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## Roundtable on Geopolitics in the Eastern Mediterranean



**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

**9:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

**In-person Event**

Elliott School of International Affairs  
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The Eastern Mediterranean has witnessed a significant transformation in recent years. Great powers have engaged in a contest for regional influence igniting new interest for politicians and analysts and political movements. Disputes, new energy sources and geopolitical antagonism pose new challenges to security and stability. This roundtable discussion aims to explore different aspects of Mediterranean power

politics and their impact, from Eastern Europe to the Middle East. The panelists will provide their perspectives on regional cooperation and conflict, energy, soft power and cultural diplomacy, as well as the role of religion in foreign policy.

## Panelists

### *Hellenic-Israeli Relations in the New Eastern Mediterranean*

**Aristotle Tziampiris** is Professor of International Relations at the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Piraeus and Director of the MSc Program in American Studies: Politics, Strategy & Economics. He serves on the Hellenic American Leadership Council (HALC) and is Academic Coordinator for the Erasmus+ "Eastern Mediterranean Regional Training Partnership" Program.

### *Developments in the East Mediterranean: Lebanon/Israel Separate but Joint Arrangement. Libya/Egypt Inviting for Settling Maritime Dispute*

**Dr. Petros Liacouras** is Professor of International Law at the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Piraeus. He is a policy-oriented academic, expert, and advisor of international law. A graduate of Yale, Temple, and Athens Universities and of Harvard's Program on Negotiation, he teaches International Law, Law of the Sea, International Institutions, Negotiation - Mediation, International Energy Law, and Greek Foreign Policy. He is also the Director of the Post-Graduate Program on International and European Studies, and the Director of the Research Center on Negotiation and Mediation.

### *European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) and the Eastern Mediterranean*

**Dr. Ioanna Bantouna** is a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Piraeus where she teaches courses on International and European Studies. She has engaged in interdisciplinary issues of IL, IR, institutions, negotiations, and EU policy, has become involved in research activities for COST, EU Jean Monnet and Erasmus+ projects and has served as a Member of the Associate Educational Staff of the Hellenic Open University. She is also a visiting researcher at the Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent and a fellow of the Council for International Relations in Greece.

### *Contemporary Cultural Diplomacy in the Eastern Mediterranean*

**Dr. Irene Mamakou** is a senior teaching fellow at the University of Piraeus, Department of International and European Studies, where she has taught since 2009. She holds a PhD in the field of developing Academic/Research Skills in University Education through a Project-Based Methodology from the University of Athens, Department of Informatics and Telecommunications. Her teaching, research interests and publications include English for academic/research purposes, Study Skills in University Education, English for Business Studies, Political & Social Sciences, English for Informatics, Computer-Aided Instruction and Assessment, ICT in University Education, Electronic Methodologies, and Adult Education.

### *Religious Geopolitics: The Ecumenical Patriarchate and Great Power Politics in Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean*

**Dr. Athanasios Grammenos** is an instructor and researcher of International Relations at the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Piraeus. He focuses on the role of diasporas and religion in US foreign policy. In addition, he is a post-doc researcher at Aristotle University, School of Theology, and a Research Fellow at the Council for International Relations Greece. He is the author of the book *Orthodox American; Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America in Greek American Relations (1959-1996)*.

## Moderator



**Harris Mylonas** is Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at George Washington University and editor-in-chief of *Nationalities Papers*. He is the author of *The Politics of Nation-Building* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), and co-editor of *Enemies Within: Fifth Column Politics in Comparative Perspective* (Oxford University Press, 2022; w/ Scott Radnitz) and *The Microfoundations of Diaspora Politics* (Routledge, 2022; w/ Alexandra Délano Alonso). Mylonas has co-authored *Varieties of Nationalism: Communities, Narratives, Identities* (forthcoming, Cambridge University Press; w/ Maya Tudor) and is working on another single-authored book tentatively entitled *Diaspora Management Logics*. His work has also been published in the *Annual Review of Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Security Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Territory, Politics, Governance, Nations and Nationalism*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Ethnopolitics*, as well as various edited volumes.

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