

ALLIANCE OF UNIVERSITIES FOR DEMOCRACY (AUDEM)

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HOST INSTITUTION:
ULUDAG UNIVERSITY – BURSA TURKEY

Call for Papers

AUDEM Conference Theme: 1989-2009: TWENTY YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION: LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD

About the Alliance of Universities for Democracy. Founded in 1990, the Alliance of Universities for Democracy (AUDEM) is a consortium of American and Central European, East European, and South-East European universities united for the common purpose of supporting institutions of higher learning in North Central/Baltic, Central, South-East and Eastern Europe and Central Asia and the Caucasus in the transition to their democratic roles in building civil societies and in market-driven economies. Currently, AUDEM's members number 50 institutions of higher learning in CEE and the United States. (For more information about the Alliance and its Members, please go to www.audem.org. We invite institutions to join to support AUDEM's work.

The Alliance of Universities for Democracy (AUDEM) will hold its Annual Conference in Bursa, Turkey. We will be hosted by the Uludag University, one of Turkey's distinguished universities. This year's Conference promises to be one of the more interesting and best ever. It will also continue to expand on the range of interests of AUDEM. We invite papers and presentations from colleagues in the USA, the Baltic States, Central Europe, South-Eastern Europe, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Central Asia, the Caucasus and other newly independent states. Indeed, AUDEM encourages and invites colleagues globally to propose papers and participate in our proceedings.

Funding. Some funding may be available to support participants from AUDEM member universities in Eastern Europe. The funding will be very limited; all participants are encouraged to seek funding from their universities and other sources.

Conference Theme. The central theme of this year's AUDEM conference will be *1989-2009: Twenty Years of Transformation: Looking Back – Looking Forward*. In addition to our standard tracks we are proposing several interesting and pertinent special tracks – relevant to the times, relevant to the region, relevant to AUDEM, on its Twentieth Anniversary.

Since the founding of AUDEM, we have been concerned with the central theme – as our name indicates – of universities and their relation to democratic societies. Different societies of what we can call the post-1989

generation are, of course, at different stages of change. But always and everywhere the universities as a social institution and a center of learning, scholarship and critical reflection are important in fostering change. At the same time, democracy flourishes best when set in a robust civil society. This year we turn our attention the changes that have occurred, are occurring and will occur in the area that AUDEM serves. In addition, we will offer special tracks that focus on the region of the Black Sea and Caucasus and on Turkey, our host nation.

This is an interesting historical epoch and we are pleased to be able to be in at Uludag University in Turkey. Turkey faces interesting times in terms of its historical trajectory both domestically and internationally. The Turkish university community is an impressive community of international stature. For many AUDEM colleagues, this is a new location. We look forward to bringing many good colleagues together from throughout the region.

In addition to looking at topics related to our central theme, we also invite presentations that reflect on current political, social and cultural developments in Central Europe, Black Sea Region and the Caucasus – and neighboring countries (e.g., Azerbaijan) in the region. This will serve as a historical update since our 2008 meetings. We also invite presentations in the arts, humanities and social sciences. But we welcome all topics and we invite you to submit your ideas.

Bursa and Uludag University. Bursa stands on the lower slopes of Uludag (Mount Olympos of Mysia, 2543 m) in the Marmara region of Anatolia. The title "Green" of Bursa comes from its gardens and parks and its location in an important fruit growing region. In Bursa you are in the homeland of the delicious "Iskender Kebap", one of the best dishes of world - famous Turkish Cuisine. The candied chestnuts (Kestane Sekeri) are a specialty of desserts and have an unforgettable taste. The peaches of Bursa are unique. As for something to purchase; Bursa is a center of the silk trade (since first silk cocoons were brought here with the caravans of the Silk Road). It is the homeland of the famous Turkish folklore figures, Karagöz and Hacivat shadow puppets.

Bursa was the first Ottoman capital and rich in religious monuments, mosques, and tombs (Turbe), and baths. A site not to miss is the Yesil Cami (Green Mosque), with its carved marble doorway which is one of the best in Anatolia. The Yildirim Beyazit Mosque is important as it is the first one built in the new Ottoman style and is accompanied by the Emir Sultan Mosque which lies in a peaceful setting. The province is decorated with these monuments, each of which is a masterpiece. Here are the Ulu Cami (Grand Mosque) built in the Seljuk style, with impressive calligraphic wall decorations. The Orhan Gazi Mosque; the "Hisar", an attractive part of the province; the Mausoleums of Osman, the founder of the Ottoman Empire, and his son Orhan Gazi are other important sites to visit. The Ottoman Museum offers a lively exhibit of the traditional life style of Ottomans.

