



## **The Butterfly Effect: Systemic Risks in the 21st Century**

from July 8 to July 11, 2020, in Athens, Greece





## COURSE DESCRIPTION

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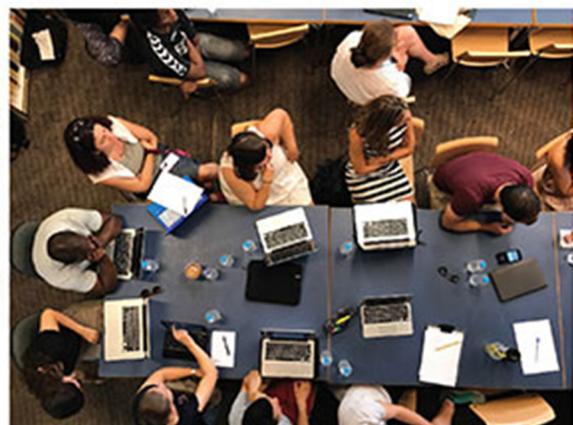
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2. The emerging global (dis)order;
3. China as a 'Threat': From the 'Yellow Peril' to Covid-19;
4. God vs. Westphalia: Terrorism and the battle for organising the World;
5. Energy politics and security risks;
6. Political risk in a Pandemic World;
7. Environment and ecological risks;
8. Migration risks.

**Application deadline:**  
**June 22, 2020**

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## Constantine Arvanitopoulos

Karamanlis Chair of Hellenic and European Studies, The Fletcher School, Tufts University; Professor of International Relations, Panteion University of Athens



## Emmanouella Doussis

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Executive Director, Institute of International Relations



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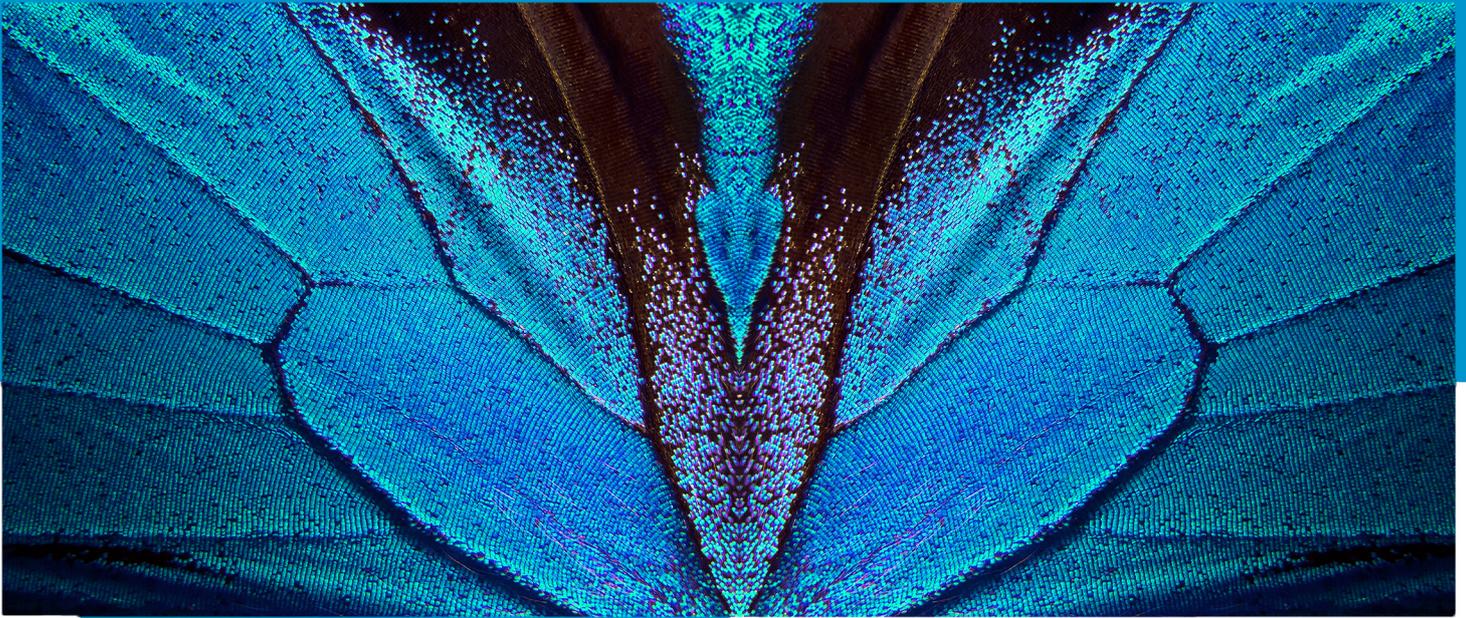
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# COURSE SCHEDULE

