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IDIS (Institute of International Relations) think tank, affiliated with Panteion University in Athens, organizes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, Tinos summer seminar July 4 – July 9, 2015,

The **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SEMINAR on Eastern Mediterranean: Regional Dynamics, Global Trends at the Cultural foundation of Tinos** ([www.itip.gr](http://www.itip.gr)).

With the state of affairs in many global issues in a critical state of flux – and depending on how things evolve – the international community may have to face even greater instability/volatility than it has in recent years. At a time when synergies and cooperation are vital to confronting dire challenges with potentially far-reaching impacts, key players are finding it difficult to compromise. In this context, the Eastern Mediterranean, which borders on numerous crisis hotspots, has yet to tackle its own “internal” issues, and divisions are deepening.

For the third consecutive year, the Tinos Summer Seminar will focus on the Eastern Mediterranean, but at the same time we will attempt a consideration of regional dynamics within a broader framework. In two 2-hour sessions, LSE Professor Michael Cox will set out the global trends – assessing how U.S.-EU-Russian-Chinese relations are evolving and affecting the wider periphery – and provide an analysis of European economic affairs.

To ensure interaction among participants and to give attendants more time to exchange views with specialists and academics, and so that the latter can provide an in-depth analysis in their subject areas, all of this year’s presentations will be provided by individual lecturers, in a seminar format. To help attendants better prepare, in the coming weeks we will be sending suggested reading lists on behalf of the professors/lecturers.

At the end of each Seminar, relevant materials will be distributed and a blog will be activated, allowing attendants to post articles, lectures, events, and updates from the agencies they represent, and enabling them to keep in touch and exchange views, building on an alumni legacy that will incorporate attendants in the coming years.

### Fees

Tuition fees have been waived. There is only a lump sum of 400 € that covers:

- a) shared hotel accommodation in a double occupancy room,
- b) breakfast and dinner in local taverns,
- c) excursion to two traditional villages and the local marble-crafting museum.
- d) transportation from Athens to Tinos and back.

All participants are expected to pay for their own travel to and from Athens.

### How to Apply

Applicants should be (post-) graduate students working towards Masters or Ph.D. degrees, but we usually admit some advanced undergraduates as well. All applicants should be fluent in English.

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Please download the application form from the web and submit electronically by May 27, 2015. Places are limited and will be awarded on merit. Early applications are strongly encouraged. Decisions will be mailed out till June 5, 2015. Admitted foreign students will be provided with all necessary documentation in support of a visa application, if this is needed.

### **SEMINAR TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

#### **Saturday, July 4, 2015**

16:30 (approximately) Departure from Rafina or Piraeus port.

Arrival to Tinos island – Dinner.

#### **Sunday, July 5, 2015**

Welcome and briefing.

A BRICS world? Power shifts – fact, fiction and economists

Michael Cox, Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics (LSE), Co-Director of LSE IDEAS

When is an alliance not an alliance? When it is Russia and China

Michael Cox, Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics (LSE), Co-Director of LSE IDEAS

Afternoon: Free

### **Monday, July 6, 2015**

Israel, the Region and the World

Dr. Aviad Rubin, Faculty chair, Naval academy program, University of Haifa

Turkey between pragmatism and illusions

Dr. Esra Hatipoglu, Professor, University of Marmara

Egypt's difficult path to normalisation (Speaker TBA)

Afternoon: Discussion with Michael Cox

### **Tuesday, July 7, 2015**

Regional Dynamics and Economic Growth

Panagiotis Roumeliotis, Ex-representative of Greece at the IMF

The new security architecture of East Med

Professor Harry Papasotiriou, President of the Institute of International Relations

Preparations for Joint Resolution/Declaration

Afternoon: Free

### **Wednesday, July 8, 2015**

Is Energy a Catalyst for Developments

Dr. Constantinos Filis, Director of Research Programs, Institute of International Relations

Stability vs Instability: Prospects and Ways to Defuse Tensions

Sotiris Roussos, Associate Professor, University of Peloponnese

Issue of Joint Resolution/Declaration on behalf of Participants

Afternoon: Excursion

**Thursday, July 9, 2015**

Morning free.

Departure and return to Piraeus port at 19:30 (approximately).

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