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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-Díez

- **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

- **Raul Ramos** (AQR-IREA, University of Barcelona). *Migration, human capital and social capital - Summary of SEARCH results.*
- **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.*
- **Vincent Fromentin** (CEREFIGE – Université de Lorraine / CREA – Université du Luxembourg). *The global economic crisis and migrant workers: The case of the construction sector in Europe.*
- 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.*
- **Hans-Joachim Bürkner** (Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning, Germany). *Neo-colonialism pending? ENP and the problem of discursive asymmetry.*
- **Xavier Ferrer-Gallardo**, Keina Espiñeira and Abel Albet-Mas (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona). *Mediterranean Neighbourhood and the Bordering of the European Union.*
- **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

- Di Guardo M. C, Marrocu E., **Raffaele Paci** (CRENoS). *The Concurrent Impact of Cultural, Political, and Spatial Distances on International Mergers and Acquisitions.*
- **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.*
- **Corinne Autant-Bernard** and Sylvie Chalaye (UJM-GATE). *Knowledge diffusion between European Neighboring Countries and the European Union.*
- **Lidiya Kavunenko** (STEPS Centre of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine). *Ukraine-EU Cooperation: Experience and Prospects.*

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

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

- **Guy Harpaz** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem). *Approximation of Laws under the European Neighbourhood Policy: A Typology of the Challenges and Obstacles that Lie Ahead.*
- Marcella Favale and **Maurizio Borghi** (Bournemouth University). *Harmonization of Intellectual Property Rights within and beyond the European Union: The Acquis Communautaire in the Framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy.*
- 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.
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