“The Balkans and the Greater Middle East in the Global Vortex”

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PROGRAMME

15 March (Wednesday)

Venue: University Square Stratford (USS) G.19-20

9-9.30 Coffee/Tea by the journal’s kiosk

9.30-11.30 Welcome (Prof Amanda Broderick, VC and President, UEL); and Opening Comments (Dr. Shampa Roy-Mukherjee, Dean of the Royal Docks School of Business & Law, UEL)

“25 years on – Sharing Memories” [Prof Emeritus Donald Sassoon (Queen Mary University of London), Prof Dejan Djokic (Goldsmiths University of London), Prof Ilaria Favretto (UCL) and Prof Dejan Jovic (University of Zagreb, Croatia)]

Chair: Prof Vasileios Fouskas, UEL
11.30-12.30  Keynote 1: “The Ukraine crisis and the former Ottoman and Soviet space” (Prof Alan Cafruny, Hamilton College, USA)
Chair: Prof Kofi Kufuor, UEL

12.30-1.15  Buffet Lunch

1.15-3  “Panel discussion: Italy, the EU and the Western Balkans: The Adriatic-Ionian project”
[Prof Leila Simona Talani (King’s College London), Dr. Jelena Budak (Institute of Economics, Croatia), Prof Donato Iacobucci (University of Ancona, Italy), Prof Jovo Ateljevic (Banja Luka University, BiH), Prof Michael Zouboulakis (University of Thessaly, Greece)]
Chair: Prof Siraj Sait, UEL

3-4.30  Coffee/Tea and discussion on the Adriatic/Ionian project led by Profs Jovo Ateljevic & Donato Iacobucci

4.30-5.30  “Legacies of the Arab Spring” (Dr. Alexander Kazamias, Coventry University)
Chair: Prof Nazrul Islam, UEL

6-8  Dinner (at Pizza Express)

**16 March (Thursday)**

**Venue: USS G.19-20**

10.30-11  Coffee/Tea at the journal’s kiosk

11-1  “Panel discussion: Spotlight on Turkey” [Prof Bulent Gokay (Keele University), Prof Aylin Guney (Yasar University, Turkey), Prof Bulent Aras (Qatar University, Qatar), Prof Tunc Aybak (Middlesex University)]
Discussants: [Dr. Shampa Roy-Mukherjee (UEL) & Dr Slawomir Raszewski (UEL)]
Chair: Dr. Antigoni Memou, UEL

1-2  Buffet Lunch

2-3  Keynote 2: “The New Cold War. The USA, Russia and China” (Prof Gilbert Achcar, SOAS University of London)
Chair: (Prof Gargi Bhattacharyya, UEL)

3-3.30  Coffee/Tea by the journal’s kiosk

3.30-4.30  Ms Madeleine Heming Markey (Routledge-Taylor & Francis) will lead a discussion on “What ECRs and PhD students need to know about journals and how to get published”
Discussants: [Dr. Ayantunji Gbadamosi (UEL), Prof Bulent Gokay (Keele University) and Dr. Diliara Mingazova (UEL)]

Chair: Dr. Mimoza Shabani, UEL

4.30-5 Coffee/Tea by the journal’s kiosk

5-5.30 Closing Comments [Professor Dejan Djokic (Goldsmiths University of London), Prof Bulent Gokay (Keele University), Prof Ilaria Favretto (UCL), Prof Dejan Jovic (University of Zagreb, Croatia) and Prof Vasileios Fouskas (UEL)]

6-8 Reception and canapes – light dinner in USS

17 March (Friday)

Venue: USS G.17

10.30-11 Tea/coffee by the journal’s kiosk

11-11.15 Welcome by Prof Amanda Broderick, President and VC, and Dr. Shampa Roy-Mukherjee, Dean of the Royal Docks School of Business & Law, UEL

11.15-11.30 Prof Vasileios Fouskas (UEL) “Introducing the panellists and the Chair”

11-12.30 Three Reports on “Preconditions of peace in the Balkans and the Greater Middle East”

Sir William Patey, HE Prca Milos and HE William Ford

12.30-1.30 Buffet lunch

1.30-4 Q & A on the reports of the Ambassadors with participation of policy-makers, businesspersons, journalists, students and academics

Chair: Professor William Mallinson

4pm End of the Symposium (Prof Vasileios Fouskas)

Note about the speakers and the chairperson:

1. HE Prca Milos, Permanent Representative of BiH to the UN
2. Sir William Patey, former UK Ambassador to Iraq & Afghanistan
3. HE Peter Ford, former UK Ambassador to Bahrain and Syria
4. Prof William Mallinson (chair), former British diplomat and member of the Editorial Committee of the Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies

RSRV by 24 February to Dr. Francis Boateng Frimpong (f.frimpong@uel.ac.uk)

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