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

09:30--11:30 The 21st century changing security landscape  
(Harry Papasotiriou)

11:30-12:00 Break

12:00-14:00 God vs. Westphalia: Terrorism and the battle  
for organising the World (Andreas Gofas)

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## THURSDAY, JULY 9

09:30--11:30 Energy politics and security risks  
(Konstantinos Filis)

11:30-12:00 Break

12:00-14:00 China as a 'Threat': From the 'Yellow Peril'  
to Covid-19 (Konstantinos Tsimonis)

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## FRIDAY, JULY 10

09:30--11:30 Migration risks (Dimitris Keridis)

11:30-12:00 Break

12:00-14:00 Environment and ecological risks  
(Emmanouella Doussis)

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## SATURDAY, JULY 11

09:30--11:30 Political risk in a Pandemic World  
(Wolfgang Piccoli)

11:30-12:00 Break

12:00-14:00 The emerging global (dis)order  
(Constantine Arvanitopoulos)

“Olympia Summer Academy is an amazing opportunity to learn in a highly international environment. The course provided me with more knowledge than I thought I could learn in such a short period of four days. This course gave me the opportunity for a very good overview of the international security landscape around the globe regarding the post-pandemic order and taught me many concepts like “Political risk” from Mr. Piccoli. It raised my interest in it and allowed me to do further research on my own. By the way, all instructors were supportive and engaging. During the course, I had the chance to meet my fellow students were from other countries and exchange ideas in our common interests. Overall, I would highly recommend the Olympia Summer Academy to anyone interested in learning while traveling in Greece and spent a unique summer in combination with knowledge!

Nikolaos Georgitsopoulos, Hellenic Police Force

“I feel privileged and honored to be part of such a great and enriching experience. With a rapidly changing environment, it is clear that lifelong learning is essential to stay relevant in academia, work or research place. For the Olympia Summer Academy, this means creating a wide range of cultures that drive learning as part of individuals' development. For participants, means developing a growth mindset and being continuous intentional learners. Now add in the new reality in the face of COVID-19, our experiences are more important than ever, and the commitment of scholars to support these experiences is even more crucial. Actively listening to attendees, to their concerns, and finding ways to provide creative solutions is essential to deepening the emotional relationship with them. More specifically from my personal experience, OSA has taken a different approach to political science and IR in this year's lectures. As example, emphasized more to the important contribution of human factors in terms of its participation in dilemmas of security, governance, foreign policy, technological innovation of states, et cetera, in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Christina Iliou, BA Candidate, Hellenic Open University, Patra

“ Olympia Summer Academy 2020 was an unforgettable experience, because I had the chance to get taught and meet academics that are well-known for their work on International Relations and Security studies, two of the main focuses of my studies. During the Academy I have been happy to meet other people with common interests with whom I had fruitful conversations. I can confidently say that it was helpful process to orient my future research on the topics of my interest. Closing, I would like to thank Konrad Adenauer Stiftung that supported my participation to the Academy.

Miltiadis Lapatsanis, M.A. candidate of International Security Management and Bodossakis Foundation Scholar.

“ Despite the COVID -19 crisis and the imposed restrictions, the 2020 Olympia Summer Academy Course was a remarkable academic event. The organisers successfully managed to ensure that the participants will have access to the knowledge and experience of the scholars who taught at this year’s Course. As a person who is passionate about the international relations academic field I can say that, by the end of the Course, I found myself more enlightened regarding the matters of security in the 21st century. The teaching team managed to clarify to the audience – which included high school, undergraduate and postgraduate students – the circumstances in which the international system evolves as well as the developments in crucial matters such as the energy sector, the rise of China and terrorism. After this years’ experience, I will definitely try to participate in the 2021 course.

