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19 Sept., Athens

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Discussion:

'Prospects for EU- Russia Relations'

Co-organised by the
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Partnership Experts
Workshop on 'The
EU and the Balkans-
Looking Back, Look-
ing Forward'

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ans Conference:

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Bank, the World
Bank, the Hellenic
Parliament & ELIA-
MEP

16 - 20 Oct., Athens

American Marshall
Memorial Fellows'
Visit [GMFUS]

A heartfelt 'à bientôt' and a new start at ELIAMEP

One of ELIAMEP's "Founding Fathers" (together with Thanos M. Veremis and Yannis Valinakis), Professor Theodore -"Ted"- Couloumbis is leaving the post of Director-General of the Foundation, after an extremely successful seven year stint.

He will spend the next academic year in Washington D.C., as a Southeast Europe Policy Scholar to the South-east Europe Project of the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars.

We are all grateful to him and also happy to announce that Ted Couloumbis will continue to share his wisdom and offer his valuable assistance to ELIAMEP as a Senior Advisor on Transatlantic Relations and a Vice-President of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Dr. Thanos Dokos, the erstwhile Director of Studies, has been selected to serve as the new Director-General of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

As a result of our strong belief in continuity and gradual evolutionary change, the general philosophy of ELIAMEP will not change.



Prof. Couloumbis' Farewell Party,

ELIAMEP Group picture, 13 September 2006

The main areas of interest will continue to be European affairs and regional developments, most notably in South-eastern Europe, the Black Sea, the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

The Foundation will also gradually increase its involvement on issues like Security Sector Reform, energy security, environmental change and conflict, as well as developments in Asia.

ELIAMEP will continue to put strong emphasis on "Track-II" activities and training seminars, as well as policy-oriented

projects and publications. Strengthening institutional links and network participation will be another priority, as well as training a new generation of analysts on issues and regions of high importance for the Foundation.

*Loukas Tsoukalis,
President, ELIAMEP*



More news about ELIAMEP's team

Junior Research Fellow

Evangelia Psychogiopoulou will be joining ELIAMEP's team as a Junior Research Fellow for the JURISTRAS research project. Evangelia has completed PhD research on the integration of cultural considerations in EU law and policies at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy.

IKY Research Fellow at ELIAMEP

Sappho Xenaki, D.Phil, will undertake post-doctoral research on 'Anglo-American security cooperation with Greece since 1974; Transferring Approaches to the Combat of Terrorism and Organised Crime'. The research is funded by the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (I.K.Y.) for the period 2006-2007.

Public discussion on Greece, Turkey and the EU



From left to right:
Prof. Couloumbis, MEP
Mr. Papagiannakis, Deputy
Minister for Foreign
Affairs Prof. Valinakis,
Mr. Papahelas, MP Mr.
Pangalos, Ambassador
Zaharakis

Venue: Megaron
Karatza, NBG, Athens
Date: 5 September 2006

The public discussion on Greece, Turkey and the EU was attended by a very large and diverse audience including politicians, journalists, diplo-

mat, university students and interested citizens.

The debate was launched by the panel chair, Mr. Alexis Papahelas who underlined the pressing need to revisit Greek-Turkish relations in view of recent developments, and to define a new framework for Greek foreign policy.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Professor Yannis Valinakis stated that Greece's strategic priority is the transformation and consolidation of South-east Europe into a European neighborhood characterised by good-neighborly relations, security, and prosperity, based on the *acquis communautaire*. The Deputy Minister reiterated Greece's support for Turkey's EU perspective stressing that this provides Turkey with a motive to undertake further democratic reforms and frames bilateral issues within a European context. He noted that the path to accession will undoubtedly be long and difficult given that Turkey's progress will be evaluated and assessed repeatedly by EU and its Member States (including Greece and Cyprus).

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Theodore Pangalos, questioned the extent to which Turkey's frequently intransigent behavior and bargaining mentality will be moderated with its eventual EU accession. The role of public opinion and the growing strength of social Islam were also extensively discussed, as well as the extent of their influence on foreign policy formulation. Mr. Pangalos posi-

tioned himself in favour of continued Greek support for Turkey's EU accession and of a strict assessment at every stage of the negotiations.

MEP Mr. Michael Papagiannakis pointed to the growing reticence across the EU Member States on the subject of Turkish EU membership. He argued that a 'wait-and-see' attitude was not necessarily the preferred approach for Greece and Cyprus in their relations with Turkey. He also argued that there is a pressing need to engage in a renewed bilateral in depth political dialogue with Turkey.

Former Ambassador Mr. Christos Zaharakis emphasised the need for the EU to clearly define its borders before any discussion on future enlargement may be relevant. Representing the position that Turkey does not constitute a part of Europe neither geographically nor culturally, he made the case for a special partnership promoting mutual interests between the EU and Turkey. He pointed to the economic challenges that Turkey's accession would pose and Turkey's continued unwillingness to respect international law even though candidate status has been granted. In a very critical assessment of the last seven years since the Helsinki agreement, Ambassador Zaharakis argued that Greek foreign policy towards Turkey had not achieved any benefits or led to any improvements in bilateral relations.

