



Energy Developments in a changing world
Political, economic and legal realignments
In collaboration with the
University of Piraeus Master's of Energy Program

Event details:

Thursday, January 22, 2015
New York University Abu Dhabi

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Room 006

Agenda:

08:30-09:00 – Arrival & Check-in

09:00 – 09:15 WELCOME

Carol Brandt, Chancellor of Global Education and Outreach, NYUAD

The Growing challenges of the Anthropocene: Energy, Climate, Recession

I. Morning sessions

09:15 – 09:40 Sophia Kalantzakos – Global Distinguished Professor, Environmental Studies and Public Policy, NYU

US-China Climate Change Agreement: Historic, Pivotal or merely a good headline?

9:40 – 10:10 Shakeel Kazmi, Professor of Legal Studies, NYUAD

From Lima to Paris and COP21: Opportunities and Challenges

10:10- 10:30 Aristotle Tziampiris, Associate Professor of International Relations, Director of KEDEY, University of Piraeus, Greece

The regional politics of energy

10:30 – 10:40 John Paravantis, Assistant Professor, Dept. of International and European Studies

Fuel Poverty: Socioeconomic and Political Aspects of the Human Dimension of the Global Recession

10:40 – 10:50 Athanassios Dagoumas, Lecturer of Energy Economics, Dept. of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, Greece

Key Energy priorities for the EU: Internal Energy Market, Energy Security and Climate Change

10:50-11:00 Nikolaos Farantouris, Jean Monnet Chair on EU Energy Law & Policies, Director of the Master's Program in Energy, University of Piraeus, Greece

Diversification of energy sources in Europe: Between Scylla and Charybdis

11:00- 11:30 Nikos Nikiforakis, Associate Professor of Economics, NYUAD
Norm Enforcement in the City

11:30 -12:00 Coffee & lunch

12:00 Departure for the National Archives

14:00 Arrival at Masdar

14:00-15:00 Tour of Masdar

15:00 Coffee at Masdar

16:00 Return to NYUAD campus

II. Afternoon secessions

16:00- 16:30 Tour of campus

16:30-16:45 Remarks and greetings by Associate Dean Hannah Brückner
Associate Dean of Social Sciences and Professor of Social Research and Public Policy

16:45-17:15 Sean Evers, Founder and Managing Partner of Gulf Intelligence
An evaluation of current energy developments

17:15-17:45 Yorgos Moustakas, Aegean Energy
The rising importance of Fujairah: New era in bunkering, storage and LNG

17:45-18:10 Erika Spagakou, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
Irena's mission as a catalyst for energy transformation and the transition to a sustainable energy future.

18:10- 18:30 Dominykas Milasius, APCO Worldwide (TBC)

Cleantech in Energy Security

18:30-19:00 **Hassan Fattah**, Brunswick Group, Abu Dhabi, former Editor-in-Chief of The National, and former New York Times correspondent.

The Geopolitics of the rise of the UAE

19:00-19:15 Visit of the Innovation Lab in A5

19:15 Mock Drinks

19:45 Dinner

21:30 Departure for hotel

BIOGRAPHIES

Carol Brandt

Associate Vice Chancellor, Global Education and Outreach & Vice Provost, NYUAD

Brandt plays a central role in shaping and implementing NYU Abu Dhabi's commitment to global education and the institution's connections to Abu Dhabi and the UAE.

Brandt joined NYU Abu Dhabi from Pitzer College, where she most recently held the position of vice president for International Programs and Fellowships. Previously, Brandt served as Pitzer's associate vice president of International Programs, director of the program in American College English, and director of Special Programs. She was also a senior lecturer in Modern Languages, Literature, and Culture. Brandt received a B.A. and an M.A. in Linguistics from California State University Fresno.

