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present the

3rd Chania – Med Forum

on

Economy, Energy, Politics & Power

July 23-26, 2015

under the auspices of



Thales room

the Conference Center of MAICH

Crete, Greece

The Chania Med-Forum applies the Chatham House Rule

Thursday, July 23

18:30

Opening Session and Welcome Remarks

Theodosis Georgiou, *President, Greek Association for Atlantic and European Cooperation*

Aliki Mitsakos, *Dean and Founder, The International Center for Leading Studies*

Power and Visions in Politics Today

Alex Pattakos, *Political Scientist, Founder of the Global Meaning Institute, The OPA WAY*

Rene Repasi, *Scientific Coordinator, European Research Centre for Economic and Financial Governance (EURO-CEFG), University of Rotterdam*

20:30

“Vin d’honneur” at the MAICH restaurant terrace

Night owl discussion at the Open Amphitheatre (optional)

Friday, July 24

Politics - Energy - Security

10:00-11:15

Transatlantic relations in the new era

Setting the Stage & Moderator:

Fabrizio Lucioli, *Professor, President, Atlantic Treaty Association, Italy.*

Discussants:

Barbora Maronkova, *Program Officer, Engagement Section, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO HQ*

Petros Vamvakas, *Ass. Professor, Emmanuel College, Boston, M.A., USA*

Stefano Pilotto, *Professor, Trieste University, Italy*

11:15-11:30

Coffe Break

11:30-13:00

Traditional and new threats in the Middle East and Mediterranean

Setting the Stage & Moderator:

Panayotis Tsakonias, *Professor, University of the Aegean, Greece*

Guest Speaker:

H.E. Marwan Emil Toubassi, *Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Greece*

Dimitris Xenakis, *Ass. Professor, University of Crete, Greece*

Fabrizio Lucioli, *Professor, President, Atlantic Treaty Association, Italy.*

13:30-14:30

Networking Lunch Break

14:45-16:45

Geopolitics of energy

Setting the Stage & Moderator:

Petros Vamvakas, *Ass. Professor, Emmanuel College, Boston, M.A., USA*

Discussants:

Konstantinos Xifaras, *CEO, National Natural Gas System Operator (DESFA) S.A.*

Antonis Foscolos, *Professor Emeritus, Technical University of Crete*

Nikolaos Farantouris, *Head, Legal Department, Public Gas Corporation (DEPA) S.A.*

17:00 – 18:00

Special Session

“Geopolitics and Economy in the 21st Century”

Setting the Stage & Moderator:

Antonia Oana Colibasanu, *Vice – President, Partner for Eurasia and International Marketing at Stratfor*

Address by:

George Friedman, *Founder & CEO, Stratfor Global Intelligence, USA (by teleconference)*

18:15

Group photo and Free evening

Saturday, July 25

10:00-13:30

Economy and economic crisis

Setting the Stage & Moderator:

Eleftherios Anghelopoulos, *Ambassador ad H., Senior Policy Advisor, GAAEC*

Address by:

Panos Livadas, *Secretary General, National Tourism Organization of Greece*

Discussants:

Georgios Atsalakis, *Ass. Professor, Technical University of Crete, Greece*

Constantin Zopounidis, *Professor Financial Engineering and Operations Research, Technical University of Crete, Greece.*

Georgios Panos, *Reader in Finance, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow*

Rene Repasi, *Scientific Coordinator, European Research Centre for Economic and Financial Governance (EURO-CEFG), University of Rotterdam*

Alex Pattakos, *Political Scientist, Founder of the Global Meaning Institute, The OPA! Way*

Elaine Dundon, *Co-Founder of the Global Meaning Institute, The OPA! Way, Professor, Innovation Management, University of Toronto*

13:30-14:30

Networking Lunch Break

14:45-17:00

Track II Diplomacy, Ethics and Corruption, War of Words

“What lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do” Aristotle
Media, ethics in International Affairs, Corruption, Role of multinational Companies, NGOs, lobbies & pressure groups. Economic, Military, Educational Diplomacy,

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Discussants:

Alex Pattakos, *Political Scientist, Founder of the Global Meaning Institute, The OPA WAY*

Theodore Johnson, *Professor Emeritus, University of Kansas, USA*

Jessica Townsend-Teague, *Educator, Entrepreneur, President of Imagi-Nation, LLC, USA*

Mary Greenwood Johnson, *Ass. Professor, Bishop Seabury Academy, Kansas, USA*

Antonia Oana Colibasanu, *Vice – President, Partner for Eurasia and International Marketing at Stratfor*

19:00

Award Ceremony and Closing Session

20th Anniversary of Educational Programs Partners’ Awards Ceremony

Introduction

Theodosis Georgiou, *President, Greek Association for Atlantic and European Cooperation*

Honorary Guests:

Michelle Le, *Vice President, International and Alumni Programs, on behalf of The Fund for American Studies* and **James Teague** (*Alumnus of IIPES*) *on behalf of* **Randal Teague**, *Chairman and CEO, TFAS*

Fabrizio Lucioli, *Professor, President, Atlantic Treaty Association, Italy.*

Welcome by

Georgios Baourakis, *Director, MAICH*

Greetings by

Stavros Arnaoutakis, *Governor of Crete*

Anton Nikolaevich Shkaplerov, *Cosmonaut, Russia*

Intervention by teleconference

H.E. President of Croatia Kolinda Grabar Kitarovic

The Honorary Guest Lecture of TIAAS 2015

Giorgos Stathakis, *Minister of Economy, Infrastructure, Shipping and Tourism (TBC)*

Closing Remarks

Aliki Mitsakos, *Dean and Founder, The International Center for Leading Studies, Chair of G.A.A.E.C. Education & Science, Women In International Security – Hellas*

21:00

Cretan Dinner and Country Presentations

MAICH Mediterranean Restaurant

**All sessions are followed by discussions*

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