George Meneshian, Advisor and Speech Writer to Dora Bakoyannis, Panteion University

“ The Academy has been a great experience in a multicultural environment as it covers various current issues from energy to climate crisis as well as migration. In addition to the diversity of the program, the courses have been carried out in an interactive way by all those prominent scholars and researchers while acquiring fruitful discussions among a wide range of participants from high school students to graduate students. Therefore, I would recommend anyone aiming at enhancing their knowledge in issues related to International Relations and Security Studies while meeting leading scholars as well as fellow students/researchers and spending an amazing time in Greece.

Gül Oral, PhD Candidate, Kadir Has University

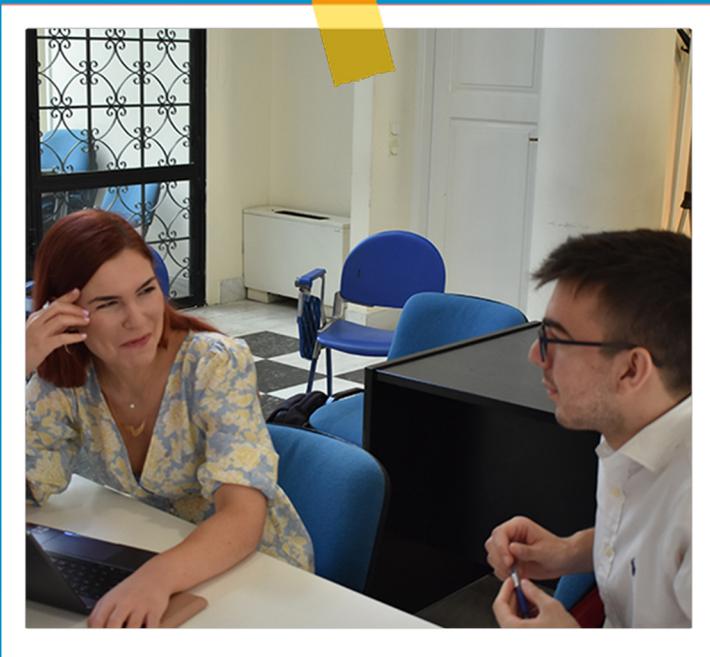
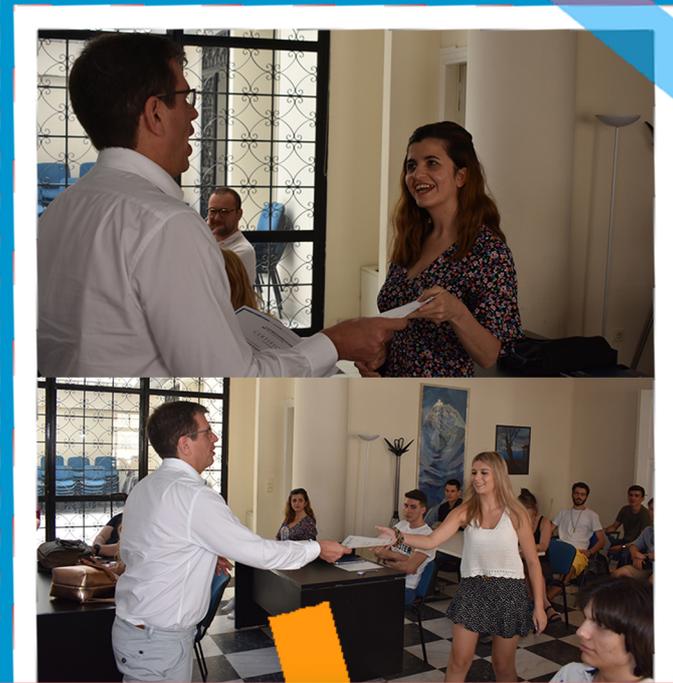
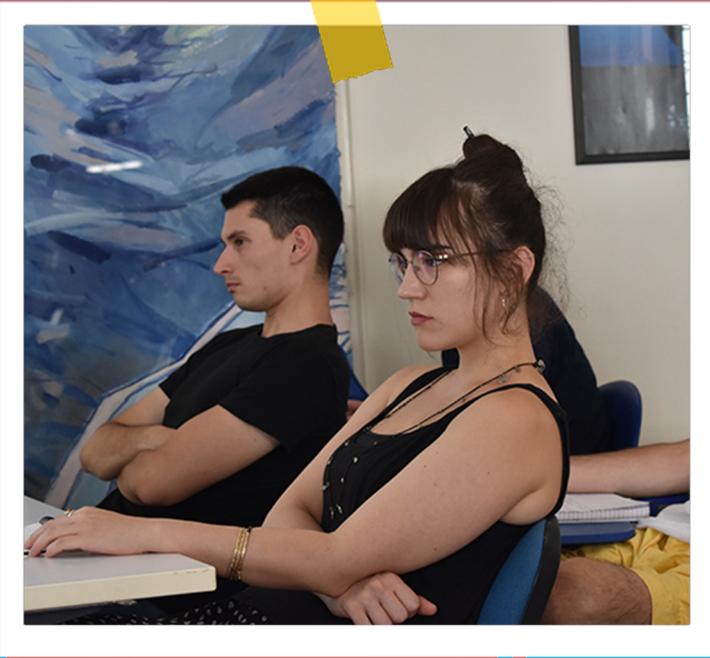
“ The 2020 Olympia Summer Academy was an amazing educational experience. The Course was exceptionally organized, the high-level lectures offered by leading experts in various fields of expertise surpassed my expectations, and the chance to meet motivated individuals with common academic interests was truly inspiring. I would like to thank the organization team, the faculty, and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung for this rewarding learning opportunity. I definitely recommend attending the Olympia Summer Academy to anyone who is interested in the academic field of International Relations and wishes to enjoy a unique multicultural educational experience in Greece.

