

<u>10:30-11:00</u> Greetings

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Panel 1: Practical Applications of AI today

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Panel 2: Understanding AI and its Implications for the Future

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## **Greetings**

<u>Stavros Andreadis</u>
<u>Eleftherios Petropoulos</u>

Panel 1
Practical Applications of Al Today

Iro Armeni
Dionysis Bochtis
Andreas Stavropoulos
Eric Sutherland (via video)

Moderator: Kristin Fabbe

Panel 2
Understanding AI and its Implications
for the Future

Marios Dafnomilis
Sophia Romansky
George Verdi
Michalis Bletsas (via video)

Moderator: Dimitris Kairidis

**Conclusions** 

Dimitris Kairidis & Kristin Fabbe

**Dimitris Kairidis** is a Member of the Hellenic Parliament, representing Athens – North, since 2019. He served as Minister of Migration and Asylum of Greece, from 2023 to 2024. He is a Professor of International Relations at the Department of International, European and Area Studies of Panteion University.

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**Stavros Andreadis** is President of the Cultural Society of Entrepreneurs of Northern Greece and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Theophano Foundation. He is also the Honorary President of the Sani/Ikos Group. He previously served as Chairman of the Association of Greek Tourism Enterprises for eight consecutive years (2001-2008), consequently becoming honorary Chairman and social partner.

Eleftherios Petropoulos is Senior Research Associate – Project Manager at the Greece and Cyprus Office of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation (KAS), where he has worked since 2017. Before joining KAS, he worked at the Legal Service of the European Commission, in academia, and in the private sector. He has a legal background, graduating from the Law Faculty of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Law School of the University of Strasbourg, whereas pursued postgraduate studies at the Universities of Tübingen (Private Intl. Law) and at the Europa-Institut of the Saarland University (European Law), Germany.

Andreas Stavropoulos is a partner at Threshold Ventures, focusing on early-stage, high-conviction investments, particularly in enterprise infrastructure and platform technologies. He has extensive experience, including prior work at McKinsey & Company, and holds distinguished academic credentials with degrees in Computer Science and an MBA from Harvard, where he was a top graduate and Baker Scholar. He also serves on several boards, such as Endeavor Greece and Harvard-related advisory roles.

Iro Armeni is an Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Stanford University. Her research integrates architecture, civil engineering, and machine perception to develop data-driven methods for human-centered, sustainable, and adaptive built environments, including the use of Mixed Reality. She holds a PhD from Stanford University, with prior studies including an MSc in Computer Science and an MEng in Architecture.

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