

Symposium on Mediterranean Encounters:

Policy Strategies in Izmir and the EU

February 23, 2023



Organisers:

EU-COST Action ENTER Yasar University, Izmir Institute of International Economic Relations, Athens Department of International Relations, Ege University, Izmir

> Venue: Chamber of Architects Address: Alsancak, 1474. Sk. No:9, 35220 İzmir





P R O G R A M M E – February 23, 2023

8:45 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome Addresses and Greetings

Feride Asli Ergul Jorgensen, Ege University

Sibel Zorlu, Aegean Industrialists and Businessmen Association (ESIAD)

Graeme Hanssen, Yasar University

9:30 – 11:00 Session One: Current trends in globalization, production location and supply lines

A session on global value chains, nearshoring, (de-)globalization or

business as usual?

Chair: Knud Erik Jørgensen, Aarhus University

i) Restructuring of Global Value Chains: how can emerging economies foster the potential of nearshoring?

Zuzana Zavarská, WIIW, Vienna

ii) Globalisation in Reverse? Discourses, drivers and dangers of deglobalisation

Martin Hess, University of Manchester, UK

iii) Near-shored Production: Experiences within İzmir industry

Murat Yeter CEO, LUNA Electronics (Çiğli / İzmir)

11:00 - 11:30 Tea & coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Session Two: World City Izmir: Strategies and Policy

A session on Izmir's strategies to adapt to current trends in the world economy and foster the potentials of nearshoring?

Chair: Feride Aslı Ergül Jorgensen, Dep. of International Relations, Ege University

iv) World City Izmir: Achievements and To Do

Can Ersoy. The World City Izmir Association

v) Current trends in global/regional supply chains and logistics: What role for Izmir?

Yigit Kazançoğlu, Yasar University

vi) Design Strategies, Circular Economies, and the World City İzmir Graeme Hanssen, Founder, Human Power Initiative at Yaşar University

13:00 - 14:00 Light lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Session Three: Global EU: Strategies and Policy

A session on the EU's (open) strategic autonomy, the relocation of production, EU strategies and policies

Chair: Charalampos Tsardanidis, Director, Inst. of International Economic Relations, Athens

vii) Strategic autonomy and the relocation of production

Niklas Helwig, FIIA

viii) Nearshoring and supply lines: Experiences in Greece

Panagiotis Tsakonas. ELIAMEP

ix) Global Europe: gaps between visions and implementation?

Kostas Ifantis, Panteion University of Athens

15:30 - 16:00 Tea & Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Session Four: A roundtable focusing on conclusions and future perspectives

Chair: Emre İşeri, Director of the Center for Mediterranean Studies, Yasar University

17:30 - 18:00 Closing refreshments

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