

EUROPE AT CROSSROADS

TRANSATLANTIC BRIDGE OR RIFT?

19-20 November 2024

Venue: The Hellenic Armed Forces Officers' Club

Day I

10:30 Welcome (IDIS & Partners)

11:00-12:00

H.E. Georgios Gerapetritis, Minister of Foreign Affairs (*tbc*)

In conversation with Mr. Pericles Dimitrolopoulos, Director, To VIMA

12:00-13:30

European Security and Transatlantic relations

i. *Can Europe make it alone?*

Angelos Syrigos, Professor of International Relations and Foreign Policy, Panteion University, MP, member of the Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee, Hellenic Parliament

Nikos Tzifakis, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair in EU Foreign Policy and the Western Balkans, University of the Peloponnese

Research Associate, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

ii. *How resilient is the Atlantic Alliance?*

Nicola de Santis, Head, Engagements Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division

Elena Lazarou, Associate Fellow, US & Americas Program, Chatham House

Chair: Marilena Koppa, Professor of Comparative Politics, Panteion University, former MEP

13:30-14:30 Break

14:30 - 15:15

Panel discussion on US role in Eurasia in cooperation with **The Harriman Institute**, Columbia University

Alex Cooley, Claire Tow Professor of Political Science, Barnard College
Sam Greene, Director, Democratic Resilience, Center for European Policy Analysis
(remote)

Alexandra Vacroux, Kyiv School of Economics & Executive Director, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University (remote)

15:15-16:15

Panel discussion on the broader repercussions of the war in Ukraine on the security in the Black Sea and the Caucasus in cooperation with **Chatham House**

Natalie Sabanadze, Ambassador, Senior Research Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme

Galip Dalay, Senior Consulting Fellow, Turkey Initiative, Middle East and North Africa Programme (remote)

Neil MacFarlane, Professor Emeritus, Oxford University (remote)

Chaired by: Ino Afentouli, Executive Director, IDIS

16:15-16:45 Break

16:45-17:45

Panel discussion on the Middle East conflict's repercussions in the Eastern Mediterranean

H.E. Laurence Auer, Ambassador of France to the Hellenic Republic

Uzi Arad, Former National Security Advisor, Israel

Sotiris Roussos, Professor of International Relations and Religion in the Middle East and the Mediterranean, University of Peloponnese

Dimitri Triantafyllou, Professor of International Politics, Panteion University

Carsten Wieland, Associate Fellow, PRIO

Chaired by: George Tzogopoulos, Member of the Faculty and Senior, CIFE European Institute.

17:45-18:45

- Panel discussion on Greece's foreign policy priorities with representatives of main academic institutions and think tanks

Chaired by: Professor Costas Ifantis, President, IDIS

Day II

**10:00-11:00 China and Regional Security in Europe and the Mediterranean
[IDIS China Program Panel]**

Dr. Øystein Tunsjø, Associate Professor at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies.

Dr Christos Kourtelis, Assistant Professor in European Public Policy, Panteion University

Chair: Dr Tasos Panoutsopoulos, IDIS China Program Postdoctoral Researcher

**11:00-12:00 Keynote: Professor Aynne Kokas, CK Yen Professor at the Miller Center and an associate professor of media studies at the University of Virginia
[IDIS China Program talk]**

Title: Data Trafficking and Strategic Strongpoints: Protecting Greece's Digital Sovereignty in Global Trade

**12:15-13:30 Technology, Security and Risk in Sino-Greek relations [IDIS
China Program Panel]**

Clark Banach, Program Director, Aletheia Research Institution & Teaching Professor, Canisius University

Ilya Roubanis, Senior Research Fellow, IDIS

Plamen Tonchev, Head of Asia Unit, Institute of International Economic Relations

Chair: Professor Aynne Kokas

13:30-14:00 Signing of MoU between IDIS and Great Britain China Centre

Kostas Ifantis, Director IDIS
Cyril Pouloupoulos, Deputy Director, GBCC

14:00-15:00 Break

15:00-16:00

Panel discussion on Corridors, Sanctions and Geo-economics in the Middle East in cooperation with **Clingendael** Institute

Dr. Mohammadbagher Forough, Research Fellow, Clingendael and Erasmus University

Albert Vidal Ribe, Research Analyst, The International Institute for Strategic Studies

Ayjaz Wani, Fellow in the Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation

Erwin van Veen, Senior Research Fellow, Lead Middle East research group, Clingendael Conflict Research Unit

16:00-17:00 Maritime Security in the Mediterranean Sea

Christian Bueger, Professor of International Relations, University of Copenhagen
(remote)

Efthymios Papastavridis, Research and Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Law, NKUA

Sofia Galani, Assistant Professor of International Law, Panteion University

Chair: Petros Liacouras, Professor of International Law, University of Piraeus