

Athens Discourse:
A World in Transition

June 27–29, 2022
Conference Room,
Institute of International Relations – IDIS (3–5, Hill Street, Plaka)

DRAFT PROGRAM

Monday, June 27, 2022

20:00 **Opening buffet dinner at the Roof Garden of Amalia Hotel (10, Amalias Avenue, Athens) (by invitation only).**

Session I: *Reviewing the Tripartite Relationship.*

Welcome addresses:

Dimitris Keridis, Chairman of the Greece – Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group, Member of Parliament, ND, Athens – North.

Victor Eliezer, Secretary General, Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece.

Keynote address:

Nikos Dendias, Hellenic Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Speaker:

Daniel Mariaschin, CEO, B'nai B'rith International and Convener, Israel–Hellenic Forum.

Mark Regev, Ambassador (ret) to the UK and incoming Head of Abba Eban.

Moderator:

Kostas Ifantis, Professor of International Relations, Panteion University; Director of the Institute for International Relations (IDIS); Scientific Director, Centre for Foreign Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 (IDIS Conference Room)

Session II:

09:00–10:30 *Effects of the conflict in Ukraine on the Eastern Mediterranean Region.*

Keynote address:

Nikos Christodoulides, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Republic of Cyprus.

Speakers:

Yaakov Amidror, The Anne and Greg Rosshandler Senior Fellow at the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security.

Aristotle Tziampiris, Professor of International Relations, University of Piraeus.

Gallia Lindenstrauss, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies.

Andreas Theophanous, Professor of Economics and Public Policy; President of the Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs and Head of the Department of Politics and Governance, University of Nicosia.

Moderator:

Yannis Koutsomitis, Kappa News.

10:30 – 11:00 *Break*

Session III:

11:00–12:30 *Regional Developments: The Abraham Accords, diplomatic forays and threat analysis.*

Speakers:

Eran Lerman, Vice President of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security.

Jonathan Spyer, Founder and Executive Director of the Middle East Center for Reporting and Analysis and Research Fellow of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security.

Constantinos Filis, Director of the Institute of Global Affairs, Prof. at the American College of Greece.

Anna Koukkides-Procopiou, Senior Fellow, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, University of Nicosia.

Moderator:

Vassilis Nedos, Journalist, *Kathimerini* Newspaper.

12:30 – 14:00 *Light lunch at IDIS.*

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Presentation of B'nai B'rith Greece certificate of appreciation to Dr. **Angelos Kolokouris**, President, Greek–Israeli Cooperation Institute. Reference will be made to their common proposal for the establishment of the “*Predictive Antisemitism Observatory*”, which was approved by the Greek Government.

Chair:

Victor Batis, President, B'nai B'rith Athens “Philon” Lodge.

Session IV:

14:00–15:00 *Assembly of the Greek–Israel Friendship Committee of the Hellenic Parliament.*

Chair:

Dimitris Keridis, Chairman of the Greece – Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group, Member of Parliament, ND, Athens – North.

Keynote address:

Amikam Nachmani, Professor, Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University.

Responses from Forum members

Session V: *Next steps in expanding tripartite relationships*

15:30–16:45 *Academia, Culture, Journalism.*

Speakers:

Gabriel Haritos, Visiting Professor, Panteion University.

Ariadne Konstantinou, Senior Teaching Fellow, Department of Classical Studies, Bar–Ilan University.

Antonios Paparizos, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Panteion University.

Moderator:

Angel Nikolaou–Konnaris, Associate Professor, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Cyprus

16:45–18:00 *Economy, Energy, Commerce.*

Speakers:

Theodoros Tsakiris, Associate Professor for Energy Policy and Geopolitics, University of Nicosia.

Dr. Amit Mor, CEO, Eco Energy Financial & Strategic Consulting; Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Reichman University.

Dr. Elai Rettig, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University.

Moderator:

Fanis Papathanasiou, Journalist, *ERT*

19:30 **Farewell buffet dinner at the Hellenic Armed Forces Officers' Club.** (1, Rigilis Street, Athens)
(by invitation only).

Session VI: *Meeting Common Challenges.*

Keynote speaker:

Angelos Syrigos, Deputy Minister of Education and Religious Affairs; Professor of International Law, Panteion University; Senior Research Fellow, IDIS.

Speakers:

Yossi Amrani, Ambassador of Israel to Greece.

Efraim Inbar, Professor, President of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security.

Constantine Arvanitopoulos, The Constantine Karamanlis Professor, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and Panteion University.

Moderator:

Alan Schneider, Director, B'nai B'rith World Center.

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 (Fougaro Art Center Conference Room, Nafplion City) (by invitation only).

Session VII:

11:30–13:00 *Future of Regional Prospects and Challenges.*

Welcome address:

Dimitris Kostouros, Mayor of Nafplio City.

Speakers:

Andreas Theophanous, Professor of Economics and Public Policy; President of the Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs and Head of the Department of Politics and Governance, University of Nicosia.

Stella Gerani, PhD, Adjunct Lecturer in International Relations, University of Macedonia.

Meletis–Taygetos Meletopoulos, Director, Ionios School Lykeion, PhD Geneva University.

Moderator:

Andreas Papastamou, Associate Professor, Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University.

Additional information:

Dress code for dinners: Business

Dress code for Sessions: Smart casual