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International Conference
Women and Diplomacy
23-24 May 2024

Under the patronage of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic
Ms. Katerina Sakellariopoulou

Venue: Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation,
2nd Merarchias Avenue and Moutsopoulou Coast, 18535 Piraeus

Program

12.00-13.00 Welcome addresses/Greetings:

Michael Sfakianakis, Professor, Rector of the University of Piraeus

Giannis Moralis, Mayor of Piraeus

Konstantina Botsiou, Professor, Dean of the School of Business, Economics and International Studies, University of Piraeus

May Zanni, President and Co-founder of Women Act

Maria Olson, Chargé D' Affaires, U.S. Embassy, Athens

Aristotle Tziampiris, Professor, Chair of the Department of International and European Studies, Director MSc in "American Studies", University of Piraeus



13.00-13.30 Keynote Speech

Women in international relations: examining the role of women in shaping and influencing international relations and diplomacy.

H.E. Ambassador Teresa – Paraskevi Angelatou, Secretary General,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

13.30-15.00 Panel Discussion “Women and Leadership”

Moderator: **Aristotle Tziampiris**, Professor, Chair of the Department
of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus

Discussants:

Sofia Zacharaki, Minister of Social Cohesion and Family, Greece

Konstantinos Kyranakis, Deputy Minister of Digital Governance, Greece

H.E. Julie LyMBEROPULOS, Ambassador and General Consul of Panama to
Greece

Kristin Roberts, Counselor of Public Affairs, US Embassy, Athens

Dr Peggy Pelonis, President, ACS Athens (American Community Schools)

15.00-16.00 Session 1

Moderator: **Foteini Asderaki**, Professor, Vice Chair of the department
of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, Chair of
the Doctoral School of the ESDC



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For a feminist diplomacy

H.E. Laurence Auer, Ambassador of France to Greece

Gender Mainstreaming in Foreign Policies: The need of Women in Diplomacy – The Cyprus Case

Josie Christodoulou, Commissioner for Gender Equality, Cyprus

Who is the diplomat? Making feminist sense of diplomacy

Chara Karagianopoulou, Professor, Panteion University

The “mothers” of the European integration

Foteini Asderaki, Professor, University of Piraeus

16.00-17.00 Session 2

Moderator: **Irene Cheila**, Professor, Department of International & European Studies, University of Piraeus

Women’s empowerment & Peace building-Lessons from South Africa

H.E. Lindiwe Gail Msengana-Ndlela, Ambassador of South Africa to Greece

Women in International Relations

H.E. Gerda Volga, Ambassador of Austria to Greece

The story and advantages of women in diplomacy

Alexander Gennimatas, Consul General of Greece in Geneva

Women leaders in diplomacy - with a special focus in South -East Asia countries

Katerina Tsapikidou, Director of International Relations Service
Thessaloniki, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

17.00-18.00 Reception



Day 2

10.00-11.00 Session 1

Moderator: **Petros Liacouras**, Professor, Director MSc in
“International and European Studies”, Department of International &
European Studies, University of Piraeus

Women in the International Legal Landscape

Maria Telalian, Legal Adviser to the Prime Minister on public international
law matters, f. Head of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
Greece

How Norway has supported women’s participation in peace efforts, effects and lessons learned

H.E. Lajla Brandt-Jakhelln, Ambassador of Norway to Greece

Women in International Relations: Examining the role of women in shaping and influencing international relations and diplomacy

H.E. Ana Vukadinovic, Ambassador of Montenegro in Greece

11.00-12.00 Session 2

Moderator: **Christina Koulouri**, Professor, Rector of Panteion
University

Women and Diplomacy: the EU role

H.E. Iseult Fitzgerald, Ambassador of Ireland in Greece

The benefits of gender equality to the society

H.E. Lina Skerstonaitė, Ambassador of Lithuania in Greece

Visibility

Koula Sophianou, Chief of State Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Cyprus



12.00-12.30 Break

12.30-13.30 Panel discussion: Public Diplomacy

Moderator: **Aikaterini Tsamouri**, Journalist, Diplomatic Correspondent, Anchor woman, Star Channel

Aikaterini Koika, Director General for Public diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

Nancy Snow, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Communications, California State University, Fullerton, USA, Fulbright Professor of Public Diplomacy at Panteion and a Visiting Scholar at IDIS

Maria Gavouneli, Professor of International Law, Director General of ELIAMEP

13.30-14.30 Session 3

Moderator: **Maria Mendrinou**, Professor, Director MSc in “Energy: Strategy, Law and Economics”, Department of International & European Studies, University of Piraeus, Greece

Why women in Diplomacy

Dr Catherine Boura, Ambassador ad h.

Prominent Female Figures as Cultural Diplomats

Dr Irene Mamakou, Senior Teaching Fellow, University of Piraeus, Greece

Female Journalism and Diplomacy

Alexia Tasouli, International diplomatic correspondent, accredited in the Hellenic Presidency, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Ministry of Defense, Greece

End of Conference Day 2