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Third Conference of the Black Sea Project

***The Economic and Social Development of the Port-Cities of the Southern Black Sea Coast,
Late 18th – Beginning of the 20th century***

*Ionian University and Institute for Mediterranean Studies/FORTH
in collaboration with:
Boğaziçi University*

Istanbul
23 - 26 October 2014

CALL FOR PAPERS

Dear Colleague,

The Third Conference of the Black Sea Project, *The Economic and Social Development of the Port-Cities of the Southern Black Sea Coast, Late 18th – Beginning of the 20th century* will take place in Istanbul in late October (23-26 October 2014). The conference is hosted by the History Department of *Boğaziçi University*.

The project "The Black Sea and its port-cities from the 18th to the 20th century. Development, convergence and linkages with the global economy" is part of the Thalis Programme "*Reinforcement of the Interdisciplinary and/or inter-institutional Research and Innovation*" in the context of the operational action "Education and Life Long Learning" which is co-sponsored by the E.U. and the Greek Ministry of Education.

The aim of the conference is to convey the results of the research carried out within the project as well as invite papers related to its themes. The project seeks to trace elaborate and demonstrate the economic and social development of 25 port-cities of the Black Sea that formed an integrated market that became the larger grain-exporting area in the world in the course of the longnineteenth century. By focusing on the sea and its ports, the analysis offers an insight in the economic activities of the port-cities, the coastal area and the hinterland, the integration of markets and their inter-linkages

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with the global economy, beyond political boundaries and divisions. The global economy triggered development and convergence of regional markets. Papers are related to the subject of the project along the following six axes:

- 1) The Black Sea as a unit of research. Marine environment and six port systems
- 2) Six maritime regions. Economic and social development of twenty port-cities.
- 3) Patterns of urban structure. City-planning and architecture
- 4) Macro-analysis. Formation of macro-economic statistical series. Comparison to world economy.
- 5) Micro-analysis. Entrepreneurial elites and major Greek business families
- 6) Networks linking to the Mediterranean and the Atlantic

For more detailed description of the project visit the site: <http://blacksea.gr/>

We welcome papers with an innovative approach on the above mentioned topics and focusing on the port-cities of the southern Black Sea port-cities including Istanbul. We encourage the presentation of new archival sources and related analytic and synthetic approaches that draw upon the documentation presented. We also welcome critical approaches to bibliography, published works and historiography.

The working language of the conference will be English. The travelling and accommodation expenses of the members of the project will be covered by the organizers.

If you are interested in taking part in the conference, please send us **title, abstract of at least 300 words, and short CV** by **30 April 2014** to the following e-mail addresses:

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