Professor Theodore Couloumbis critically analysed recent developments that will unavoidably influence the course of EU-Turkish, and therefore Greek-Turkish relations. In view of the 2007 presidential elections in Turkey, he stressed that the 'window of opportunity' for tangible progress in Turkey's democratiza-

tion process and concrete improvements in relations between Greece, Cyprus and Turkey was closing. He reiterated his support for Turkey's future EU accession, however, in view of growing scepticism towards Turkey within EU Member States and of developments within Turkey, he noted that future relations will unavoidably be 'special' with long-term or even permanent exclusion clauses that will be requested on different issues by many member states. Professor Couloumbis also underlined that if the prospect of EU accession becomes less and less likely, then Turkey will most probably also become less and less prepared to undertake democratic reforms with possible knock-on effects on its relations with both Greece and Cyprus. Tying Turkey well within the process of EU enlargement with strict conditions and in a wider context of constructive trans-Atlantic relations, he argued, is the way through which to ensure stability and peace within southeastern Europe.

The debate that followed with the public concentrated on the fact that the EU must apply its conditionality criteria and assess Turkey's progress in a fair yet strict manner in order to not tarnish its credibility and, that it is not possible for Turkey to expect accession if pending matters with Cyprus and Greece (*causae belli*) are not resolved. It was also stressed that irrespective of the outcome of the membership negotiations, Greece and Turkey's economic and political relations must be further expanded in order to deepen relations & interdependence between the two countries thereby constituting any future military conflict too costly. Finally, the dangers of populist discourse in the media when addressing Greek-Turkish relations were also discussed.

AMERICAN MARSHALL MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Impressions and notes on the American Marshall Memorial Fellows' visit to Greece,

*by Ms. Karolina Tagaris,
Programme Officer, ELIAMEP*

Each year, 55 fellows of the German Marshall Fund of the United States embark on transatlantic travel. They acquire a thorough understanding of issues prevalent in cities on the other side of the globe, at a time when the need for decision-makers with first-hand exposure to cultures different to their own is pressing. In this context, ELIAMEP welcomed six American Marshall Memorial fellows in Thessaloniki in June 2006.

Over the course of one week, the fellows met with high-ranking individuals from both the business and the non-profit sector. Intensive and wide-ranging, the programme included visits to the Anthropological Museum of Petralona and the Domaine Gerovasiliou. These were complemented by a roundtable discussion on *Thessaloniki at the crossroads of the Balkans and the Black Sea Region*, as well as an informal talk on *The Europeanisation of Greece*.

Most importantly, however, the fellows were presented with

an opportunity to obtain an inside perspective into Greece's judicial, educational and social sectors, and to better understand, or even discover, certain institutions that lie off the beaten track.

I, too, joined the group as an observer and found myself on the grounds of the Agricultural Prisons of Kassandra, mulling over its peculiarity. Specifically: on my right stood a basketball court; in the distance a Drug Rehabilitation Centre. The presence of inmates hand-harvesting wheat made its limited security status unmissable, yet at the same time it exuded an air of orderliness. I realised, at that point, that although unique in Greece – and probably in the world- this penitentiary institution for men seems to work.

Interestingly, my observer status allowed me to perceive the abundance of similarly unconventional institutions from the inside, yet with a distance.

I observed the intricacies of the American College of Thessaloniki; an American institution which has successfully incorporated itself into the quite different reality of higher education in Greece. Similarly, consider ARSIS, a local Youth Social Support Group. It has

kept its head above water in spite of the inattention it receives from the state, and its street workers still manage, quite remarkably, to seek out young adults who have incurred (mostly) financial difficulty and re-immersed them into the social sphere. Further, the Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki still maintains the Jewish Community's heritage in a city that was once the shelter for all persecuted Jews of Europe.

Besides fulfillment, the end of the programme left me with a sense of certainty - through a realisation less striking than I would have imagined - that it is possible to experience culture shock of one's own culture.

I remain convinced that, although it rests on a simple premise, the Marshall Memorial Fellowship programme offers a multifarious outcome. It transcends economic, social, and political boundaries and constitutes a pipeline for the exchange of ideas between both sides of the Atlantic. For this reason alone, the MMF remains embedded at the heart of current affairs 24 years and 1,000 fellowships since its inception.

Thessaloniki and Chalkidiki, Greece, Summer 2006



The American Marshall Memorial Fellows and the ELIAMEP host team at the American College in Thessaloniki



The American Marshall Memorial Fellows' visit to the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank in Thessaloniki

NEW RESEARCH AT ELIAMEP: MULTICULTURAL EUROPE

Policy, school dynamics and youth identities in Germany, England and Greece

Funded by the European Commission, Research DG, Sixth Framework Programme, Marie Curie Intra European Fellowship [October 2006–2008].

This project focuses on the challenge of constructing and promoting an inclusive multi-ethnic concept of Europe. Research will be undertaken on the ways in which:

(a) EU policy-makers and politicians combine multicultural

and European agendas and address the presence of Muslim communities in Europe;

(b) national educators and policy-makers in European countries with sizeable Muslim populations perceive European and multicultural agendas; and,

(c) school curricula address notions of multiculturalism and Europe.

The case studies will concentrate on three EU member states [Germany, Greece and the UK] that have placed different emphasis on their multicultural and European agendas.

The findings are meant to contribute to a larger debate on the future of multicultural Europe.

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