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**Final Academic Conference**
Events Room, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)
C/ Girona 20, Barcelona, Spain

**10th February 2014**

10:30 **Accreditations**

11:00 **Opening Session**

Antoni Castellà, Secretary for Universities and Research, Ministry of Economy and Knowledge of Catalonia

Jordi Suriñach, Director of IREA Research Institute and Coordinator of the SEARCH project

Yuri Borgmann-Prebil, SEARCH Officer at the European Commission

Senen Florensa, Executive President of the IEMed, Spain

11:30 **(Session 1) Trade Flows and Localization Choices (I)**

Moderator: Dimitris Kallioras

- George Petrakos, Dimitris Kallioras and Ageliki Anagnostou, (University of Thessaly, Greece). *The geography of trade relations between the EU and the ENP countries: Emerging patterns, determinant factors and growth impact*

- Vassilis Monastiriotis and Mireia Borrell (London School of Economics). *Origin of FDI and domestic productivity spillovers: Does European FDI have a ‘productivity advantage’ in the ENP countries?*

- Olga Khomenko (Kyiv National Economic University, KNEU). *Multinational Enterprises in Ukraine - insights from cases studies.*

- Khalid Sekkat (University of Brussels) and Javier Revilla Diez (University of Hannover). *Multinational Enterprises in Morocco in time of crisis - challenges and options.*

13:00 **Special guest**

Ambassador Giancarlo Aragona, President of EMDC Foundation, president of ISPI, former Secretary General of the OSCE.

*EU Common Foreign Policy towards Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean*

13:30 **Lunch** (Hotel ‘NH Podium’ C/ Bailén, 4-6)

15:00 **(Session 2) Trade Flows and Localization Choices (II)**

Moderator: Javier Revilla-Diez

- Nidal Rashid Sabri (Birzeit University, Palestine). *Arab European Economic Cooperation; Within Euro-Mediterranean partnership.*

- Nahla Benslama (Al Akhawayn University). *The economic determinants of FDI inflows to Morocco.*

- Marouane Alaya (Sfax University, Tunisia). *BRICS and Southern Mediterranean Countries: Mapping out Threats and Opportunities.*
16.00  **(Session 3) Migration, human capital and social capital (I)**  
*Moderator: Alessia Matano*

- **Michael Beenstock** and Daniel Felsenstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem). *Modeling ENP-EU Migration in a Spatial Gravity Framework.*
- Elisabet Motellón (AQR-IREA, University of Barcelona and UOC) and **Enrique López-Bazo** (AQR-IREA, University of Barcelona). *Crisis, immigration and job loss.*
- **Olga Demidova** (National Research University Higher School of Economics) and Tiiu Paas (Tartu University). *A comparative analysis of people’s attitudes towards immigrants in Estonia and Russia.*
- **Lidia Farré** (University of Barcelona and Institut d’Anàlisi Econòmica (IAE-CSIC) and Nuria Rodríguez (IZA, IAE-CSIC and UPF). *Immigrants from Eastern Partnership (EaP) Countries in Spain.*

17:45  **Coffee break**

18.15  **(Session 4) Migration, human capital and social capital (II)**  
*Moderator: Rosina Moreno*

- **Elena Sánchez-Montijano** (CIDOB and UPF), Elina Viilup and Anna Bardolet (CIDOB). *Visas as a foreign policy tool: the EU’s relations with its neighbours.*
- **Andrés Artal-Tur** (Technical University of Cartagena), Vicente J. Pallardó-López (Institute of International Economics (IEI-UV) and University of Valencia) and Francisco Requena-Silvente (Sheffield University). *The impact of visa restrictions on the development of international tourist flows: Analysis for EU-Eastern Europe-MENA countries.*
- Onur A. Koska A (University of Tübingen), Perihan Özge Saygin (University of Mannheim), **Selim Çağatay** (Institute of International Economics, University of Valencia) and Andrés Artal-Tur (Technical University of Cartagena). *International migration, remittances, and the human capital formation of Egyptian children.*
- **Andrés Artal-Tur** (Technical University of Cartagena), Ghoneim, A.F. (Cairo University) and Peridy, N. (Université du Sud Toulon-Var). *Cultural distance, assimilation and the pro-trade effect of migrants: lessons of the French-Egyptian cases.*

20.00  **Closing Session – Day 1**

20.30  **Dinner** *(private for SEARCH Members and Speakers)*
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8:30  (Session 5) EU Geopolitics of Neighbourhood as a Cooperation Context  
Moderator: James Scott (University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu)  
Raporteur: Alexander Chvorostov (Institute for Advanced Studies)

- Raffaella Coletti and Andrea Stocchiero (La Sapienza – University of Rome). Cohesion and the Neighbourhood.
- Sarolta Németh and Ilkka Liikanen (University of Eastern Finland). Finnish-Russian CBC Experiences.
- Aileen Espiritu (Barents Institute/University of Tromsø, Norway). EU-Russia Relations and Creating Cooperative Neighbourhood in the Far North.

10.30  Coffee break

11.00  Special guest  
Antonio Oporto, Director, Member of the Board, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

11.45  (Session 6) Technological activities and innovation diffusion in the EU and interactions with Neighbouring regions.  
Moderator: Raffaele Paci

- Edward Bergman (Vienna University of Economics and Business) and Slavomir Ondos (Comenius University, Bratislava). European Integration as Policy Metaphor for future EU-EN Knowledge Sharing.

13.30  Lunch  (Hotel 'NH Podium’ C/ Bailén, 4-6)

14.45  (Session 7) Social, cultural and institutional environment  
Moderator: Ricardo Crescenzi

- Erkan Erdil and Teoman Pamukcu (METU-TEKPOL). Institutional environment, economic performance and innovation in Turkey.
• **Vesna Popovski** (London School of Economics). *Local Governance and Social Cohesion in Ukraine.*

• **Alexia Timotheou** (International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS). *The Quality of national institutional environment of EU and Neighboring Countries in Comparative perspective.*

16.30  **(Session 8)  Policy Issues and research implications**  
**Moderator: Edward Bergman**

- Rania Alaa ELdin ElSebaie and **Ali Galal Mouawad** (Cairo University). *EU and Egypt 30th of June Revolts: A Normative Power Lens.*
- **Iskra Andreeva** (Ghent University). *Values dimension of the ENP: Does it reflect political rhetoric only or is it an expression of a clear and improved ‘value-based’ policy towards neighboring states?*

17.15  **Closing Session – Day 2**

17.30  **General Search Assembly (by invitation only)**

18.15  **Closing Session - End of SEARCH Meeting**

**Registration:** Previous registration is needed to participate in this Conference. To register send an e-mail with you contact details to the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) – Socio Economic Development Department des@iemed.org or phone at +34 932 449 850

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