

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

70 YEARS OF GREECE'S MEMBERSHIP TO NATO

TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS AND GREECE'S ROLE AS A U.S. ALLY

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

IDIS Conference Room (3-5, Hill Street, Plaka)

DRAFT PROGRAM

- 13:30–14:00 Arrivals – Registration
- 14:00–14:30 Welcome address
Ino Afentouli, Executive Director, IDIS
Introductory Remarks:
Professor Harry Papasotiriou, Member of the Board of Directors, IDIS
- 1st SESSION: *Greek–American Relations***
- 14:30–15:00 Keynote Speaker
H.E. the Ambassador of U.S.A. in Greece Mr. **George James Tsunis**
- 15:00–15:30 (online)
H.E. the Ambassador of Greece in U.S. Ms. **Alexandra Papadopoulou**
- (video)
H.E. Chris Pappas, Congressman, US House of Representatives
- Dimitri Kairidis**, MP, New Democracy
- Moderator:
Professor **Constantinos Arvanitopoulos**, Director, “Konstantinos G. Karamanlis Foundation”; former Minister of Education
- 15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

2ND SESSION: ***Greece in NATO: Seventy Years of Contribution to the Alliance's Southern Flank***

16:00–16:45 *What Greece can do more?*
Round table discussion

Discussants:

Thanos Dokos, National Security Advisor

Ioannis Alexios Zepos, Ambassador ret.; Former Secretary General of the MFA,
former Permanent Representative of Greece to NATO;

Member of the Albright Group for NATO's 2010 Strategic Concept

Moderator:

Professor **Marilena Koppa**, Panteion University

16:45–17:45 ***U.S.–Greek Strategic Partnership***
Round Table Discussion

Discussants:

Evangelos Venizelos, former Vice–President of the Government

Kostis Hatzidakis, PM, New Democracy, former Minister for Labor and Social Affairs

Evangelos Apostolakis, MP, *SYRIZA–Progressive Alliance Party*, Former Minister of Defense

Moderator:

Ino Afentouli, Executive Director, IDIS

17:45–18:30 ***U.S.–Greek Defense Cooperation***

Keynote speaker:

Chief of the Hellenic National Defense General Staff: General **Konstantinos Floros**

Moderator:

Theodosis Georgiou, President, *Greek Association for Atlantic and European Cooperation*

19:00 Reception