

23-2-1999 Tuesday

10.00 - Welcome Address

16.00 *Pantelis Lazaridis, Professor & Rector, University of Thessaly*

Keynote Speech

Nikos Christodoulakis, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business, Deputy Minister of Finance

The Economic Geography of the New Europe: Basic Trends and Challenges.

Dr. George Petrakos, Assistant Professor, University of Thessaly

Discussion

24-2-1999 Wednesday

11.00 - Theories of Development and Trends of Convergence or Divergence in Development Levels

15.00 *Dr. Lois Labrianidis, Associate Professor, University of Macedonia*

Planning for Innovation: Experience from EU Policies and Programs

Dr. Nikos Komninos, Associate Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Discussion

25-2-1999 Thursday

10.00 - The European Union Economy: Trends, Opportunities and Challenges

13.00 *Spyros Vliamos, Professor, University of Thessaly*

Policies of Integration and Development in the European Union

Spyros Vliamos, Professor, University of Thessaly

Discussion

18.00 - Integration Among Unequal Partners: Theory and Evidence

20.00 *George Petrakos, Assistant Professor, University of Thessaly*

Discussion

26-2-1999 Friday

10.00 - The EU Policies for Transition Economies and the Balkans: From the Phare Program and the

16.00 Association Agreements to the Policies of Enlargement
Agelos Kotios, Assistant Professor, University of Thessaly

Policies of Cross Border Co-operation in the Balkans: The Framework, the Opportunities and the Challenges

Pantelis Skayannis, Assistant Professor, & Agelos Kotios, Assistant Professor, University of Thessaly

Discussion

1-3-1999 Monday

12.00 - Transition, Democracy and Stability: The Balkan Dimension

16.00 *Dr. Marios Evriviadis, Panteion University*

Discussion

2-3-1999 Tuesday

10.00 - The Balkan Economic Space: Patterns of Change and Prospects for Integration and

13.00 Development

George Petrakos, Assistant Professor, University of Thessaly

Discussion

3-3-1999 Wednesday

10.00 - The Bulgarian Economy: Problems and Policies of Transition and Integration

18.00 *Dr. Stoyan Totev, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*

The Albanian Economy: Problems and Policies of Transition and Integration

Edmont Luci, Professor & Dr. Ilir Gedeshi, University of Tirana

Towards a Strategic Development Plan for the Balkan Region

George Petrakos, Assistant Professor, University of Thessaly, Agelos Kotios, Assistant Professor, University of Thessaly, Dr. Stoyan Totev, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Elia Telo, Professor, Institute of Labor, Tirana

Discussion