Hannah Brückner

Associate Dean of Social Sciences and Professor of Social Research and Public Policy
Affiliation: NYU Abu Dhabi

Hannah Brückner works on a wide range of topics related to the life course, inequality, health, gender, and sexuality. She has published numerous chapters and articles about gender inequality in the labor force, the integration of women in academic workplaces, and adolescent health and sexual behavior. Current research projects focus on adolescent romantic relationships and timing and sequencing of family formation, and career development.

Sophia Kalantzakos

Global Distinguished Professor, Environmental Studies and Public Policy

Affiliation: NYU New York

B.A. Yale University; M.A. Columbia University, PhD University of the Peloponnese
Sophia Kalantzakos spent the first half of her career as a policy maker, an elected member of Parliament and Member of the Greek Government until 2009. After 2010, she segued into Academia as Global Distinguished Professor in Environmental Studies and Public Policy at NYU. Her interdisciplinary research has drawn upon international affairs (her area of study) and climate change as the threat that is reshaping power politics across the globe. Her research focuses on resource competition, the challenges of a new energy mix and the potential of an EU-China partnership for the Anthropocene.

Her upcoming book on the Geopolitics of Rare Earths addresses these challenges. Since moving to NYU she has made regular appearances on Bloomberg, CNN, and Fox as a political commentator on Greece, Europe, China, Environmental issues, and Rare Earths. During her political career, she was an active contributor of op-ed pieces in the Greek Press and in the wider European Press generally.

Previously, Kalantzakos was Deputy Minister of Labor and Pensions, Greek Government (2007-9), Member of Greek Parliament (2000-2009) serving on Committees for Foreign Affairs and Defense, European Affairs, and Education; responsible for Greek-U.S. relations (New Democracy Party); head of Greek delegation of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly; Alternate Whip, New Democracy Party (2004-2007); Honorary Ambassador for the Olympic Truce (2004).

Shakeel Kazmi

Adjunct Professor of Legal Studies

Affiliation: NYU Abu Dhabi

Professor Shakeel Kazmi holds doctor of law (S.J.D. 2012) and masters of law (LL.M. 2010) degrees in Environmental Law from the Pace University School of Law. He is also a graduate from the American University Washington College of Law (LL.M. 1994). Prior to joining NYUAD as adjunct professor legal studies, he has taught Global Warming and Climate Change at NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering, New York. He has held visiting appointments at Wuhan University and Qingdao University in China. In addition to teaching climate change law and policy, Professor Kazmi has practiced law in New York for more than 17 years. He is also an advisor to Ministry of Climate Change Pakistan and is actively involved in climate change treaty negotiations. In this role, he has attended **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** meetings in Copenhagen, Cancun, Durban, Doha, and Warsaw. As an advisor to a board member, he has attended Green Climate Fund board of directors meetings in Seoul, Berlin, and Paris. Professor Kazmi researches in the area of Climate Change, focusing on the climate change displacement and renewable energy in developing countries. He is the author of *Climate Change: Human Rights In The Times Of Climate Displacement* [forthcoming] and a co-author *Renewable Energy and Development, Case Study Analyses*, and *Environmental Law of the United Arab Emirates: A Comparative Study of Environmental Laws, Regulations and Policies of the United Arab Emirates*.

Sean Evers

Founder and Managing Partner

Affiliation: Gulf Intelligence

Mr. Sean Evers is Founder and Managing Partner of Gulf Intelligence. Sean has spent his career building ground-breaking media enterprises, starting with the award-winning Punchbag Productions across Britain and Ireland, securing a top award at the 1992 Edinburgh Festival. In the mid-1990s Sean Evers was appointed Cairo correspondent for The Financial Times. In 1997 he was recruited by Bloomberg to open up the Middle East office in the UAE, and over the following decade he built-out the U.S. media company's regional network of bureaus from Cairo to Tehran, culminating in 2008 in Dubai being designated as the firm's fourth global hub. He attained a BA in Politics & Economics from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana in 1988, and went on to secure his LLB law degree at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

