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## **The European Unions's Balkan Enlargement: what does it mean for the Greek economy?**

### *Programme*

#### **16.15 Introductory remarks**

Dr **Nikolaos Garganas**, *Governor, Bank of Greece and Chair of the LSE's Hellenic Observatory Advisory Board*

Mr **Dimitris Paraskevas**, *President, Greek LSE Alumni Association*

#### **16.30 Keynote speeches: The New Agenda for Greece**

Chair – Professor **Kevin Featherstone**, *Director, Hellenic Observatory, LSE*

Opening Remarks

*Dr Euripides Stylianidis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece*

The EU's Balkan Enlargement: what next for Bulgaria and Romania?

*Professor Willem Buiter, LSE; former Chief Economist, EBRD*

Balkan Accession: implications for Greece's trade, investment and production

*Professor George Petrakos, University of Thessaly*

Discussion

*Dr Emmanouil Zervoudakis, Bank of Greece and IMF*

Questions from the floor and panel discussion

#### **Refreshments**

#### **19.00 Panel Discussion: Greek Experience of Trade and Investment in SEE**

Chair – Dr **Vassilis Monastiriotis**, *Hellenic Observatory, LSE*

Opening remarks

*Dr Mugur Isarescu, Governor, Bank of Romania (former PM)*

Our experience: Comments by senior business and financial representatives

*Coca-Cola HBC, Global Finance, Viohalco, Athens Medical Group, Grecotel*

Banking and the business environment in the Balkans

*Ms Evgenia Gragana, Emerging Markets, National Bank of Greece*

Questions from the floor and panel discussion

#### **20.30 Closing remarks**

*Professor Kevin Featherstone, Director, Hellenic Observatory, LSE*