Eleni Xenou, International Relations Graduate

# PHOTO GALLERY







## PARTICIPANT BIOS

### **Angeliki Alexopoulou**

My name is Angeliki Alexopoulou. I have studied Communication & Media (BA) at the University of Athens. I also hold a MA in Intercultural Studies from the University of Salzburg and a MSc in International & European Studies from the University of Athens. I am really eager to join this Summer School and further expand my knowledge!

### **Anastasia Baou**

Veterinary surgeon, specialized in Public Health with long standing expertise of field work. Graduate of International, Regional and European Studies of Panteion University and MA in Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Studies of the International Hellenic University. Head of Division for Crises Management at the Greek Ministry of Rural Development and Food since 2017.

### **Timothy Chattell**

Greetings! My name is Timothy, and I am originally from a small town called Winchester in England. I graduated with a 1st Class Honours in History and Politics from the University of Nottingham this year, and come September I will begin studying a Masters Degree in the History of International Relations at the London School of Economics. I also work as an Army Reserve Officer, commanding and leading soldiers of the British Army on a part-time basis around my studies. Outside of work and study, I enjoy practicing Taekwondo, trying to improve my (shaky!) knowledge of German, and working out at the gym. I look forward to engaging with 'The Butterfly Effect' course, and bringing a historical perspective to questions of international politics.

### **Maria Farmaki**

My name is Maria Farmaki and I am 23 years old. I was born in Thessaloniki, where I spent the most years of my life. I have graduated from Law University in Thessaloniki. Now I work at a law office in Thessaloniki. I can speak English, German and Spanish. I have lived in Athens where I used to be a flight attendant.

### **Georgios K. Fragkos**

I have Bachelor degree in International Relations and International Organizations with specialization in the Mediterranean region and Master degree in geopolitics, defense and security. I have been studying and researching the regions of the Middle East and North Africa for many years. I have also been researching immigration issues in Europe over the past two years. I am PhD candidate in International Relations and Foreign Policy Analysis in Middle East. I have worked in the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in various academic institutes.

### **Steve Georgiou**

Steve Georgiou is a forward thinking Aviation manager with outstanding proven achievements, offering 30+ years of experience in progressive growth and outstanding success in Airports, Maintenance and Logistics operations across a wide range of Bases and Organizations. Outstanding management skills, proven results, excess proven ability to inspire passion to teams to outperform expectations, delivering phenomenal results.

