

6th THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN WORLD AFFAIRS  
**The world in 2018: Between the promise of change and the despair of new conflicts**

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Olympion

**Agenda**

**10:00 Registration**

**10:30 Welcoming remarks**

Dimitris Keridis, Director, Navarino Network  
Stavros Andreadis, Chairman, The Cultural Society of Entrepreneurs of Northern Greece  
Yannis Boutaris, Mayor of Thessaloniki  
Norbert Beckmann-Dierkes, Head of Greece Office, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

**10:45-11:45 Cyprus and Greece: Beyond the crisis?**

Life before, during and after the bail-out agreement:  
Lessons learned from Cyprus  
Haris Georgiades, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus

Is Greece out of the woods? Prospects for a sustainable economic recovery  
Joan Hoey, Regional Director (Europe), The Economist Intelligence Unit

Moderator: Anthony Papayannides, Journalist & Attorney-at-Law and  
Dimitris Keridis\*

**11:45-13:00 The threat of Islamism**

ISIS and global jihad  
Alia Brahimi, Co-director, Legatus Strategic Intelligence and Advisory

Emma Sky (video message), Senior Fellow, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs &  
Director, Maurice R. Greenberg World Fellows Program, Yale University

The West and the rest: From anti-Semitism to Islamophobia  
James Renton, Reader in History, Edge Hill University



Moderator: Ino Afentouli, Program Officer for Partnerships, Cooperative Security and Open Door policies, Regional Coordinator for South Caucasus & Central Asia, and Program Officer for Greece at the Public Diplomacy Division of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**13:00-14:00 Innovation and growth**

Technology and innovation: The new frontier  
Bhaskar Chakravorti, Senior Associate Dean of International Business and Finance & Executive Director, Institute for Business in the Global Context, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

Can Greece cover the digital gap?  
Andreas Drimiotis, Business Consultant & Columnist, «Kathimerini»

Moderator: Stamos Karamouzis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, American College of Thessaloniki

**14:00-15:00 Lunch break**

**15:00-16:30 New security challenges**

Meeting the challenge:  
The North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the 21st century  
Jamie Shea, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Federica Mogherini (video message), High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission

The Euro-Russia connection: How much of a threat is Russia?  
Laza Kekic

Kristin Fabbe (video message), Assistant Professor, Harvard Business School

What about Turkey?  
Wolfango Piccoli, Co-President, Teneo Intelligence

Moderator: Joan Hoey

**16:30-17:00 Coffee break**

**17:00-18:30 Europe: Is the crisis over?**

Brexit no Exit?

Denis MacShane, Former Labour Party MP & former Minister of State for Europe

After the crises: The potential of a Europe à la carte

Heribert Dieter, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs & Adjunct Professor, Free University of Berlin

Stars and Laggards

Wolfgang Piccoli

Regional shocks and the geography of discontent

Philip McCann, Professor & Chair in Urban and Regional Economics, Sheffield University Management School

Moderator: Petros Golitsis, Lecturer in the Business Administration and Economics Department at City College, the International Faculty of the University of Sheffield

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