Announcement/Call for Papers

5th BLUE BLACK SEA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS will be held in İstanbul, Turkey, on 12-13 December 2016 with cooperation of Marmara University, Faculty of Political Science, Department of International Relations and WISE MEN Center for Strategic Studies.

The main theme of this year’s congress “BLACKSEA POLITICAL ECONOMY AND REGIONAL SECURITY” and it aims to provide a platform for the in depth analysis from every aspect of politic economy and regional security in the black sea hinterland.

In terms of global developments, for centuries Black Sea region is one of the strategic region as it stands at the center of the Eurasia. However, with the recent developments in particular, the Black Sea region has been passing through one of the most dynamic and complex transition that has never seen in its history before. The changing policies of major powers under the “New Cold War” rhetoric, dramatic changes in region’s social and political dynamics, increasing dysfunctionality of existing structures and institutions, new eco-politics and geo-economics that emerges with widening and enlarging problems among neighboring countries all must be reassessed with a multi-dimensional and multi-layered approach. International Blue Black Sea Congress, which is the fifth of the series at this year and every year has led important academic and political outcomes, aims at the analyzes of these new dynamics, the discussion of regional problems, developments and deepening of cooperation opportunities and confidence building measures, and the solutions to these problems as a platform that gathers both academicians-researchers and policy makers- policy practitioners.
The 5th Blue Black Sea Congress is open to scholars, researchers, local authorities, students, NGO leaders, activists, and other professionals, who works on Black Sea Basin in an international context of politics, economics, and security, with their works and presentations.

All accepted abstracts will be printed in the meeting abstract booklet. All full-texts presented at the conference will be published in an E-book with ISBN. Additionally, some of the full-texts will be published in the Journal of Marmara University, Faculty of Political Science.

**Conference Topics**

Areas of interest for this Congress on politics economy and security in the Black Sea Basin include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

**From Theory to Practice: Regionalization and Regionalism at the Black Sea Region**
- Regional Developments at the wider Black Sea Region
- Regionalism in the Black Sea: Past, Present, and Future
- Regional Cooperation
- New European Neighboring Policies
- Regionalism Approaches for the Black Sea Region
- International Integrations that Effects the Region

**International Financial and Economic Crisis and Their Effects**
- Strategic Challenges and Opportunities for Development in the Black Sea
- Financial Institutions and Global Financial Developments
- Politic Instabilities in the Region and Their Economic and Financial Effects on Regional Economies
- Global Crisis and Regional Fall-out
- Eurasian Political Economic Structure and Its Challenges in the 21st Century

**Development, Trade and Business in the Black Sea**
- Regional Trade: Past, Present, Future
- Global, Regional Business Sector Dynamics

**Regional Security and New Eco-politic and Geo-economic in the Black Sea**
- New and Old concepts, actors
- Post-Crimea Black Sea: Changing Geo-politics and Strategies
- Changing Military Strategies and Doctrines of Regional Countries
- Terrorism and Fight against Terrorism
- Global Security, Black Sea and Caucasus Geopolitics and Economic Openings
- Relations with NATO and NATO Enlargement Process
- Armament, Nuclear Weapons, Missiles Defenses, and New Deterrence
- China, the USA, Russia and other major power Eurasia Strategies
- Regional Powers and Regional Security

**Sea, Environment, and Human Security in the Black Sea Region**
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Trans border Environmental Problems in Black Sea Basin
Sea Security and Regime of Straits
Human Security and Migrations-Refugees

**Energy and Energy Security**
Energy Exporting Countries and Cooperation Strategies
Energy Firms and International Relations
Energy Supply Strategies and Neighboring Policies in the Black Sea
Energy Dependency and Foreign Policy
Energy Transportation and Pipelines
Hydro-Geopolitics in the Region

**Conflicts /Conflict Resolutions and Diplomacy in the Black Sea**
Regional Crisis and Crisis Management in the Black Sea
Diplomatic Initiatives in the Region
Conflict Resolutions and Mediation

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

Each applicant should submit an abstract in English or in Turkish (max. 300 words).

Abstracts should only be submitted through CMT, which is a conference management service sponsored by Microsoft Research. By creating an account at our conference CMT site (https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/BBS2016) you can submit your abstract.

If you have questions regarding paper submission and submission system (CMT), please send an email to blueblacksea2016@marmara.edu.tr

Abstracts should only be submitted by the given deadlines (**August 31, 2016**).

Abstracts received via fax, e-mail or received after the deadline may not be accepted and therefore will not be considered for the program or publication.

Successful applicants will be notified, at the latest, by November 1, 2016.

Applicants can submit/present a paper in English or in Turkish. A simultaneous translation service from/to English – Turkish will be provided.

**Congress participation is free of charge for both participants and audiences!**