GENERAL FRAMEWORK

The METU Conference on International Relations, one of the oldest annual conferences in Turkey on international relations, will be held between 25-27 June 2014, marking its 13th year. This year’s conference will occasion the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of International Relations at METU. The Conference takes pride in annually bringing together scholars from all around the world to exchange views. The confirmed speakers for this year’s conference include Emeritus Professor Barry Buzan (London School of Economics and Political Science), Professor Andrew Linklater (Woodrow Wilson Chair, Aberystwyth University), Professor Ali Karaosmanoğlu (Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research, Ankara) and Professor Yongjin Zhang (University of Bristol).

The theme of this year’s conference is *Multiple Paradigms Multiple Worlds* focusing upon the theoretical and practical plurality of the discipline. The conference aims to provide a broad framework for scholars, policy-makers and experts who work on different approaches in International Relations and on various aspects of international relations. It will form a platform for discussion of multiple practices from multiple perspectives. The themes of the conference will include, but are not limited to, the following:
Multiplicity of paradigms and multi-faceted nature of IR

Single paradigm vs multiple paradigms

Mainstream approaches (realism, liberalism, English school, marxism) and their variants
New approaches (critical, constructivist, postmodern, feminist, greene, post-colonial, etc.)

Western (European and American) perspectives
Non-Western perspectives (Chinese, Indian, Islamic, etc.)

Inter-state interactions (diplomacy, international law, balance of power, IGOs, etc.)

War, peace and violence
The world of non-state practices (NGOs, MNCs, etc.)

Security and strategy

Culture, Civilisation and Identity

Polities and collectivities (states, empires, governance bodies, nations, ethnic and religious groupings)

PAPER ABSTRACTS /PANEL PROPOSALS

The Conference invites abstracts for individual papers or complete panel proposals. All abstracts and panel proposals should be submitted before 30 April 2014.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

An application should include:

1. The paper/panel title

2. A short abstract including methodology, main assumptions and conclusions of paper (2500 characters maximum)

3. Author/participant name(s) and institutional affiliations

4. A one paragraph biographical statement of each participant (not a detailed CV)

5. Author/participant e-mail addresses (essential), telephone and fax numbers

6. Any audio-visual equipment requests (if applicable)
The Conference Committee encourages electronic submissions through irconf@metu.edu.tr email address. However, those who have limited access to electronic communication facilities can send their proposals via fax provided that the proposal deadline is observed.

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

30 April 2014: Final date for submission of panel proposals and paper abstracts

15 May 2014: Authors will be informed of acceptance of their applications

10 June 2014: Last day for registration (A late registration fee will be charged after this date) and submission of papers


June 28-29: Post-Conference tour to Cappadocia (optional)

VENUE

The Conference will be held at the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences B-Building, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.

POST-CONFERENCE TOUR

For those interested, there will be a post-conference tour to Cappadocia between June-28-29 on their own expenses. The details of the post-conference tour will be announced later.

REGISTRATION

Conference Registration Fees

Registration Fee: € 100

Student Fee: € 50

Registration Fee on Arrival: € 150

Registration fee include reception, conference dinner, refreshments and conference materials. Those who do not wish to make use of these facilities may participate to the panels as listeners without any payment.
FUNDING

A few scholarships, particularly for student participants, are available for registration and accommodation expenses. Please contact the Conference Secretariat for further information.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation costs will be covered by the participants. Details of the accommodation information will be provided to the participants after the acceptance of the paper proposals.

TRAVEL

Travel costs will be covered by the participants. Details of the travel information and how to reach to Ankara and the venue will be available here.

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