Uludag University (Uludag Üniversitesi) is one of the one of the many impressive universities in Turkey. The research and education conducted by the university has an emphasis on engineering, natural sciences and art. The official language of instruction at Uludag University is Turkish. The Bursa Faculty of Medicine (once under Istanbul University) was established in 1970; the Bursa Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences which was founded in 1974 and formed the basis of Uludag University. The university was established in 1975 under the name of Bursa University and the university took its current name in 1982. Overall, Uludag University includes 11 faculties, 1 undergraduate school, 12 vocational schools, 1 conservatory, 3 institutes, 11 research centers and 6 departments that are under Presidency. In the academic year 2007-2008, there were 44,048 students enrolled in the university.[1]

AUDEM Encourages Young Scholars and Students to Participate. We very much encourage young scholars and junior faculty to participate and to submit proposals for any of the themes and subjects described in this Call for Papers. We invite alumni of various exchange programs sponsored by American Councils for International Education and other agencies to contact those agencies to see if support is available. We also invite papers from undergraduate and graduate students. Students should indicate their student status (graduate or undergraduate) when presenting a proposal.

University Partnership for Education and Democracy. In 2004 at AUDEM's conference in Pécs, Hungary we initiated a major new initiative, to develop the University Partnerships for Education and Citizenship project

(UPEC). This project links member European and US universities with the purpose of enriching democratic citizenship and civic engagement among university students. UPEC has been developed through the collaboration of AUDEM with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), The Council of Europe, *The New York Times* and *The International Herald Tribune*. UPEC is an extension of the American Democracy Project (ADP), organized in the United States by AASCU and *the New York Times*. ADP is a national project by member universities throughout the United States to advance democratic citizenship and civic engagement among American university students.

We invite interested universities and colleagues in Central and Eastern Europe and the US to work together on UPEC to help advance democratic citizenship and civic engagement in Central and Eastern Europe and the United States. This year we are again devoting an entire track to UPEC. We invite presentations in the UPEC poster session and we invite colleagues to participate in the UPEC roundtable. We invite submissions for the UPEC Plenary as well.

The Council On Social Work Education (CSWE) Another major initiative is the Council On Social Work Education (CSWE) providing a venue for those involved in social work education on an international dimension. The Council will be sponsoring a number of sessions related to the role of social work in societies in transition and the question of educating people for social work. We invite presentation proposals and we invite attendees to introduce themselves to representatives of the Council. The Council will continue to work to set up a permanent AUDEM group on Social Work and Social Work Education.

Special Program Events: This year we are proposing two special program events.

Quality Assurance and Accreditation: Following the very successful sessions in 2008 on the broad issue of Quality Assurance and Accreditation, especially within Bologna, we would like to determine interest in an Open Roundtable on this subject. See below for more details

1989-2009: AUDEM Twenty Years On – Looking Back & Looking Forward: This is AUDEM's twentieth anniversary and the Board of Directors will be organizing a special event. We welcome memories, pictures, past programs or other mementoes of AUDEM's past. If interested in contributing, please see below for more details.

Working Arrangements of the AUDEM Conference. The Conference is held in English. It is most desirable but not required that presenters bring copies of their presentation or a substantial abstract. Overhead projection and power point will be available, but the conference organizers must be notified in advance. Time allotted will be about 20 - 25 minutes for each paper plus a limited time for questions.

Requirements for Submission:

Colleagues may submit one or more presentation proposals. Please review the Special Tracks and the Conference Tracks below. Please provide a one-page abstract organized as follows:

Please Organize Your Abstract for your Submission as Follows:

- (a) Title of presentation;
- (b) Name(s) of presenter(s);
- (c) Title of presenter (s);
- (d) Department or faculty and name of university and country;
- (f) E-mail address, FAX number, mailing address;
- (g) In your proposal, it is very important that you indicate clearly which track you are submitting for: UPEC track, Social Work Education Track, or Conference Tracks F-K. If you are not certain, you may indicate several possible tracks. The Program organizers reserve the option to schedule papers in sessions other than those requested by those proposing presentations.

Electronic Submission: In the e-mail proposing the paper, place the following in the subject line:

- (a) Your name
- (b) Your paper title (or a short title if necessary)
- (c) Track Letter or Letters (A, B, C, D, E, etc.) you are submitting for more than one track

(d) Date of your submission

Send proposals to Mr. Gábor Czéh at the University of Pecs: audem@ki.pte.hu

For additional information about the conference, contact Mr. Gábor Czéh at audem@ki.pte.hu.

