

*The New Europe  
Facing the challenges of multiple crises*

29–30 NOVEMBER 2023

Venue: Hellenic Armed Forces Officers' Club  
Rigillis 1, Athens 106 75

**PROGRAM**

Day I

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

14:30–15:15 Registration – Welcome coffee

15:15–15:30 Welcome and opening remarks by Kostas Ifantis, Professor of International Relations, Panteion University; Director IDIS

**Session I**

15:30–16:30 **Inaugural Address**

**Greece's Foreign Policy Priorities**

H.E. Alexandra Papadopoulou, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

16:30–17:30 **Transatlantic relations and the role of Greece**

Remarks by H.E. George J. Tsunis, U. S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic

Chair:

Constantine Arvanitopoulos, Professor of International Politics, Panteion University, former minister of Education



## Session II

17:30–18:15 **European security challenges following the war in the Middle East**

H.E. Andreas Kindl, Ambassador of Germany to the Hellenic Republic

*In conversation* with Konstantina Botsiou, Professor of Political History and International Relations, University of Piraeus

18:15–18:30 Break

## Session III

18:30–19:30 **The migration challenge: The European response**

- Dimitri Keridis, Minister of Migration and Asylum (Greece)
- Stephan Mayer, Member of the German Bundestag, CSU and former Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (Germany)

Chair: Angelos Athanassopoulos, Director, National and Regional Press, European People's Party (EPP)

## Session IV

19:30–20:00 **Address**

**Greece's contribution to regional stability as member of the Atlantic Alliance**

H.E. Ioannis Kefalogiannis, Deputy Minister of Defence

Chair: Harry Papatotiriou, Professor of International Relations, Panteion University

## Day II

Thursday, November 30, 2023

### Session I

10:00–11:00 **Greece in the midst of regional turmoil**

- Dora Bakoyannis, MP, New Democracy, former MFA
- Evangelos Venizelos, Former Vice–President of the Government, former MFA

Chair: Pericles Dimitrolopoulos, Managing Editor, To Vima

11:00–11:15 Coffee Break

### Session II

11:15–12:15 **What future for the EU?**

- H.E. Laurence Auer, Ambassador of France to the Hellenic Republic
- Marilena Koppa, Professor of Comparative Politics, Panteion University; former member of the European Parliament
- Kostas A. Lavdas, Professor of European and Comparative Politics, Panteion University

Chair: Elena Lazarou, Head of External Policies, European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) at the European Parliament; Senior Fellow, ELIAMEP (remote)



### Session III

12:15–13:15 **China: The elephant in the room?**

*IDIS China Program Panel*

- Dr. Peter Hefele, Policy Director, Wilfried Martens Center for European Studies
- Cyril Pouloupoulos, Deputy Director, Great Britain–China Centre.
- Dr. Matthias Stepan, Researcher, Ruhr–University Bochum, Institute of East Asian Politics.

Chair: Dr. Konstantinos Tsimonis, Assistant Professor, King’s College London and Panteion University, IDIS China program lead

13:15–14:30 Break

### Session IV

14:30–15:30 **NATO and the European Union after the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East: What needs to change?**

- Benedetta Berti, Head, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General of NATO (remote)
- Thanos Dokos, National Security Advisor, Greece
- Kristin Fabbe, Professor of Transnational Governance, EUI School of Transnational Governance (remote)

Chair: Ino Afentouli, Executive Director, IDIS

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

### Session V

16:00 –16:30 **Order in a world of disorder**

Alexander Stubb, Former Prime Minister of Finland (remote)

*In conversation with Alexander Cooley, Claire Tow Professor of Political Science at Barnard College and former Director of Columbia University's Harriman Institute (remote)*

## Session VI

16:30–18:30 **The regional turmoil repercussions:  
The war in Gaza and its geopolitical aspects**

16:30–16:45 Remarks by H.E. Noam Katz, Ambassador of Israel to Greece

16:45–17:45 **Panel discussion  
Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East: The day after**

- Pascal Ausseur, Vice Admiral (ret); Director, Fondation Méditerranéenne d'Etudes Stratégiques, France
- Evangelos Kalpadakis, Diplomatic Advisor, SYRIZA–Progressive Alliance, Greece
- Dr. Eitan Shamir, Director, BESA, Israel
- Murat Yeşiltaş, Director of Foreign Policy Research, SETA; Professor of Social Sciences, University of Ankara, Turkey

17:45–18:30 **Panel discussion  
Challenges for the Greek defence and deterrence**

- Nikos Panagiotopoulos, MP, New Democracy, former Minister of Defence
- Michael Katrinis, MP, Head of the Parliamentary Group, PASOK–KINAL

Chair: Kostas Ifantis, Director, Institute for International Relations, Greece