

**WHY EUROPE MATTERS**  
**TRANSCENDING THE CRISIS TO INVENT OUR COMMON FUTURE**

**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SEMINAR OF THE BOSPHORUS INSTITUTE**

**12 & 13 October 2014, Istanbul**

*Today, Europe is undergoing all kinds of crises from all sides ...*

- ▶ *Economic crisis that persists at the heart of the Eurozone and continues to nourish dissensions between supporters and opponents of the budgetary discipline, supporters and critics of a monetary devaluation;*
- ▶ *Political crises inside and in the periphery of the Union that seem to enlarge the mirror of European weakness to lead a common and efficient foreign policy, as observed in the examples of Syrian and Ukrainian crises;*
- ▶ *Lastly, institutional crisis. The European elections of May, -supposed to validate a democratic progress because for the first time the elections had a direct influence over the president of the European Commission- have seen, particularly in France, the rise of populist parties and reflect Eurosceptism.*

*Inefficient, rigid, distanced, unjust... is Europe at a breakdown? In order to move forward and to avoid the risk of a pure and simple disintegration, it seems necessary to structurally redefine the European model.*

*At the time of constitution of a new Commission, Bosphorus Institute has thus wished to introduce its annual seminar by a projection on the future institutional and economic scenarios, on their outcome for enlargement and on perspectives about a common future for Turkey and the European Union.*

*In the occasion of the First World War's centennial, Bosphorus Institute wanted also to reflect on the birth of 20<sup>th</sup> century's conflicts and their consequences for Europe and Turkey: How to surpass the obstacles of History? How to transcend these breaks for creating opportunities of reconciliation, like, for example, on the question of Cyprus gas? The big yard for transatlantic negotiations, the next meeting of G20 can also constitute equal amount of economic and geopolitical leverage in the short and medium term.*

*Institut du Bosphore celebrates its 5 years. It's an occasion to renew its commitment to the European project and to engage between past and future, between outcome and projection, a deep reflection on the meaning of our common future.*

## SUNDAY - 12 OCTOBER

ULUS 29

**20.00** Gala Dinner

### **Keynote speeches**

**Haluk Dinçer**, *President, TUSIAD*

**Ali Babacan**, *Deputy Prime Minister, Turkey (to be confirmed)*

**Jean-Marie Le Guen**, *Secretary of State for relations with Parliament (Prime Minister's Office), French government*

**Volkan Bozkır**, *Minister of EU Affairs, Turkey*

## MONDAY - 13 OCTOBER

HILTON HOTEL

**08.00** *Welcome Coffee*

**08.30** **OPENING SESSION**

### **Welcome speeches**

**Bahadır Kaleağası**, *President, Institut du Bosphore*

**Eric Danon**, *General Manager, High Council for Strategic Education and Research (CSFRS)*

### **Keynote addresses**

**Haluk Dinçer**, *President, TUSIAD*

**Anne Lauvergeon**, *Scientific Committee Co President, Institut du Bosphore*

**Kemal Derviş**, *Scientific Committee Co President, Institut du Bosphore*

**09.30 – 11.00** **ROUND TABLE I**

### **WHICH ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE FOR WHICH POLITICAL EUROPE?**

*Facing the rise of Eurosceptics, which new scenarios to propose to reinvent the European project? In the favor of economic and financial crises, it seems that political Europe is highly conditioned by the success of economic Europe and that it has recently showed the limits of its governance within the Eurozone.*

*How to rethink a Europe as a better defined project with more agile mechanisms? Which structures of governance permit institutional deepening of the Eurozone and a form of enlargement that can include candidates like Turkey? "Europe of circles", "Variable-geometry' Europe"... Visions for tomorrow's Europe do exist and in spite of their differences, all of them are marked by the seal of pragmatism.*

*Introductory remarks :*

**Jean-François Copé**, Deputy, Assemblée nationale français, Mayor, Meaux & Scientific Committee Member, Institut du Bosphore

