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European Peace Research Association (EuPRA)

8th EuPRA Conference

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Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus

Call For Papers

Building Positive Peace in Europe and Its Neighborhood

Europe, after major wars which led to long-lasting peace, stands as an example of a peace-zone compared to many other places on our planet. This makes the Nobel Peace Prize the EU received in 2012 more meaningful. However, the picture gets blurred as we take a closer look into the continent.

Within Europe, one would see increasing tensions between North and South, even East-West, and between the center and periphery within Europe and absence of sustainable peace within several European countries. There are mistakes as well as success stories as regards to how Europe has been handling the relation between states, minorities and socio-economically underprivileged groups within nations, economic inequality and the financial crisis, border questions, mutual respect and tolerance of difference (one of the main conditions for positive peace). The common foreign and security policy of Europe is also under heavy attack for failing to translate into a European foreign policy towards the rest of the world.

One would also meet several problems in Europe's neighborhood, problems as mild as an "uneasy" relationship between Russia and Western Europe (let alone NATO) and Turkey's lingering candidacy or as harsh as violent conflicts and/or high tension areas in Europe's peripheries, or its "border-zones" such as the Middle East. The last two years were also marked with several mass protests in Europe's neighborhood as well as within Europe itself. These issues are not only to be analyzed on their own right, but they invite analysis of issues such as the Schengen agreement and disputes over immigration and refugees, European countries playing "New Big-Power Games" in North Africa and the Middle East again as well as the causes and consequences of mass protests and Europe's reaction towards them. Moreover, although the EU stood out as the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize 2012, major EU countries were also ranked as the major arms exporters in the world. So there are enough reasons to question to what extent the EU can be regarded as a "Peaceful Power" for itself as well as for its neighborhood.

The 8th EuPRA Conference will be hosted by the Department of Communication and Media - Studies at Eastern Mediterranean University in Famagusta, North Cyprus between November 7-9, 2013. The venue makes the focus of the conference all the more meaningful since Cyprus is a long-lasting conflict in the region, standing as a case study to take a closer look on Europe's capacity or lack thereof of building positive peace in the world.



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We welcome all kinds of papers and presentations concerning peace in Europe and its neighborhood. Following list is an example of sub-themes of the conference:

- European Union and its Eastern neighbours
- Europe and the Middle East
- The Mediterranean: connecting or dividing continents?
- Causes, Consequences and Reactions to Mass Protests in and around Europe
- Cyprus as a frozen conflict
- The Arctic: a zone for peaceful cooperation or an arc of conflict?
- The economic crisis in Europe and what it means for peace
- The state of peace education in Europe
- The state and future of European peace research

Interested participants have the option of suggesting new panels or sessions.

Submission of Abstracts: For submitting an abstract, [please download the form here](#), fill it and send it to euprapeace@gmail.com

The deadline for submitting the abstract is September 20th 2013. The accepted papers will be notified at earliest within a week upon their submission and at the latest by September 27th 2013.

Registration: Registration will be open from August 2013 on and will be announced on the webpage as well as individually to the participants whose abstracts have been accepted.

Participation fee is 130 euros for professionals and 65 euros for students, when paid before October 7th 2013. After that, until the conference the fee is 180 euros for professionals and 90 euros for students.

Accommodation (not included in the fees) **and travel** to and from airports Ercan (ECN) and Larnaca (LCA) will be announced on the webpage and to all registered participants / accepted paper givers.

Program: A more detailed program will be published in due time on the webpage www.euprapeace.org where also further information on the conference will be published. Check frequently!

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