

The S. Daniel Abraham Center for International & Regional Studies

Have the pleasure to invite you to:

International Workshop

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***Energy Cooperation & Security in the Eastern  
Mediterranean:***

***A Tectonic Shift towards Peace or Conflict?***



Thursday, June 4, 2015

10:00 – 18:00

Naftali Building for Social Sciences, room 527 (Venezuela)

Tel Aviv University

**Free Admission**

## **Outline:**

Due to important developments in the energy field in the Eastern Mediterranean over the last years this increasingly fragile region is becoming the focus of an ongoing geopolitical tectonic shift affecting all countries of the region, especially Israel, Cyprus, Greece and Turkey, while Egypt as well as further Arabic countries could become further significant players in this field. These developments put the relationship between countries in the Eastern Mediterranean on a new track and will greatly affect their significance towards the realisation of EU energy policies in terms of alternative energy sources to the EU. Existing and future alliances as well as conflict potentials deriving from the energy strategies of all countries concerned in the Eastern Mediterranean region is expected to have an important impact towards either further destabilisation of this region or promotion of deeper cooperation and problem solving. However, political stability of the region and concurrent drafting of long term strategic planning along with coordination of actions between countries are the very prerequisites to this end. Against this background, the planned conference seeks to analyse which energy strategies in this fragile world region could produce geostrategic unbalances and thus additional conflict lines between states and under which conditions multilateral cooperation could support regional solutions to political conflicts and boost economic prosperity.

## **PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP**

10:00-10:10

Prof. Raanan Rein, Vice President, Tel Aviv University

***Greetings***

10:10-10:20

Former Ambassador Avi Primor, European Studies Programme, Tel Aviv University

***Welcome***

10:20-10:30

Dr. Angelos Giannakopoulos, Heinrich-Heine Visiting Professor in European Studies, Tel Aviv University

***Welcome and Introductory Remarks***

### **Session I: Cyprus, Greece and Turkey: What's next?**

Moderator: Dr. Angelos Giannakopoulos

10:30-10:50

Prof. Dr. Theodoros Tsakiris, University of Nicosia, Member of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Hydrocarbons Company (CHC), Nicosia, Cyprus  
***Cyprus: The Current State of Affairs Regarding Hydrocarbon Resources and Possible Cooperation or Friction Scenarios for the Future***

10:50-11:10

Dr. Thanos Dokos, Director General of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Athens, Greece  
***The Geostrategic Role of Greece in Energy Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean amid Economic Instability and Political Change***

11:10-11:30

Dr. Jörn Richert, Former Mercator - IPC Fellow, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey  
***The Role of Turkey in Energy Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean***

11:30-12:00

***Public Questions-Answers Session***

12:00-14:00

***Lunch***

### **Session II: Israel Energy Policies and the Middle East**

Moderator: Dr. Paul Rivlin, The Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University

14:00-14:20

Mr. Shaul Zemach, Former Director General of Israel's Ministry of Energy and Water Resources  
***Israel's Exploitation of Hydrocarbons: status quo aut quo vadis?***

14:20-14:40

Mr. Ariel Ezrahi, Energy Adviser to Quartet Middle East Envoy Tony Blair

***Cooperation Prospects and Conflict Potentials around Hydrocarbons in the Middle East: Israel-Egypt-Palestinian Territories-Jordan***

14:40-15:00

Dr. Amit Mor, CEO Eco Energy, Israel  
***Hydrocarbons Business Cooperation in the Region and its Possible Geostrategic and Political Impact***

15:00-15:30

***Public Questions-Answers Session***

15:30-16:00

***Coffee Break***

### **Session III: EU Energy Policies and Cooperation Prospects in the Eastern Mediterranean**

Moderator: Dr. Tal Sadeh, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University, Co-President of the Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration

16:00-16:20

Mr. Igor Taranic, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels

***European Energy Policies and their Significance towards the Eastern Mediterranean***

16:20-16:40

Mr. Sergio Matalucci, Journalist and Energy Geopolitics Analyst

***Cooperation Prospects and Conflict Lines in the Eastern Mediterranean: What Has to Be Expected in the Future?***

16:40-17:00

Dr. Simone Tagliapietra, Visiting Fellow at Bruegel and Senior Researcher at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei  
***Europe: A Market for Eastern Mediterranean Gas?***

17:00-17:30

***Public Questions-Answers Session***

17:30-18:00

***Panel Discussion: The Eastern Mediterranean - What to Do for the EU towards more Stability?***

Moderators: Dr. Tal Sadeh, Dr. Angelos Giannakopoulos

19:30

Common Dinner with Invited Participants