### **Nikolaos Georgitsopoulos**

Nikolaos Georgitsopoulos has graduated from the Hellenic Police Constable's School (2008-2010) and Hellenic Police Lieutenant's Academy (2015-2018). He holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance from the Alexander TEI of Thessaloniki (2010-2014) and a Master's Degree in Public Auditing at the University of Athens (2016-2018). Currently, he is a Second Police Lieutenant serving at the Hellenic Police Headquarters and a postgraduate student at Panteion University at National and European Governance (2019-2020). He has attended summer academies of European Studies from the University of Macedonia, Financial Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Cyber-Security and Cyber-Crime from the Europol and the NATO NCI Agency in The Hague, The Netherlands. Also, he has participated in the 3rd Greek-Turkish Young Leaders Symposium (GTYLS) on Security (2017).

### **Gul Oral**

I am a PhD candidate at Kadir Has University in the Department of International Relations in Istanbul/Turkey. I am also working as the Publication Coordinator at Journal of International Relations (Uluslararası İlişkiler) since 2016. I received my Master's degree in International Relations from Kadir Has University. I hold a BA in Sociology from Istanbul University in 2011. My academic interests include The European Union, Migration and Border Security, Turkish Foreign Policy.

### **Christina Iliou**

A Bachelor's candidate on European Cultural Studies at the Hellenic Open University. Since June 2020, trainee as a professional cybersecurity analyst at IBM & Coursera. Furthermore as an alumnus, I'm a Certified E-Commerce Consultant by ACTA and an honorary Mentor upon completion of two programs (e-moderation and online community leadership) from Coursera and Leiden Universiteit, since 2016/ 2017. Regarding my professional background, working as a cybersecurity consultant/mentor, via distance learning, in the U.S. for Coursera and its external partner, the University of Colorado. In parallel, I'm acting as a second-level research manager for the National and Transnational Crisis Management Group at the Institute of International Relations. Previously, I supervised one of NAs TO's projects as a consultant at the Hellenic Military Academy. The project related to a crisis strategy simulation of the International Organization, in which I had the honor of being the ambassador of the country for the 70th anniversary.

### **Emmanouil Kafatos**

My name is Manolis Kafatos and I am an IBDP student at Anatolia College. As a student, I genuinely enjoy learning and I'm always interested in new academic opportunities. My academic passions mainly include economics and finance. I have completed academic programs and worked on those fields. I expect OSA to further enrich my skills and knowledge of the economy as a whole.

### **Antonia Nefeli Karaleka**

Η Αντωνία Νεφέλη Καραλέκα είναι απόφοιτη του Τμήματος Πολιτικής Επιστήμης και Δημόσιας Διοίκησης του ΕΚΠΑ και του Τμήματος Διαχείρισης Ανθρώπινου Δυναμικού του Αμερικανικού Κολλεγίου Ελλάδος. Έχει εργαστεί στο Υπουργείο Εξωτερικών και στη Μόνιμη Ελληνική Αντιπροσωπεία στην ΕΕ. Για 3 χρόνια εργάστηκε ως συντονίστρια των "Study Abroad" προγραμμάτων του Πανεπιστημίου της Washington στην Ελλάδα. Μιλάει ελληνικά, αγγλικά, γαλλικά, αραβικά και ισπανικά.

### **Ioannis Angelos Karanasios**

My name is Ioannis Angelos Karanasios. I am a 17-year-old IB student at Anatolia College. I am interested in Philosophy, Law and Politics. Through these areas of academic exploration, I aspire to develop myself, with the ultimate hope that I may one day leave my mark on the wider world around me. In my spare time I enjoy reading books, debating, and participating in social events and competitions such as MUN, Debate Tournaments, and other Forensics events.

### **Eleni Katafygiotou**

I am a senior on a full-ride scholarship at Anatolia College of Thessaloniki. My two main passions are Politics and Biology. I have acted as the leader of my school's team for AUTH's Bioethics competition and as a director in ACMUN. I am a debate and MUN enthusiast who in the future wants to study Biology and work for organizations such as the United Nations or the World Health Organization as a health expert. When I am not studying you will probably find me writing bad poetry or watching True Crime documentaries.

