



Scientific Conference Greek-Albanian relations in the context of the EU enlargement to the Western Balkans

Wednesday, 10 May 2023, @10.00 am

Amphitheater, Central Library Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (ground floor of the Central Library, University Campus)

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Programme

- 9.30 – 10.00
10.00
- Arrival of participants and registration
Welcoming addresses
Grigoris Zarotiadis, professor, Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Jordan Jorgji, Lecturer of the Department of Social Sciences and Vice-dean of the Faculty of Natural and Human Sciences, Fan Noli University, Korçë
- Introductory remarks by Ioannis Papageorgiou, professor, Department of Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- 10.30 – 12.00
- Panel 1: “Greek-Albanian relations and regional security in the Balkans after Ukraine – challenges and risks”** (Moderator: Jordan Jorgji)
- “Understanding Albanian Greek Relations : Deconstructing Paradoxes and Myths”*, Dr. Albert Rakipi, Chairman of the Albanian Institute for International Studies,
“Regional Security and third actors in the Balkans”, Marilena Koppa, professor, Panteion University, Athens,
“The Euro-Atlantic perspective: Security challenges and NATO in South East Europe” Ino Afentouli, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations, Panteion University, Athens



Q&A

12.00-12.30

Coffee break

12.30-14.00

Panel 2: "Greek-Albanian relations and law of the sea issues"

(Moderator: Ioannis Papageorgiou)

"Solving the (un)solved in Hague; the unusual history and challenges of Albanian waters",

Hektor Ruci, Lecturer at the Department of Law, University of New York, Tirana

"Maritime delimitation between Albania and Greece: the road not taken in 2009 and the path to reach a compromise", Miltos Sarigiannidis, Associate Professor, Law School, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

14.00

Conclusions and closing of the conference, Ioannis Papageorgiou

***Certificates of attendance will be provided upon physical attendance of the event.**

Speakers' Short Bios



Ino Afentouli is the Executive Director of the Institute of International Relations (IDIS), Greece's leading university research institute, affiliated to the Department of International and European Studies at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. During 2002-2022, she served as Program Manager at NATO's Public Diplomacy Division. In this capacity, she was responsible for the design and implementation of the communications strategy of the Organization towards the member states of the Southern flank as well as towards the partner countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Prior to joining NATO, she was a journalist specialized in foreign and European affairs and she worked for Greek media outlets (Kathimerini daily, Sky Radio, Star Channel, Athens News Agency) as well as the Economist

Intelligence Unit-Greek edition. For her work, she was awarded with the Calligas prize attributed by the European Journalists Association. She studied Law at the University of Athens and Political Science and Political Communication at the University of Paris I - Sorbonne and Paris II. She is the author of three books and numerous articles and founding member of the Israeli-Hellenic Forum and the Greek-Turkish Forum.



Marilena Koppa is Professor of Comparative Politics at the Department of International, European and Regional Studies of Panteion University. She worked for years as a Special Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration and Enlargement. She was also a Member of the European Parliament from October 2007 to June 2014. She was President of the Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISTAME) from 2006 to 2007. She is a visiting Professor at NATO Defence College (NDC) in Rome. She is the author of several articles and books on the Balkans, minorities, democratization, nationalism and European

Security and Defence Policy.





Albert Rakipi is Chairman of Albanian Institute for International Studies (www.aiis-albania.org) a think tank based in Tirana. He has a Ph.D in International Relations from Bilkent University. Before assuming this position, he has previously served as deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania. Dr. Rakipi also teaches as part time professor at the Tirana University, and as guest lecturer in other universities in Albania and abroad. Founder and Editor of Albanian Journal of International Relations "Tirana Observatory" (www.tiranaobservatory.com) Co- founder and co-Editor of Tirana Times a weekly English Newspaper published in Tirana Albania (www.tiranatimes.com). His latest books are "Albanian Foreign Policy- The Perils of Change" (2021) and "Albanian-Turkish Relations: Continuity and Change" (2022).



Hektor Ruci is a lector of Public International law at the Law Department of the University of New York, Tirana. He has completed his Bachelor in Political Science and Public Administration from Athens Law School, and his postgraduate studies in International Law from the University of Greenwich, UK. His main fields of interest are National Minorities Rights and Law of the Seas. Prior to his academic career, Ruci served for 8 years as Director of Research and Foreign Relations Department of the Supreme Court of Albania. He also contributes as an external expert for UNICEF, Raoul Wallenberg Institute (Sweden), etc.



Dr. Miltiadis Sarigiannidis is associate professor in Public International Law at the Law Faculty of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece). He holds a Dr.Jur. in International Law (Law Faculty AUTH), a M.A. in International Conflict Analysis (Department of Politics & International Relations, University of Kent at Canterbury), a M.A. in Systematic Philosophy (School of Philosophy and Education, AUTH), a LL.M. in International Studies (Law Faculty AUTH), and a LL.B. (Law Faculty AUTH). He teaches, "Public International Law", "International Protection of Human Rights", Law of Armed Conflict, Law of International Organizations, Law of the Use of Force and Collective Security, International Relations, and International Law of the Sea. He also lectures/ed in many academic and professional institutions around Greece. His main research interests focus on the UN legal order, international organization, collective security, the use of force and pacific dispute settlement, humanitarian law, the international protection of human rights, and foreign policy. He has written monographs, textbooks and publishes in Greek and foreign journals and collective works.

