

Halki International Seminars

FORGING REGIONAL COOPERATION **2004**

Session 04.1:

TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION AS A FACTOR OF STABILITY IN SEE AND THE WIDER REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST

A seminar organized by:

The Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

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The NATO Public Diplomacy Division, Brussels

Halki-Greece, 16-20 June 2004

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 16 June 2004

Arrival of participants in Halki

Welcoming dinner for participants who arrive in the afternoon

Thursday, 17 June 2004

09:00

Opening Remarks

Prof. Theodore **COULOUMBIS**, Director General, ELIAMEP; Professor Emeritus, University of Athens

Keynote Speech: TBA

09:30 – 11:30 **Transatlantic relations in the post-Iraq war era**

One year after the Iraq war: Has there been a gradual convergence of European and American positions? What are the prospects for further convergence or increased friction on issues such as the environment, trade, the pre-emptive use of force, arms control, the role of the UN, the International Criminal Court, and other international institutions, etc.

Chair:

Prof. Theodore **COULOUMBIS**, Director General, ELIAMEP; Professor Emeritus, University of Athens

Speakers:

Dr. Steven **EVERTS**, Director, Transatlantic Programme, Center for European Reform, London

Dr. Oksana **ANTONENKO**, Senior Fellow, Russia – Eurasia, IISS, London

Dr. Gulnur **AYBET**, Dept. of Politics and International Relations, Kent University at Canterbury

US Participant-TBA

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee - break*

12:00 – 14:00 **Security developments in the wider region of the Middle East. Dealing with regional problems: The role of the US and the EU in (a) the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; and (b) Iraq, Iran**

What has been the role of out-of-region mediators and to what extent can they facilitate a solution to the conflicts? Should the deployment of a multinational force to guarantee a peace settlement in Palestine be contemplated? Is there a role for NATO and the EU in Iraq and Palestine? Can we formulate a common EU-US position towards Iran?

Chair: TBA

Speakers: Dr. Yezid **SAYIGH**, Center of International Studies, Cambridge University
Dr. Nomi **BAR-YAACOV**, Research Fellow, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London
Ms. Judith **KIPPER**, Director, Middle East Forum, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington
Dr. Alain **DIECKHOFF**, Director of Research, CNRS – CERI, Paris

14:00 – 18:00 *Free afternoon*

18:00 – 20:00 **Political and security developments in SEE: Europeanisation and Transatlantic dimensions**

Federal or ethnic states? Is adjustment of the US presence in SEE necessary; ESDP and SEE; How can the EU direction of SEE be kept on track?

Chair: TBA

Speakers: Prof. Mladen **IVANIC**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia-Herzegovina
Dr. Stefan **LEHNE**, Council of the EU, Brussels
Dr. Dimitrios **TRIANAPHYLLOU**, Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Observatory, LSE
Mr. Veton **SURROI**, Chairperson, Koha Media Group, Prishtina

Friday, 18 June 2004

09:30 – 11:30 **Democracy in the wider region of the Middle East and SEE: Positive or negative trends?**

Democracies in ethnically divided societies; Readjustment of constitutional structures and other modes of decentralization short of independence; the role and power of the media in democratic transition; Corruption and how it affects the democratic process; Economic pressures on democracy. Is economic liberalization/development a prerequisite for sustainable democracy? What is the role of education in forming acting and democratic citizens? What is the role of civil society in building democracy in these regions?

Chair: TBA

Speakers: Dr. Othon **ANASTASAKIS**, Director, SEE Studies Programme, St. Antony's College, Oxford University
Dr. Vladimir **GLIGOROV**, Staff Economist, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW)

Dr. Iris **GLOSEMEYER**, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin
Dr. Mr. Riald **MALKI**, Director, PANORAMA Center, Ramallah
Mr. Fouad Ammor, Senior Researcher, GERM, Rabat*

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee - break*

12:00 – 14:00 **Promoting democracy in the wider region of the Middle East and SEE:
The role of the International Community**

Democratic transition from communist rule; Can democracy be externally designed? Is democracy culture-specific? Are there alternative paradigms of democracy? Can “models” of democracy be transplanted from one region or country to another? Democratic rule in protectorates; Can the US plan for the democratization of the Middle East attract sufficient support from elites and public opinion in the region?

Chair: Ms. Haleh Z. **BRIDI**, World Bank Special Representative to the European Union, Brussels

Speakers: Dr. Alexandros **YANNIS**, Directorate General for External and Politico-Military Affairs, Council of the EU, Brussels
Dr. Yezid **SAYIGH**, Center of International Studies, Cambridge University
Ms. Judith **KIPPER**, Director, Middle East Forum, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington
Dr. Vesna **BOJICIC-DZELILOVIC**, Center for Global Governance, London School of Economics and Political Science

14:00 – 18:00 *Free afternoon*

18:00 – 20:00 **International terrorism: How to deal with the threat?**

How serious is the threat to European countries and Arab regimes? Should “catastrophic” terrorism be considered as a real possibility? What will be the impact of the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on terrorist activities? What is the current level of anti-terrorist cooperation among EU member-states and between EU and non-EU states in the Eastern Mediterranean? Is there a role for NATO? What has the impact been on the transatlantic relationship?

Chair: TBA

Speakers: Dr. Anat **KURZ**, Director, Project on Low Intensity Conflict, The Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies (JCSS), Tel Aviv
Dr. Sebastian **GORKA**, Executive Director, Institute for Transitional Democracy and International Security (ITDIS), Budapest
Ambassador Dr. El-Sayed Amin **SHALABY**, Executive Director, Egyptian Council on Foreign Relations, Cairo
Mr. Oliver **MCTERNAN**, Adviser, Club of Madrid

Saturday, 19 June 2004

09:30 – 14:00 **Working groups meet:**

(a) NATO’s role in the Mediterranean and the wider region of the Middle East

Moderator: Dr. Thanos **DOKOS**, Director of Studies, ELIAMEP, Athens

Commentator: Mr. Nicola de **SANTIS**, Information Officer, Mediterranean Dialogue and Partner Countries, NATO Public Diplomacy Division, NATO HQ, Brussels

(b) Greek-Turkish relations in a changing security environment

Moderator: Dr. Willem **VAN EEKELEN**, The Netherlands Senate, The Hague

Commentators: Ambassador (ret.) Ilter **TURKMEN**, Istanbul
Prof. Theodore **COULOUMBIS**, Director General, ELIAMEP; Professor Emeritus, University of Athens
Ms. Carol **MIGDALOWICZ**, Middle Eastern Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Washington DC

(c) Transnational organized crime in SEE

Moderator: Prof. Thanos **VEREMIS**, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, ELIAMEP; Professor of Political History, University of Athens

Speakers: Dr. Aristotle **TZIAMPIRIS**, Lecturer, International and European Studies Department, University of Piraeus
Mr. Alexandar **FATIC**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations, Belgrade

14:00 – 18:00 *Free afternoon*

18:00 – 20:00 **Improving transatlantic cooperation in SEE and the wider region of the Middle East: Policy Recommendations**

Chair: Prof. Theodore **COULOUMBIS**, Director General, ELIAMEP; Professor Emeritus, University of Athens

Working groups reports

Comments: Mr. Nicola de **SANTIS**, Information Officer, Mediterranean Dialogue and Partner Countries, NATO Public Diplomacy Division, NATO HQ, Brussels
Dr. Steven **EVERTS**, Director, Transatlantic Programme, Center for European Reform, London
Dr. Thanos **DOKOS**, Director of Studies, ELIAMEP, Athens

Keynote speech: TBA

Sunday, 20 June 2004

Departure of participants