**Yves Bertoncini**, Director, Notre Europe-Institut Jacques Delors

**Simone Kaslowski**, CEO Organik Kimya Holding and Board Member, TÜSiAD

**Muharrem Yılmaz**, President, SÜTAŞ, Former President, TÜSiAD & Scientific Committee Member, Institut du Bosphore

Moderator: **Eric Leboucher**, Editor in Chief, Enjeux-Les Echos

**11:00** Coffee Break

## 11.15 – 13.00 CLUBS DE DEBAT

### I - TURKEY AND EUROPEAN UNION: CROSSED HISTORY, COMMON FUTURE?

*"We wish to stress the great achievement of reconciliation in Europe. Closer cooperation and integration in Europe proved to be the right way out of the dark shadows of the first half of the 20th century."* Former Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

*100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great War give us the occasion to think about the genesis and the crossed consequences of XX. century's wars for Europe and Turkey. The debates evolve around the Armenian question in Turkey, hasn't the moment come to find, in the shared memory of our tragedies, the opportunity of reconciliation and leverage for edification of a common future? Peace is certainly the greatest acquis of the European project: it had been its raison d'être, it might as well be the key to its future.*

*Introductory remarks:*

**Gilles Finchelstein**, President, Fondation Jean Jaurès

**Şevket Pamuk**, Professor, Boğaziçi University

**Thierry Pech**, Director, TerraNova

**Ayşe Hür**, Columnist, Radikal

Moderator: **Taha Akyol**, Program Producer & TV Host, CNN Türk

### II - ENERGY : SOURCE OF CONFLICTS OR SOURCE OF HOPE?

*Energy is more than ever at the heart of the major stakes for the future of Europe: security of provisions, climate consequences, regional conflicts... Geostrategy often makes energy rhyme with conflict; tensions with Iran and the Ukrainian crisis have recently become disappointing proofs. However, geostrategy can also constitute a source of hope and an integration motor for the Europe-Turkey relation: redefinition of energy*

*routes in the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, and especially the exploitation of the deposits recently found in Cyprus can help reopen many accession chapters that are blocked today.*

*Introductory remarks:*

**Anne Lauvergeon**, *President, French “Commission Innovation 2030” and Scientific Committee Co-President, Institut du Bosphore*

**Volkan Ediger**, *Professor & Head of Systems and Engineering Department, Kadir Has University*

**Nusret Cömert**, *President, Damnus Energy*

**Denis Simonneau**, *Executif Committee Member and Director of European and International Affairs, GDF SUEZ*

*Moderator: Claude Fischer, Honorary President, Confrontations Europe, Director of ASCPE-Les Entretiens Européens & Scientific Committee Member, Institut du Bosphore*

**13.00**

Lunch

**14.00 – 15.30**

**ROUND TABLE II**

### **STRATEGIC STAKES AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND A REDEFINED EUROPE**

*This round table proposes to analyze the recent stance taken by the European Union and Turkey on the international scene, especially on the Iranian and Ukrainian questions and their influences in the field of international cooperation. The two have not always agreed on all issues, yet there is little doubt that Turkey’s accession would reinforce the EU’s position in the international scene. It could also constitute a more influent democratic axis and act as counterweight against nondemocratic currents. What are the political and economic opportunities of this kind of reinforcement? Will TTIP negotiations and Turkey’s G20 Presidency in 2015 be occasions for deepening French-Turkish co-operation and Turkey’s European integration process?*

*Introductory remarks:*

**Joachim Bitterlich**, *Ambassadeur (e.r), Professeur, ESCP Europe Paris & Scientific Committee Member, Institut du Bosphore*

**Pierre Lellouche**, *Deputy, Assemblée Nationale française*

**Hélène Conway-Mouret**, *Senator representing French citizens aboard, Senat*

**Soli Özel**, *Lecturer, Kadir Has University and Scientific Committee Member, Institut du Bosphore*

*Moderator: Alain Frachon, Editor, Le Monde*

**15.30**

### **CLOSING SESSION**

**Didier Billion**, *Publication Coordinator, Institut du Bosphore*

**Bahadır Kaleağası**, *President, Institut du Bosphore*