

*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**

14:00–14:45 Registration

14:45–15:00 Welcome and introductory remarks by Kostas Ifantis, Professor of International Relations, Panteion University; Director IDIS

**Session I**

15:00–15:45 **Inaugural Address**

**Greece's Foreign Policy Priorities**

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

15:45–16:00 **Opening Remarks**

Mr. Marian Wendt, Director, Greece and Cyprus Office,  
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

16:00–16:30 Coffee break

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)
- Despina Spanou, Head of Cabinet of the Vice–President of the European Commission (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:**

16:30–16:45 **The war in Gaza and its geopolitical aspects**

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
- Evangelos Apostolakis, MP, SYRIZA–Progressive Alliance, former Minister of Defence
- Michael Katrinis, MP, Head of the Parliamentary Group, PASOK–KINAL

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

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