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14th Thessaloniki Symposium on World Affairs

BEYOND THE OBVIOUS: IMAGINING THE FUTURE

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10:00-10:30
Greetings/ Welcome

10:30-11:45
The politics of new challenges (war, immigration, digital transition and AI)

Speakers

Hugo Brady
Senior Strategic Advisor, International Centre for Migration Policy Development

Johanna-Kadri Kuusk
Digital Transformation Adviser, e-Estonia Briefing Centre

Claire Boine
Assistant Professor in Technology Law and AI Governance, School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute

Moderator

Christos Aliprantis
Executive Director of the Michael and Kitty Dukakis Center for Public and Humanitarian Service, Anatolia American University

11:45-12:15
Connecting the dots and Greece's ring of fire:
From the Balkans and the Black Sea to East Africa and the Middle East

Alex Rondos
Former EU Representative for the Horn of Africa

Dimitris Kairidis
Member of Parliament (Athens North - ND); Parliamentary Party Spokesperson

12:15-12:45
Coffee Break

12:45-14:00
Geopolitics in Turmoil: Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean

Speakers

Sinan Ülgen
Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe

Alia Malek
Director of the International Reporting Program, Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism, City University of New York

Erik Jones
Director, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute

Moderator

Kristin Fabbe
Chair in Business and Comparative Politics, Florence School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute

14:00-14:30
Can we do better?
A fireside chat

Stavros Andreadis
Honorary President, Cultural Society

Dimitris Kairidis
Member of Parliament (Athens North - ND); Parliamentary Party Spokesperson