### **Konstantinos Nikolaidis Konstas**

I am currently studying undergraduate degree program in European, International and Area studies at Panteion University in Athens. My internship at the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs has provided me with a range of workplace skills such as problem solving skills and interpersonal effectiveness. I worked for 7 months on several projects of the Diplomatic Academy such as the organization of educational seminars on foreign policy issues. I was also involved in the editing of MoUs with other countries, as a fluent speaker of English and French. Finally, I write scientific essays on topics relevant to my studies which are published at the official website of the Student Association for International Affairs.

### **Ekaterini Kyratziakou**

My name is Katerina Kyratziakou and I am an IB2 student at Anatolia College. Being a student has made me realise that I should take advantage of every single opportunity that is given to me during my school years. Taking into consideration my academic interests, which predominantly include the fields of finance and politics, I have participated in different academic competitions. OSA will give me the chance to expand my horizons and be well prepared in the professional world.

### **Eva Kyriakidou**

Eva Kyriakidou completed her Bachelor studies in History and Archaeology at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. She pursued a Master degree in International Studies-Strategic Studies and International Politics at the University of Macedonia afterwards. Hitherto she has worked for the General State Archives of Greece and the Jean Monnet Chair "EU Budgetary Governance and Audit". During 2019 she has volunteered as a Greek literacy teacher to newly arrived immigrants at the NGO Metadrasí. She has participated in various training programs and seminars (Child Protection: Children's Rights in Theory and Practice-HarvardX) and she is currently part of the student initiated social media project on International Relations "IR101\_". Her academic interests include Theories of Power, Conflict Theory, Strategic Communication and EU Governance on Defense and Security policies. She is fluent in both English and French and competent in German as well.

### **Miltiadis Lapatsanis**

My name is Miltiadis Lapatsanis and I am a student in M.A. International Security Management in Berlin School of Economics and Law. My studies are generously supported from Bodossakis Foundation. I have obtained my Bachelor in Public Administration at Panteion University. Main interest areas of my studies are: resilience of the State, International Relations and how both conclude to the maintenance of peace and social coherence.

### **Polychronis Machairas**

Polychronis Machairas is currently a 1st LT of the Signal Corps and studying the M.A in International Relations & Strategic Studies in Panteion University. He was born in Athens in 1987. He graduated from the Hellenic Military Academy in 2011. Since then he has served in various administrative positions, in different locations of Greece.

### **George Meneshian**

George Meneshian is a graduate of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in International, European and Area Studies. He specialises as an analyst in Caucasus, Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean affairs. He is a research associate at the Institute of International Relations and a regular contributor of liberal.gr (weekly foreign affairs analysis). He has published a great number of articles in several electronic and press media.

### **Lumbro Muco**

I finished my studies in the Department of Political Science and International Relations from University of Peloponnese in 2019. In 2016 I carried out my traineeship at the Embassy of Albania in Athens at the department of International Relations, while in 2018 I was employed by the Institute of Democracy, Konstantinos Karamanlis, as part of the PEDIS undergraduate student's traineeship program. I am also in charge of public relations at the JEF federalists Athens-Piraeus. My mother tongue is Albanian and Greek, while in foreign languages I speak English. In July 2019 I won a scholarship from the Latsis Foundation and participated in Olympia Summer Academy the cycle B about Terrorism and European Security. Last, I am a researcher associate in KEDIS Center for Greek & International History.

### **Thodoris Noulikas**

I'm Noulikas Theodoros and I am an undergraduate student in Political Science at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. In the past, I have participated in conferences of political analysis with emphasis on world development. Moreover, I am a volunteer in programs of municipality and the same time I am a member of the Youth Council of Thessaloniki. I have certifications of participation in international programs like Model United Nations and the national program of the Model of parliament of Greece. I'm very interested to deal with political science so as to I want to participate in this conference.

### **Christina Papalambrou**

Papalambrou Christina-Maria is a graduate of Panteion University in the field of International European and Area studies. As a student she was working for Inter European Human Aid Association and Help Refugees. She also fulfilled her internship in the Greek Embassy to Switzerland and Lichtenstein.

