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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

The Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER/IDOS)
organizes an International Conference

in

Athens (Greece)

to be held on

Monday-Wednesday 14-16 May 2012

on:

Comparing and contrasting “Europeanization”: concepts and experiences

in collaboration with:

The LSE’s European Institute & Hellenic Observatory, London;
Institut Universitari d’Estudis Europeus (IUEE), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB);
Research Unit on “Global Governance and the EU”, Universidad de Zaragoza;
ENEES (Young Researchers Group on European Studies), Athens

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES AND RATIONALE:

Sixty years since the entry into force in 1952 of the first European Community (Steel and Coal), a precursor to the current European Union (launched by the 1993 Maastricht Treaty and culminating - after several subsequent treaty reforms - into the 2009 Lisbon Treaty), it is time to offer a comprehensive and comparative analysis of the impact of European membership, a phenomenon known in the academic literature as “Europeanization”.

There is a huge literature on Europeanization, although very little of a comparative or of a comprehensive type. The event will try to bridge this important gap, as well as consider another important conceptual dimension: is the concept of Europeanization still useful? There is a limited but growing “dissenting” academic view that claims it only amounts to a fad and not a method of analysis.

A wide range of policy areas as well as EU institutions and member states will be analyzed from all three accepted Europeanization dimensions to date: downloading, uploading and cross-loading.

Special attention will be also paid to the impact of Europeanization on Greece and in particular on its economy and on its foreign policy.

The general topics of the Conference may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. *The Concept of Europeanization*

- * Contemporary theoretical trends of Europeanization
- * Concepts, methods and approaches
- * Modern trends of Europeanization
- * To what extent does Europeanization mean the end of national policies?
- * Is the Europeanization process reversible?

2. *Europeanization and the economy: the euro*

- * The impact of a globalised world on the process of Europeanization
- * Current risks for the Eurozone and the Europeanization process
- * Sovereign debt in the EU/Eurozone and its consequences on Europeanization
- * Europeanization and economic governance in the EU
- * Europeanization, the euro and the endless competition between states and markets
- * The impact of the Euro on the balance of the international economic system

3. *Europeanization and Public Policies*

- * Europeanization as an opportunity for osmosis of, or as a possible threat to national public policies
- * Europeanization and means and tools of public policy
- * Effectiveness of public policies and Europeanization process
- * Regulatory powers of national governments and Europeanization

4. *Europeanization and Multi-Level Governance*

- * Multi-Level Governance, Regionalization and Europeanization
- * Problems and prospects of New Regionalism and inter-regionalism for Europeanization
- * Decentralization vs Regionalization: consequences for Europeanization
- * Traditional and non-traditional actors in multi-level Europeanization processes

5. *EU institutions and other key non-state actors*

- * The role and impact of EU institutions (The European Commission, the European Parliament, and other EU institutions) in the Europeanization process
- * Political parties and Europeanization
- * The influence of public opinion and the media on Europeanization
- * European civil society/NGOs and Europeanization

6. *Greek economic/financial crisis and Europeanization*

- * The Greek economic crisis as a new challenge to the study of Europeanization
- * The consequences of the economic crisis for the process of Europeanization in Greece
- * The monitoring of implementation of the Greek rescue programme and its impact on the Europeanization process
- * Comparisons of the Greek case with others in the EU context

7. *Europeanization and foreign policy*

- * The impact of EU membership on national foreign policies: downloading, uploading and cross-loading
- * Influence of Europeanization in the field of foreign policy of candidate member states
- * Europeanization and decision making process of foreign policy of EU member states

- * Comparative studies (two or more member states, or two or more “difficult/problematic” foreign policy issues)
- * Europeanization in defence and security policies
- * Europeanization in development and aid policies (ACP countries etc.)
- * Europeanization in international institutions: UN, etc.

Please send your abstract (300-350 words) by 10 February 2012, which should include: the argument of the paper, theoretical background, conclusions and approaching methods of the topic. It is required from all participants to attach to the abstract a file with their personal data: Names, title, status, corresponding address, telephone number, fax and email.

Notification of acceptance by **20 February 2012**, and the deadline for the submission of the paper in Greek or in English will be **30 April 2012**. A paper presentation is not a prerequisite for participation but accepted papers gives who do not send their papers by the 30 April deadline will NOT be accepted as speakers.

The Conference will be held in Athens on 14-16 May 2012. The Institute of International Economic Relations will publish a significant number of the Conference's papers in an edited Volume, while other papers will be published in the quarterly scientific journal of the Institute “Agora Without Frontiers” and on the website of the Institute, after scholarly peer review.

PARTICIPATION FEES AND EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION DATES:

Until 10 April 2012: 150 euros per person.

After 10 April 2012: 200 euros per person.

Fees will cover all papers in electronic form, three buffet lunches and one dinner

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Important dates

10 February 2012: abstract submissions deadline

20 February 2012: notification of acceptance

10 April 2012: early bird registration (fee: 150 euros) by bank transfer

30 April 2012: full paper submission deadline

14-16 May 2012: conference dates

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