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INVITATION

The Laboratory of Turkish & Eurasian Studies
of the Department of International & European Studies
of the School of Economics, Business & International Relations
of the University of Piraeus
has the pleasure of inviting you to the lecture of the

Professor Abel Polese* on:

“EU-Central Asia Cooperation
(cultural nuances, informal obstacles)”

The lecture* will take place on **Manday, 20 April 2026 (19.00-21.00)**
at the **Historical Library** of the **Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation**
(2nd Merarchias 36 & Aktis Moutsopoulou, Piraeus)

The Chairman of the Department
of International & European Studies

Professor Aristotle Tziampiris

The Director of the Laboratory
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* Abel Polese is Associate Professor in the School of Law and Government at Dublin City University. His main research focus is on informal governance, with regional specialisation in Eurasia. He is also engaged in debates on open science and science management and is the author of *The SCOPUS Diaries and the (Il)logics of Academic Survival: A Short Guide to Design Your Own Strategy and Survive Bibliometrics, Conferences, and Unreal Expectations in Academia*. He has been a Marie Curie Fellow at the Technical University of Dresden, Germany (2006-2008) and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland (2008-2011). In 2012-2013 he worked as a policy analyst for the European Commission (DG Research). He has been a visiting professor to several universities in America (Harvard, Toronto, Manizales), Europe (Paris, Budapest, Dubrovnik, Moscow, Cagliari, Vilnius, Rijeka, Kyiv), Asia (Tezpur, JNU in Delhi, Konkook in Daegu, Renmin in Beijing). His project “Sustainable Development in Cultural Diversity” received the Global Education Award by the Council of Europe in 2011.