### **Themistoklis Vasileiou**

Themistoklis Vasileiou is a graduate of Arsakeia Schools in Psychiko who aspires to become a student at the Political Sciences and History department of Panteion University. As a strong believer in the power that theoretical and historical research have in expanding ones knowledge, Themistoklis regularly engages in the aforementioned activities. Besides his studies, he enjoys reading literature, listening to a wide variety of music genres (rock, jazz, classical etc.) as well as having political and philosophical discussions with friends and family. Themistoklis has also participated in various Model UN conferences and MOOT Courts. His ultimate goal is becoming a university professor capable of inspiring students and explaining political theories and/or philosophical subjects in a way so that people can easily understand them.

### **Socrates Podaras**

I'm Socrates Podaras, I'm 19 years old and I'm a university student of Mediteranean studies at the University of Aegean. I really enjoy learning new things and most importantly, matters that concern international relationships. Therefore, I want to expand my skills and knowledge to the point that I could affect the course of international relationships in a positive way.

### **Georgia Sadana**

Georgia Sadana is a Greek journalist – political editor born in 1982, in Thessaloniki. She studied Greek Language, Literature and Linguistics with excellency at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and she is a permanent member of Journalists' Union of Northern Greece, since 2009. She had worked for lots of Greek newspapers, radios and TV stations, while she was Communication Officer at Attiko Metro SA. Also, from 2017-2019 she worked as Communication Except for the project «Support the Greek Central Administration Reform»,

on behalf of European Commission and Expertise France. Nowadays she works as political editor at Protothema newspaper, radio station and website.

### **Stathis Sidiropoulos**

I was born in Thessaloniki, Greece , in 2002, and graduated from 15th High School of Thessaloniki with honors. During my school years I participated in several courses and competitions such as the National Student Simulation of the UN committees and the 37rd National (65th European) student Competition organized by the European Association of Teachers (AEDE). Adaptability, creativity and industriousness are my prime virtues . I love politics and specifically foreign policy and my main target is to study law. My hobbies are running, collecting coins and reading books.

### **Nikolaos Stournaras**

Recent graduate of the Department of International, European and Area Studies of Panteion University and junior researcher at the Center for Defense Studies at the Institute of International Relations. Pursuing Postgraduate studies in Crisis and Security Management at Leiden University. Vividly interested in the evolving global context in which security and crises are conceived, experienced and managed in.

### **Nikolaos Syrmos**

I was born in Thessaloniki, Macedonia, Greece . I attend the Medical School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. After my graduation, I worked in several hospitals in Greece and abroad. Currently I am student in the Faculty of Italian Language and Culture of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. I completed a post graduated program of Hellenic Open University , where I study the effects of Climate Change in Human Health. I speak English, Italian and Spanish Language .

### **Irene Tassis**

Irene Tassis is an honor roll high school IB1 student with strong leadership, teamwork and presentation skills, seeking to strengthen her foundation, research and argumentative skills and knowledge and get fully prepared for undergraduate level studies in political sciences. Awarded in young entrepreneurship competitions in national and international level.

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**Peter Wedekind**

Peter Wedekind received his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Master of Education (M.Ed.) in "Philosophy" and "Economics/Politics" as well as his Master of Arts (M.A.) in "Practical Philosophy of Economics and the Environment" at Christian-Albrechts-University, Kiel, Germany. He worked as a scientific and research assistant at the Kiel Science Outreach Campus (Leibniz-Institute) as well as at the chair for Philosophy and Ethics of the Environment at Kiel University. Since 2018 he is a doctoral student in the Political Science PhD-program at Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. His research focuses on modern and classical liberalism, coercive paternalism, and anti-liberal trends together with the exploration of merits as well as pathologies in contemporary western political frameworks. His dissertation addresses justifications and limits of state coercion in liberal democracies.

**Eleni Xenou**

Eleni Xenou graduated from Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences with a Bachelor's degree in International, European and Area Studies. She also holds a Master's degree in International Security from the University of Groningen. She has conducted research on terrorism and counter terrorism, conflict resolution and peacekeeping, as well as European and foreign policy issues. Other fields of interest include global politics, nonproliferation and nuclear policy, and international development.

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