John A. Paravantis

Assistant Professor

Affiliation: University of Piraeus, Greece

John A. Paravantis is a tenured Assistant Professor in the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Piraeus. He holds a 5-year Civil Engineering diploma from the National Technical University of Athens as well as a M.Sc. in Transportation and a Ph.D. in Energy and Environment both from Northwestern University. In his professional career prior to joining the academia, he supervised the drafting of over 40 Environmental Impact Statements mostly of large engineering works and was a member of the project management team for the renovation of infrastructure of the Hellenic Railways Organization. In the University, Dr. Paravantis is very fond of teaching undergraduate and graduate classes and enjoys the challenge of supervising graduate and doctoral work (currently supervises 3 doctoral students). In his research, which has drawn about 200 citations, Dr. Paravantis uses advanced quantitative techniques (including multivariate statistics, econometric modeling, time series forecasting, game theory and computer simulation) in order to analyze global impacts of energy systems (such as these in the transportation and building sector) on the natural and man-made environment, especially in regards to transnational cooperation and competition («coopetition»). Finally, Dr. Paravantis is a regular reviewer of many journals including Energy and Buildings as well as the International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management.

Nikolaos E. Farantouris

Associate Professor, Jean Monnet chair on EU Law & Policies

University of Piraeus, Greece

Affiliation: University of Piraeus, Greece

Associate Professor at the International European Studies Department, University of Piraeus, and holder of the Jean Monnet Chair on EU Law and Policies (Competition, Energy and Transport). Director of the Master's Program on Energy: Strategy, Law & Economics, University of Piraeus, Greece. He studied law at the University of Athens and completed a Master's degree (M.Jur.) and a Doctorate (D.Phil.) in Law both at the University of Oxford. His research focuses on EU law and policies, competition law including state aids, energy and transport regulation, environmental protection and international trade law. A former research fellow at the Universities of Rotterdam, Dresden and Athens, Dr. Farantouris has worked for a number of years at Norton Rose in London, Brussels and Athens, where he handled major antitrust, merger control, multinational cartel and state aid cases in the banking, energy and transport sectors before national and international authorities, the EU Commission and the European Court of Justice. Dr. Farantouris has also gained experience as a member of the Hellenic Competition Commission, a member of the legal committee of the Union of Greek Shipowners and a member of the Board of Directors of the Greek Public Gas Corporation S.A.

Hassan Fattah

Partner Brunswick Group, Abu Dhabi

Hassan has over 20 years of experience as a communications leader in the Middle East, leading compelling media projects in the region and, more recently, advising on media strategy. He has covered the changing dynamics of the Middle East, paying particular attention to demographic shifts and youth culture in the region and its impact the region's direction and politics.

Hassan was Editor-in-Chief of *The National*, the widely respected English-language, Abu Dhabi-based daily newspaper, from 2009 to 2013. On leaving *The National*, he was then appointed Director of Communications at GEMS Education, the world's largest private education provider. His earlier career included being Middle East Correspondent for *The New York Times*, a correspondent for *TIME* magazine and co-founder and Editor of *Iraq Today*.

Athanassios Dagoumas

Lecturer in Energy and Resource Economics

Affiliation: University of Piraeus, Greece

Athanassios holds a Diploma in Electrical and Computer Engineering from The Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, where he elaborated his PhD in Energy Economics and Climate Change issue. He has 10 years of work and research experience in energy related issues, including working as a Senior Researcher at the University of Cambridge and as a Senior Energy Analyst at the Transmission System Operator and at the Electricity Market Operator in Greece. Moreover he was enrolled as a Special Advisor to the Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change in Greece. Tackling energy and climate change issues from different perspectives, namely research, engineering and decision making, builds his capacity for an in depth understanding of multidisciplinary aspects of the energy sector: economic, engineering, environmental and policy.

