

**Participants:**

Ebru Kunt Akın (Istanbul Bilgi University)  
Mustafa Aydın (TOBB ETU)  
John Beyer (St. Anthony's College, Oxford)  
Victor Chirila (Executive Director, Foreign Policy Association  
of Moldova)  
Refik Erzan (Boğaziçi University)  
Yasuyuki Kokubo (University of Shizuoka)  
Gün Kut (Boğaziçi University)  
Stephen Larrabee (Senior Researcher, Rand Corporation)  
Ognyan Minchev (Executive Director, Institute for Regional and  
International Studies, Sofia)  
Akitso Mayuzumi (Hokkaido University)  
Shigeo Mutsushika (Director, Wider Europe Research Center,  
University of Shizuoka)  
Fujio Ohnishi (University of Shizuoka)  
Gencer Ozcan (Istanbul Bilgi University)  
Arzu Öztürkmen (Boğaziçi University)  
Evren Balta Pakar (Yıldız Technical University)  
Mircea Pașcu (European MP, former Minister of Defense,  
Romania)  
Alexander Rondeli (Georgian Foundation for Strategic and  
International Studies)  
Vladimir Socor (Senior Fellow, James Foundation)  
Olexandr Sushko (Executive Director, Center for Peace,  
Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine)  
Riichi Tabata (Osaka City University)  
Akira Uegaki (Seinan Gakuin University)  
Tetsuya Umemoto (University of Shizuoka)  
Tomonori Yoshizaki (The National Institute for Defense Studies)  
Takayuki Yoshimura (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

**Symposium venue:** Boğaziçi University Rector's Hall and  
Kriton Curi Hall - Bebek, İstanbul [www.boun.edu.tr](http://www.boun.edu.tr)

**Restaurants:**

Demgah Restaurant, Nevizade sok. No. 18, Beyoğlu. Tel: 0212 2524426  
Hamdi Restaurant, Kalçin sok. No. 17, Eminönü. Tel: 0212 5280390  
Boat: *Lüfer-6* from Bebek Bay (contact organizers for time and location)

***Black Sea Region in International Relations  
Old Issues, New Trends***

1-2 October 2009

Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

*An international symposium\**

organized by

*Boğaziçi University Department of Political Science and International Relations  
and University of Shizuoka, Wider Europe Research Center*

\*The symposium is sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Japan, Grant-in-aid for Scientific Research (A) 20252005 (Head investigator S. Mutsushika) "International Relations in the Black Sea Region - An Interdisciplinary Study by Four Dimensional Analysis"

*30 September Wednesday:*

19:30~22:30 **Opening Night Reception** (Demgah Restaurant, Beyoğlu)

*1 October Thursday:*

9:30~10:00 **Welcoming Speeches:**

Gün Kut and Shigeo Mutsushika

10:00~12:30 **Session One: A Historical Perspective**

Chair: Gün Kut

Speakers:

Akitsu Mayuzumi: “Challenging ‘the Ottoman lake’ :

Internationalization of the Black Sea in the Second  
Half of the XVIII Century”

Takayuki Yoshimura: “Soviet Armenia’s Propaganda for the  
Armenian Fatherland over their Communities Abroad  
in 1920’s”

Commentator: Arzu Öztürkmen

*Lunch (Kennedy Lounge, Boğaziçi University)*

14:00~17:00 **Session Two: Economy in the Black Sea Region**

Chair: Shigeo Mutsushika

Speakers:

Ebru Kunt Akın: “the Black Sea as an economic entity”

Akira Uegaki: “International Labor Movement of the Black  
Sea Region”

Riichi Tabata: “The Postwar Economic Development of East  
Asia Countries (Japan-Korea) – Hints for Turkey?”

Commentator: Refik Erzan

19:30~22:30 *Dinner (Hamdi Restaurant, Eminönü)*

*2 October Friday:*

10:00~12:30 **Session Three: Black Sea and the Wider Region**

Chair: Gencer Özcan

Speakers:

Mustafa Aydın: “The Black Sea in World Politics”

Mircea Paşcu: “EU Policy toward the Black Sea - An  
Evaluation”

Ognyan Minchev: “Bulgaria’s policies and strategic attitudes on  
the Black Sea Region”

Commentator: Stephen Larrabee

*Lunch (Kennedy Lounge, Boğaziçi University)*

14:00~17:00 **Session Four: Current issues and Prospects for the Future**

Chair: Mustafa Aydın

Speakers:

Evren Balta Paker: “Conflict and Control in the  
North Caucasus”

Alexander Rondeli : “The Russian-Georgian war and  
its Implications for International Security”

Olexandr Sushko: “Dilemmas of Ukraine on the Eve of 2010  
Presidential Elections: Implications for the region”

Commentator: Vladimir Socor

17:00~17:30 **Closing Remarks:**

Shigeo Mutsushika

18:00~21:00 **Closing Dinner** (Bosphorus Cruise on Motorboat *Lüfer-6*)