

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Southeast Europe & East Med

Washington D.C. | Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill  
Monday – Tuesday, March 14-15, 2022

## DRAFT AGENDA NEW DATES

Roundtable Discussions at U.S. Organizations based in Washington D.C.  
and/or at Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

**Monday, March 14, 2022**

### SOUTHEAST EUROPE RE-DEFINED ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION led by

**Dr. Alina Polyakova**, President and CEO, Center for European Policy Analysis, USA

#### *Participants*

**Constantinos Filis**, Executive Director at the Institute of International Relations, Greece

**Marilena Koppa**, Associate Professor, Dept of European & Int'l Studies, Panteion Univ., Greece

### THE MIDDLE EAST RESHAPED ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION led by

**Dr. Aykan Erdemir**, Turkey Program Senior Director, Foundation for Defense of Democracies

**Dr. Jonathan Schanzer**, Senior Vice President for Research, Foundation for Defense of Democracies

#### *Participants*

**Michael Rubin**, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute, USA

**Mary Kissel**, Member of the Advisory Board, The Marathon Initiative; EVP & Senior Policy Advisor,  
Stephens, Inc.; Senior Advisor to Secretary Pompeo 2018 – 2021, USA

**THE MIDDLE SEA ONCE AGAIN:  
THE MEDITERRANEAN AS A KEY BATTLEGROUND IN GREAT POWER COMPETITION**

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION led by**

**Ian Lesser**, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the U.S, Brussels

Welcome by **Heather Conley**, President, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

*Participants*

**Dimitris Kairidis**, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Professor of Int'l Relations, Panteion University

**Loukas Tsoukalis**, President, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy

**Elizabeth C. Economy**, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow & Director for Asia Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, USA

**Ambassador Eric S. Edelman**, Counselor, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, USA

**THE NEW GREAT GAME:  
HOW ENERGY HAS TRANSFORMED THE REGION**

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION led by**

**Nikos Tsafos**, James R. Schlesinger Chair in Energy and Geopolitics, Energy Security & Climate Change Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

*Participants*

**Amos J. Hochstein**, Special Envoy and Coordinator for Int'l Energy Affairs, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State

**Yannis Maniatis**, Professor, fmr. Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change, Hellenic Republic

**A VALUES-BASED FOREIGN POLICY**

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION led by**

**Alan Makovsky**, Senior Fellow for National Security & Int'l Policy, Center of American Progress

**Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou**, Faculty Member, The Fletcher School at Tufts University

*Participants*

**Damon Wilson**, President & CEO, National Endowment for Democracy, USA

**Athanasios G. Platias**, Prof. of Strategy, Dept. of Int'l & European Studies, University of Piraeus, Greece

**Merve Tahiroglu**, Turkey Program Coordinator POMED, National Endowment for Democracy, USA

## OFFICIAL DINNER at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

Address: 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

### “3+1” ON ENERGY

Recent years have seen a considerable increase in regional cooperation in the East-Med on the field of energy. The impact of these synergies is significant both in economic and geopolitical terms. How does the Biden administration position itself towards this new reality? Does the global effort to reverse the effects of climate change render such efforts obsolete? We're bringing together the top ranking relevant officials from Greece, Cyprus, Israel and the US to expand on this topic and describe a future of continued cooperation in the East Med.

**Jennifer M. Granholm**, Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

**Kostas Skrekas**, Minister of Environment and Energy of the Hellenic Republic

**Karine Elharrar**, Minister of Energy, State of Israel

## Conference at Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

Address: 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

08.00 Registration – Coffee/Tea

### A NEW WORLD ORDER

*Can the post WW II liberal world order adequately address today's security, economic, climate and health challenges? What changes to international institutions does President Biden's foreign policy doctrine envisage to meet these challenges and what are the implications for South East Europe and the East Mediterranean?*

### KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

**Antony J. Blinken**, Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State  
*in conversation with* **Alexis Papahelas**, Executive Editor, Kathimerini Newspaper, Greece

**Mike Pompeo**, U.S. Secretary of State (2018–2021)  
*in conversation with* **Tom Ellis**, Editor in Chief, Kathimerini English Edition, Greece

**Bob Menendez**, U.S. Senator for New Jersey and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
*in conversation with* **Endy Zemenides**, Executive Director, Hellenic American Leadership Council- HALC, USA

### CONGRESSIONAL ADDRESSES

#### Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

**Chris Van Hollen**, U.S. Senator of Maryland

**Marco Rubio**, U.S. Senator for Florida

#### Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee

**Dina Titus**, U.S. Congresswoman, 1st District of Nevada

**Nicole Malliotakis**, U.S. Congresswoman, 11th District of New York

### Leaders of the Congressional Hellenic Israel-Alliance Caucus

**Ted Deutch**, U.S. Congressman 22nd district of Florida

**Gus Bilirakis**, U.S. Congressman 12th district of Florida

### Members of the Hellenic Caucus

**John Sarbanes**, U.S. Congressman, 3rd District of Maryland

**Chris Pappas**, U.S. Congressman, 1st District of New Hampshire

Chair:

