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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

US-Greek Policies in Europe and the Mediterranean

1ST DAY: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

18.30

Location: Laskaridis Foundation, 2 Merarchias Ave., 18535 Piraeus

2nd DAY Wednesday, November 8, 2023

10:00

Location: Conference Hall
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Opening Ceremony

18.30 - 19.30

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Registration: 18:00-18:30

Welcoming remarks and speeches

Michael Sfakianakis, Rector of the University of Piraeus

H.E. George J. Tsunis, U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic

Presentation of the Msc American Studies and welcome of the new students

Carolyn Kissane, NYU - Associate Dean and Clinical Professor NYU Center for Global Affairs

Aristotle Tziampiris, Professor, Chair of the Department of International and European Studies, Director Msc American Studies, University of Piraeus, President of CfiR-GR

Coordinator: **Dr. Eirini Mamakou**, University of Piraeus

2nd DAY Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Conference Program

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10:00 - 10:30 Registration

10:30-10:35 Welcoming remarks

Spyros Roukanas, Associate Professor, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, and Student Support, University of Piraeus

10:35 – 12:00 PANEL 1 US - GREEK RELATIONS: TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION

The United States and Greece have a long and historic relationship, dating back to the Greek War of Independence. In recent years, the two countries have strengthened their ties, particularly in the areas of security and defense. The United States has been a strong supporter of Greece's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and Greece has played an important role in NATO and other international organizations.

Moderator: **Katerina Tsapikidou**, MFA-Greece, American Studies student

Ambassador Nicolas Sigalas, Director of the Ministry's A7 Directorate for North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, MFA-Greece

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Q&A

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 – 14:30 PANEL 2 SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

The Eastern Mediterranean region is a vital strategic crossroads, linking Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. In recent years, the region has seen a growing number of security challenges, including maritime disputes, terrorism, and migration. These challenges have put a strain on European security and have highlighted the need for a more coordinated and comprehensive approach to addressing them.

Moderator: Dr. Ioanna Bantouna, (LL.B., LL.M., Ph.D.), Associate Educational Staff, Hellenic Open University

EU's actorness and presence in a complex and contested area

Foteini Asderaki, Professor, University of Piraeus, Chair of the Doctoral School of the ESDC

Cyprus and security issues in the Eastern Mediterranean

Evaghoras L. Evaghorou, Assistant Professor, University of Piraeus

The Gaza Conflict and the Turkish Foreign Policy at Times of Global Security Concerns

Nikolaos Raptopoulos, Ass. Professor, University of Piraeus

Gaza Conflict and Its Global Ramifications: Unraveling the Terrorism Nexus

Dr. Nikos Charalampopoulos, Post-Doc Researcher on Issues of Political Violence, University of Piraeus

Maritime Hybrid Threats in the Eastern Mediterranean

Andrew Liaropoulos, Associate Professor University of Piraeus

Q&A

14:30 – 16:00 PANEL 3 COOPERATION AND CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

The war in Ukraine has tested the West's unity and resolve in unprecedented ways. Western countries have responded to the war with a remarkable degree of coordination, imposing severe sanctions on Russia, providing military and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine, and strengthening NATO's eastern flank. What are the pathways forward to bring a resolution to the invasion as it approaches its second year? What are the long geopolitical implications of the War?

Moderator: **Konstantina Botsiou**, Professor, Dean of the School of Economics, Business and International Studies, University of Piraeus, General Director of CfIR-GR

Constantine Arvanitopoulos, Professor, Panteion University, Director
"Konstantinos G. Karamanlis" Foundation, Former Minister

Athanasios Platias, Professor, University of Piraeus, CfIR-GR Board Member

Christos Hadjiemmanuil, Professor, University of Piraeus

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 PANEL 4 TREATIES, ALLIANCES AND MIGRATION

Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean have been, for millennia, a crossroads for migration, trade, and cultural exchange. Over the last decade, the region has once again become the epicenter of human mobility as millions of refugees from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Sub-Saharan Africa, displaced by conflict, climate change and deprivation seek to reach the relative safety of Europe, with thousands having lost their lives in the effort. These migration flows have strained political relations and created extraordinary challenges for transit and host countries, in particular, Greece. What might be just and sustainable solutions to this crisis that accord equal weight to human rights, economic as well as geopolitical realities?

Moderator: **Apostolos Mangiriadis**

Gender and Migration in the Mediterranean Region

Sylvia Maier, Academic Director and Clinical Professor, NYU Center for Global Affairs

Settling the name dispute as cornerstone of stability, peace and security in SE Europe

Petros Liacouras, Professor, Director Msc International & European Studies,
University of Piraeus

EU-Turkey Statement in Context: Migration in the Geopolitical Quagmire

Konstantinos Lavdas, Professor, Panteion University

A Certificate of Attendance will be given to all students who followed both days.