

**Program International Conference:
The Eastern Mediterranean in Transition
27 March 2017**

Conference Hall, University of Piraeus
Main Building – 80, M. Karaoli & A. Dimitriou St., Piraeus

11.30-12.00 – Attendance / Registration

12.00-12.30 – Welcoming Remarks

Associate Professor ***Petros Liacouras***
Deputy Head, at the Department of International and European Studies

Professor ***Efraim Inbar***
Founding Director
The Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies

12.30-13.30 – SESSION 1:

Coordinator: Petros Liacouras

The regional role of armed non state actors in the Middle East
Associate Professor Sotiris Roussos

Recent developments in Hydrocarbon Exploitation in Eastern Mediterranean
Associate Professor Petros Liacouras and Associate Professor John Paravantis

Greece – Israel – Cyprus - Egypt: A much promising strategic partnership and the security question of Turkey

General (ret.) Christos Vaitsis
Honorary Chief of Hellenic Air Force General Staff

13.30-15.00 – SESSION 2:

Coordinator: Athanasios Platias

The New Strategic Landscape in the East Mediterranean and Israel's Responses
Professor Efraim Inbar

The Levante – As Always Torn between East and West
Maj. Gen. (res) Gershon Hacoheh

The Mediterranean Identity: Strategic and Cultural (Hard Power and Soft Power) Dimensions
Dr. Lt. Col. (res) Eran Lerman