
THE SEVENTH METU CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

HEGEMONY or EMPIRE?

PROSPECTS FOR CONTEMPORARY WORLD ORDER

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Middle East Technical University (METU) Department of International Relations calls for proposals for pre-organised panels, roundtables and individual papers for its annual seventh METU Conference on International Relations to be held on June 18-20, 2008 in Ankara, Turkey.

GENERAL FRAMEWORK

The METU Conference on International Relations is the oldest annual conference in Turkey on international relations and brings together scholars from all around the world as well as from Turkey to discuss a wide variety of topics organized into approximately 40-50 panels and roundtables.

The theme of the 2008 conference is *Hegemony or Empire? Prospects for Contemporary World Order*. Hegemony and empire are among the most widely contested concepts in social science literature in general and the discipline of International Relations in particular. These concepts have been interpreted in diverse ways from various perspectives. Indeed there has been a revitalization of this debate recently revolving around the following questions: What are the implications of the process of globalization for the nature and the role of the nation-state? Are we heading towards a post-Westphalian order? What are the causes of the rise and decline of hegemonic powers? In what ways have the forms of coercion and consent changed in the contemporary world order? What is the position of the US in world politics? What are the implications of the Iraq War for the theories of hegemony, imperialism and world order? Who are the new hegemonic pretenders? Are there any prospects for an alternative world order? Can we talk about new forms of imperialism? How can we assess the roles of international institutions and other non-state actors in changing world politics? What are the Eurocentric biases in these disputes? What are the specific epistemological and ontological questions that arise in relation to these issues?

The Conference will therefore address a wide range of controversies that have shaped and continue to shape world politics with a particular emphasis on the post-Cold War period. A non-exhaustive list of possible themes for the Conference is provided below.

THEMES

- Theoretical perspectives on hegemony and empire
 - Change and order in world politics
 - Nations and empires
 - US in world politics
 - Managing global capitalism
 - Civilizations and world order
 - Cosmopolitan values: Human Rights, Democracy, Justice
 - Old and new forms of interventionism
 - State building and international change
 - State and class in world order
 - Global governance
 - New hegemonic pretenders? EU, China, Russia, Japan
 - Regional implications of hegemony and empire
 - Counter-hegemonic strategies
 - Environmental challenge to world order
 - Unilateralism *versus* multilateralism
 - International law and change
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PAPER ABSTRACTS /PANEL PROPOSALS

The Conference invites abstracts for individual papers or complete panel proposals. All abstracts and panel proposals should be submitted before **April 4th, 2008**.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

An application should include:

1. The paper/panel title
2. A short abstract including methodology, main assumptions and conclusions of paper (300 words maximum)
3. Author/participant name(s) and institutional affiliations
4. A one paragraph biographical statement of each participant (not a detailed CV)
5. Author/participant e-mail addresses (essential), telephone and fax numbers
6. Any audio-visual equipment requests (if applicable)

The Conference Committee encourages electronic submissions, by filling the online application form at:

<http://www.ir.metu.edu.tr/conf/application.php>

However, those who have limited access to electronic communication facilities can send their proposals via fax provided that the proposal deadline is observed.

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

April 4, 2008: Final date for submission of panel proposals and paper abstracts

April 30, 2008: Authors will be informed of acceptance of their applications

May 15, 2008: Last day for pre-registration (A late registration fee will be charged after this date)

June 6, 2008: Final date for submission of papers

June 18-20, 2008: Conference and on-site registration

VENUE

The Conference will be held at the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences B-Building, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.

SCHEDULE

The Conference will begin on Wednesday June 18, 2008 at 10 am, and end on Friday, June 20, 2008 at noon.

REGISTRATION

Conference Registration Fees

Participant Fee: U.S. \$ 60, € 50

Student Fee: U.S. \$ 30, € 25

Registration Fee on Arrival: U.S. \$ 80, € 65

Corporate Fee: U.S. \$ 150, € 120

Registration fee includes opening cocktail, conference dinner, lunches, refreshments and conference materials. Those who do not wish to make use of these facilities may participate to the panels as listeners without any payment.

FUNDING

A few scholarships, particularly for student participants, are available for registration and accommodation expenses. Please contact the Conference Secretariat for further information.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation costs will be covered by the participants. Details of the accommodation information will be provided to the participants after the acceptance of the paper proposals.

TRAVEL

Travel costs will be covered by the participants. Details of the travel information and how to reach to Ankara and the venue are available [here](#).

WEB SITE

<http://www.ir.metu.edu.tr/conf/>

The Conference's web site provides continuously updated information for the participants and others who are interested.

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