Aristotle Tziampiris

Associate Professor of International Relations

Affiliation: University of Piraeus, Greece

Aristotle is Associate Professor of International Relations at the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Piraeus; Director of the Center for International and European Affairs at the University of Piraeus and a member of the Scientific Board of the Institute of Democracy (Athens, Greece). Dr Tziampiris will be Visiting Scholar at New York University (The Remarque Institute) in Fall 2013 and was Visiting Scholar at Columbia University (The Harriman Institute) during 2009. He is a former member of the Scientific Board of the Institute of Defense Analyses (IAA-Athens, Greece, 2004-2009) and IAA's Board of Directors (September 2005-June 2006), as well as former Research Associate at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP-Athens, Greece, 2000-2008). He is the author of *Faith and Reason of State: Lessons from Early Modern Europe and Cardinal Richelieu* (2009) Nova Science, New York; *Kosovo's Endgame: Sovereignty and Stability in the Western Balkans* (2006) IAA, Athens; *International Relations and the Macedonian Question* (2003) ELIAMEP, Athens [in Greek]; and *Greece, European Political Cooperation and the Macedonian Question* (2000) Ashgate Press, Aldershot. Dr Tziampiris has also published a series of essays primarily on international relations and Greek foreign policy in the Balkans and is currently working on a study of Israeli-Greek relations. His op-ed pieces have appeared in various publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *The Washington Times* and *National Interest*. He holds PhD and MSc (econ) degrees from the London School of Economics and Political Science and is a graduate (BA) of Middlebury College

Erika Spagakou

MSc, UCL: Environment and Sustainable Development

Junior Professional Associate - International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Erika graduated in political Science and Public Administration from the University of Athens, where she majored in International and European Affairs. She focused her postgraduate research on issues of sustainability and development, while she conducted her MSc Thesis on the theme of energy, entitled: "Behavioral change of Institutions towards environmental challenges: a case study of nuclear energy in Germany, in the context of its European identity". Moreover, she possesses valuable experience 'on the field' in the city of Accra, Ghana, where she researched the multi-stakeholder network of institutions and political actors involved in environmental policy-making for sustainable development.

Erika has a first-hand understanding of the operation of international institutions and has worked with national governments, European bodies and international organizations towards accelerating the global sustainability agenda. In 2012 she was part of the team that negotiated the European Commission's position at the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, while for the past three years she has been working with the International Renewable Energy Agency, aspiring to contribute to the accelerated deployment of renewable energy worldwide.

Erika's professional interests lie on sustainability and political institutions. She is the co-founder of the Greek non-governmental organization 'Dimokratia Ideon' (Democracy of Ideas), which advocates for participatory democracy in Greece through

social media platforms, and is currently researching the socio-economic benefits that renewable energy can have on Greece in the midst of the financial crisis.

Nikos Nikiforakis

Associate Professor of Economics

Affiliation: NYU Abu Dhabi

Nikos Nikiforakis' research interests are predominantly in behavioral and public economics. His main body of work consists of experimental studies in the lab and the field investigating factors that impact on the evolution of cooperation. His work has been published in leading economic journals such as the *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *European Economic Review* and *Games and Economic Behavior*, as well as in leading interdisciplinary journals such as the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Prior to joining NYUAD, Nikos held senior positions at the University of Melbourne (Australia), the Max Planck Institute (Germany) and the CNRS (France). Nikos is currently Editor-in-Chief at the *Journal of the Economic Science Association*, Associate Editor at the *European Economic Review*, and on the editorial board of the *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*.

Dominykas Milasius

Fresh out of Sciences Po - Paris' Middle Eastern Politics and International Security program, **Dominykas Milasius** joined APCO Worldwide, Masdar team (specializing in Public & Crisis Communication), in November 2014. Dominykas has the experience of being on various sides of communication - a special correspondent for the National TV & Radio from Egypt (summer 2013) and a Security Policy intern to the Lithuanian Mission to the UN (summer 2014). Education as a hobby, Dominykas has established several youth initiatives around the world: from Young Leaders Debate, a future energy simulation hosted at Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week 2014, to a Security Negotiations workshop at King's College London 2015, along with annual crisis simulation conferences in Lithuania and France.