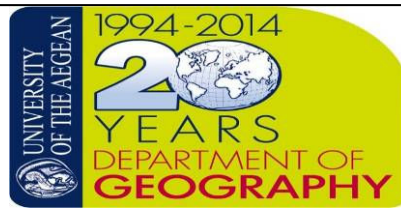


Socio-Economic Sustainability, Regional Development and Spatial Planning: European and International Dimensions & Perspectives Conference Overview¹



The Lesvos Conference 2014 is held by the Laboratory of Economic Geography, Regional Development and Territorial Planning, Department of Geography, University of the Aegean "Ergaxia", Sociology of Labor Academic Laboratory, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean and International Sociological Association (ISA), Research Committee on Sociotechnics /Sociological Practice (RC26), in Mytilene, Lesvos, Greece on July 4 – 7, 2014. The Conference entitled “Socio-Economic Sustainability, Regional Development and Spatial Planning: European and International Dimensions & Perspectives” hosted in the Department of Geography, University of the Aegean and summarized the debate for the future and prospects of socio-economic and territorial development of the European Union. The agenda of conference included the fields of European, Economic-Geography, Sociology, Regional Development and Spatial Planning studies. Also issues as empowerment and citizens’ participation presented and debated.

The Organizing Committee – Chairmen of the Conference were Dr. Carayannis Elias, Professor George Washington University, Dr. Korres George and Dr. Kourliouros Elias, Professors of the Aegean University, Dr. Tsartas Paris, Rector, University of the Aegean University, Dr. Tsobanoglou George, Associate Professor of the Aegean University, and the members of the Scientific Committee who have contributed and participated were Dr. Briassoulis Helen, Dr. Anagnostou Spyros, Dr. Andreopoulou Zacharoula, Dr. Artavani Maria-Athina, Dr. Botsaris Akis, Dr. Choriantopoulos Ioannis, Dr. Frangos Christos, Dr. Fotis Georgios, Dr. Gavalas Vasilis, Dr. Gavrilakis Kostas, Dr. Georgiou Myria, Dr. Giannakopoulos Athanasios, Dr. Gkantzas George, Dr. Grigoriou Panagiotis, Dr. Harris Richard, Dr. Halkos George, Dr. Hazakis Konstantinos, Dr. Iosifides Theodoros, Dr. Kizos Athanasios, Dr. Kitsos Christos, Dr. Kokkinou Aikaterini, Dr. Klonari Aikaterini, Dr. Koukoulas Sotiris, Dr. Kurashima Akira, Dr. Ladias Christos, Dr. Lagos Dimitris, Dr. Gertrud Lenzer, Dr. Leontidou Lila, Dr. Liargovas Panagiotis, Dr. Louca Charalambos, Dr. Manolas Evagelos, Dr. Marmaras Emmanuel, Dr. Michaelidou Maria, Dr. Papadaki Olga, Dr. Papadaskalopoulos Athanasios, Dr. Petrakou Ilektra, Dr. Petropoulou Christi, Dr. Psycharis Yannis, Dr. Polychronopoulos George, Dr. Nikita Pokrovsky, Dr. Prasad Kiran, Dr. Flaminia Sacca, r. Sandberg Åke, Dr. Salomone, Mario, Dr. Sidiropoulos George, Dr. Skuras Dimitris, Dr. Stratigea Anastasia, Dr. Symeonakis Elias, Dr. Terkenli Theano, Dr. Tsamadias Konstantinos, Dr. Tsilimigkas George. The Conference is separated into 19 special sessions:

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