**Tom Ellis**, Editor in Chief, Kathimerini English Edition, Greece

**Endy Zemenides**, Executive Director, Hellenic American Leadership Council- HALC, USA

**Julie Fishman Rayman**, Senior Director, Policy and Political Affairs, American Jewish Committee, USA

**Lena Argiri**, Washington DC Correspondent, Greek Public Broadcasting ERT, USA

### FOREIGN POLICY ON THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL

**Eleni Kounalakis**, Lieutenant Governor of California

**Kostas Bakoyannis**, Mayor, City of Athens, Greece

Chair:

### PILLAR OF STABILITY: THE EVOLUTION OF THE US-GREECE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

**Geoffrey Pyatt**, U.S. Ambassador to Greece

**Thanos Dokos**, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic

**Evangelos Kalpadakis**, Diplomatic Adviser to Main Opposition Leader of SYRIZA, Hellenic Republic

Chair: **Endy Zemenides**, Executive Director, Hellenic American Leadership Council- HALC, USA

### A NEW U.S. APPROACH TO THE REGION

**Dr. Karen Donfried**, Assistant Secretary of State for European & Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**Dr. Wess Mitchell**, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs (2017-2019), USA

*in conversation with* **Alexis Papahelas**, Executive Editor, Kathimerini Newspaper, Greece

### SOUTHEAST EUROPE RE-DEFINED

**H.E. Alexandra Papadopoulou**, Ambassador of Greece to the USA

**Dr. Vilma Petkovska**, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of North Macedonia in USA

**H.E. Floreta Faber**, Ambassador of the Republic of Albania to the USA

**H.E. Marko Djuric**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Serbia to the USA

Chair: **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Founder & President, Delphi Economic Forum, Greece

### THE MIDDLE EAST RESHAPED

**H.E. Alexandra Papadopoulou**, Ambassador of Greece to the USA

**H.E. Marios Lysiotis**, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in the USA

**H.E. Motaz Zahran**, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the USA

**H.E. Michael Herzog**, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the USA

**H.E. Yousef Al Otaiba**, Ambassador of the UAE to the USA, Minister of State

**David Harris**, CEO, American Jewish Committee (AJC)

Chair:

### A NEW DAWN:

#### GREECE'S COLLECTIVE ENDEAVOR TOWARDS A PATH OF ROBUST, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

*After years of being the epicentre of successive crises which shook the foundations of modern Greece, the country has embarked on a steady albeit incomplete trajectory towards rebuilding its economic base and returning to a path of virtuous growth. How can Greece's political and economic actors work together to remake the country into a strong and influential regional economic power? How can the country harness the transformative potential of a necessary green transition and the challenges which ensue?*

**Nikos Vettas**, General Director, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE);  
Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

**Orestis Tsakalotos**, Executive Chairman, Qualco, Greece

Chair:

## Concept Note

### **THE WORLD AS IT IS: IS AMERICA READY?**

During its first term, the Biden Administration's foreign policy has featured the consistent refrain of "America is back." This refrain leads to the question: "back to what?" The global geopolitical environment is significantly different than the last time key Biden Administration officials were in government, and it is fair to wonder whether these officials are ready to deal with the world as it is rather than the world as they remember it.

The region of the Southern East Europe-East Mediterranean is a region that has changed more than any other during the previous four years. This region is of unique importance to the modern geopolitical and commercial scenery. At the crossroads of three continents, Europe, Asia and Africa, South-East Med encompasses a host of diverse countries with dynamic interests and attracts the attention of the vast majority of regional and global actors: the United States, the European Union, China, Russia, Israel and the Arab world all have an interest at the region's potential and future, both politically and economically. It is also an area rich in culture: its tradition and history still capture the imagination of both the expert and the commoner.

Challenges in this turbulent region await: rebuilding a healthy economy after the pandemic, making the most of the significant natural resources while at the same time riding the wave of combating the climate crisis, creating a net of prosperity to tackle the existential issue of international migratory movements, and finally, keeping the Southern Europe and East Mediterranean peaceful. These are shared challenges that seek shared solutions. They require dialogue over contention. Cooperation instead of clashes.

In this spirit, the Delphi Economic Forum, in cooperation with Kathimerini - the Greek daily newspaper - and the Hellenic American Leadership Council are organizing the 3rd annual South East Europe & East Med conference in Washington D.C. on Monday and Tuesday, February 7-8, 2022. Dedicated topics of this conference include the new U.S. foreign policy doctrine under President Biden and how it affects the East Med, how can the West succeed in keeping South East Europe countries in the liberal fold through economic diplomacy, how energy diplomacy is transforming the region, and the leading role of an emerging Greece in the region.