Deadlines. The deadline for receipt of proposals, including titles, authors' names, institutional affiliation and addresses, and an abstract is **May 29, 2009**. Late proposals will be considered if space is available. Registration will begin around August 1. The website will contain registration forms and information regarding hotels and registration fee – also around August 1. We encourage submission by the May 29, 2009 deadline but invite late submissions – with no guarantee of acceptance.

NOTE: Colleagues requiring formal letters of invitation for visa or funding purposes should contact AUDEM (audem@ki.pte.hu) as soon as possible. Invitations will be sent based on the visa requirements of Turkey. Inquiries about visa requirements for Turkey should be directed to the Turkish consulate in your home country. Colleagues are urged to submit early.

NOTICE: Presenters *must* register for the conference. Presentations and presenters will *not* be listed in the printed program if the presenter has not registered. Please watch the AUDEM website for information on registration, fees and the like. www.audem.org

MEMBERSHIP: We invite institutions to join AUDEM. Information regarding membership is on the website at www.audem.org.

Reminder: Our Submission Deadline May 29, 2009. Proposals will be accepted thereafter but with no guarantee that they can be included.

2009 AUDEM CONFERENCE THEME:

1989-2009: TWENTY YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION: LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD

Special Tracks

A - 1989- 2009: Historic Changes Reconsidered

We invite presentations on developments since 1989 – the events that began with Tiananmen Square in Spring 1989 and led to the transformation of regimes through Central and Eastern Europe, South-East Europe, and the region of the former Soviet Union. Focus on the region, social institutions, individual countries, intellectual and cultural life and international relations are among possible topics.

B - Turkey: Issues & Developments in Higher Education in a Changing Governmental Environment

C - The Black Sea & Caucasus Region: Current Issues and Future Prospects

We invite presentations across a board range of issues and topics and countries. We see the

region including not only Turkey – our host in Bursa – but also including Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Armenia, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and other neighboring countries such as Azerbaijan. Topics might include higher education, geo-political developments, cultural developments, civil society, the impact of the current world economic crisis. Aspects of regional cooperation among universities might be one area of discussion as well as geo-political and geo-strategic issues.

D - University Partnerships for Education and Citizenship (UPEC)

UPEC invites presentations and discussions on existing UPEC partnerships; on educating young citizens for the challenge of globalization; current trends in democratic transition and development.

E- Council on Social Work Education:

The Council Group on Social Work Education wishes to focus on emerging perspectives on social work and social work education. It invites presentations on linking social work education and practice: does our current curriculum prepare our professionals; social work roles and responsibilities in developing & post-transitional democracies and civil society. Note: In making a proposal for the Social Work Special Track, please indicate clearly that your presentation is designed for this track.

Conference Tracks

F - Societies, Civil Society and Political Regimes in Flux in the Era of Globalization & Economic Crisis

We invite presentation proposals across a broad range of topics with focus not only on the impact of globalization on families, religion, societies and the like, but also the impact of the current economic crisis. The impact on higher education would also be welcome but see also Track H below.

G - Inclusion of the Excluded: The Place of Women, Minority Nationalities and Ethnic Groups in Civil Society

H - Developments in Higher Education in Central and Eastern Europe:

We invite presentations on institutional change, new directions in pedagogy, implementing Bologna, universities & civil society, quality assurance and related topics. We also invite presentations on the impact of the current world economic crisis on higher education. How, for example, might the crisis impact mobility of students and faculty, available resources, and the like.

I - Developments in Humanities, Social Sciences, the Arts and Literature

We invite presentations on recent developments in art, music, cinema and literature and recent developments in academic disciplines and intellectual life (e.g., history, philosophy, literary criticism, “public” intellectual life, politics, political science, sociology, etc.)

J- Developments in Business, IT, Commerce & Business Education - Information, Communication and Freedom in a Networked World

K - Open Session

Proposals on subjects not covered above will be entered into Open Sessions.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING POSSIBLE PROGRAM EVENTS

A – Quality Assurance and Accreditation

Following requests from last year's successful sessions on quality assurance and accreditation, we are considering an open roundtable on Quality Assurance, Accreditation and Assessment. A particular point of interest would be national approaches to accreditation and quality assurance *and* quality assurance under Bologna. If you are interested in attending or participating, please contact Prof. Henry Steck, Ph.D., at henry.steck@cutland.edu

B – 1989-2009: AUDEM Twenty Years On – Looking Back & Looking Forward

The Board of Directors will be planning a commemoration of AUDEM on its Twentieth Anniversary. We invite AUDEM participants – especially our long-term participants – to consider preparing remarks or, perhaps, a written statement for a commemoration publication. We especially invite reflections on how AUDEM has assisted individuals, institutions or nations. If you are interested in attending or participating, please contact Prof. Henry Steck, Ph.D., at henry.steck@cutland.edu

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