **Prof. Michael Stuermer**, Chief Correspondent, 'Die Welt' daily, Berlin

Speakers **Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi**, Director, PASSIA, East Jerusalem

Dr. Sufyan Abu Zayda, Director, Alquds University, Gaza Strip

Mr. Daniel Ben Simon, Journalist, 'Haaretz' Newspaper, Tel Aviv

Amb. Richard Jones, Ambassador of the USA to Israel, Tel Aviv
Mr. Antoine Sfeir, Editor-in-Chief, Quarterly 'Les Cahiers de l' Orient', Paris

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:30 **The politics of Arab reform.** Is there popular demand for Arab reform? How is this reform perceived and defined? What is the (expected) reaction of regimes in the Arab countries?

Chair: **Dr. Bassma Kodmani**, Associate Professor, Collège de France; Executive Director, Arab Reform Initiative (ARI), Paris

Speaker: **Dr. Abdel Monem Said Aly**, Director, Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Al Ahram Foudation, Cairo

Discussants: **Dr. Mustafa Hamarneh**, Director, Center for Strategic Studies, Amman
Prof. Aymeric Chauprade, Professor of Geopolitics, University of Sorbonne
Dr. Ekavi Athanassopoulou, Lecturer, University of Athens; Senior Research Fellow, ELIAMEP

13:30-15:00 Lunch *Aristotelis foyer*

15:00-17:00 **WORKING GROUP I: *Aristotelis conference room No 1,2,6***
Security Sector Reform in the Middle East: How can the international community help?

Facilitator: **Mr. Arnold Luethold**, Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces (DCAF)

WORKING GROUP II: *Aristotelis conference room No 4*

Gulf Region stabilization efforts: The role of Europe?

Facilitator: **Prof. Gerd Nonneman**, Professor of International Relations and Middle East Politics, Lancaster University

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee break

17:30 – 19:00 **Working Group Reports**

Round-table discussion

Chair **Prof. Loukas Tsoukalis**, President of the Board of Directors, ELIAMEP, Athens

Discussants **Dr. Osama El Baz**, Political Adviser to the President of Egypt, Cairo
Dr. Henry Siegman, President, U.S./Middle East Project, New York
Dr. Nomi Bar-Yaacov, Foreign Policy Adviser on Middle Eastern Affairs, London
Dr. Thanos Dokos, Director General, ELIAMEP, Athens

20:30 Dinner for our foreign guests at the fish tavern "Garbis" (5min walk from the hotel – please meet at the lobby of the hotel)

Sunday 26 November 2006

Departure of participants