

Winter 2024 George E. Danis Security & Diplomacy Seminar

The Nexus of Water, Climate and Energy in the Eastern Mediterranean

As we move to the second quarter of 21st century global security and diplomacy is not just defined by traditional dimensions of the past. Beyond the geopolitical framing of the 19th and 20th century, the Westphalian state is being challenged by issues that transcend the hard-shell of state borders. Immigration, terrorism, pandemics are just some of the challenges we have, and we are witnessing over the last decade. It's also becoming increasingly clear that there is a congruence of issues that are at times moving policy experts and practitioners in different dimensions, as we have just witnessed at the COP28 meeting in Dubai. This year during the first week of January 8-13, at the George E. Danis Seminar we will examine *The Nexus of Water, Climate and Energy* in the sensitive and central region of the Eastern Mediterranean.

George E. Danis is a successful businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist who has been politically active and has supported civic and education organizations, which foster citizenship, and democracy. Mr. Danis has consistently supported and recognized the achievements of those individuals or groups who have excelled in their professions or fields of endeavor.

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Schedule of Presentations and Panels

Monday, January 8, 2024

Seminar Opening:

Mr. George E. Danis Welcome and Opening

Mr. Nikos Tsafos

The New Energy Landscape in the Eastern Mediterranean

10:00 EST/17:00 EET

Roundtable on Faith-Based Communities, Climate & Energy COP28

Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou,

Dr. Laurie Johnson

Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis

TBA

13:00 EST /20:00 EET

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Dr. Zenonas Tziaras,

Dr. Nikos Kosmatopoulos

Energy, Geopolitics from Lebanon to Cyprus

8:00 EST/17:00 EET

Ms. Katerina Sokou

Ambassador Jeffrey DeLaurentis

The United States Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitics

10:00 EST/17:00 EET

Dr. Aikan Erdemir

Prospect of and Limits of Energy Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean

13:00 EST /20:00 EET

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Dr. Nikos Tzifakis

Geopolitical Competition in the Western Balkans

8:00 EST /15:00 EET

Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas,

Ms. Ino Afentouli

Institutions, Contemporary Geopolitics, Climate and Energy

10:00 EST /17:00 EET

Dr. Yasmine Hasnoui

Dr. Xenia Loizidou

Ms. Anastasia Miliou

Coastal, Seas Sustainability

13:00 EST /20:00 EET

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Dr. Theodore Tsakiris

TBA

8:00 EST /15:00 EET

Garret Patrick Kelly

Ms. Aleksandra Bujaroska

Mr. Denis Žiško

Western Balkans and energy transition: Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire

10:00 EST /17:00 EET

Dr. Vasileia Digidiki

Ms. Elisavet Foka

Climate, and Migration Challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean

13:00 EST /20:00 EET

Friday, January 12, 2024

Dr. Dimitris Triantaphyllou,
Dr. Spyros Katsoulas

*The Security Dilemmas for the Eastern Mediterranean
from the Wars in Ukraine and Gaza*

8:00 EST /15:00 EET

Dr. Mustafa Fetouri
Dr. Aref Alobeid

Climate, Energy and Water (in)security in the Magheb

10:00 EST /17:00 EET

Ms. Eleni Apeyitou
Mr. Theodoros Gotsis

Climate Change and Security in the Eastern Mediterranean: The Role of Cyprus

13:00 EST /20:00 EET

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Keynote Speaker TBA

Tourism, Climate, and Resource Challenges

9:00 EST/16:00 EET

Closing Session Panel Discussion: Hosted by: Dr. Petros Vamvakas

Changing Geopolitics in the Eastern Mediterranean

12:00 EST/19:00 EET

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