

**Katerina N. Sakellaropoulou** was born in Thessaloniki in 1956. She is a graduate of the Arsakeio School and has earned a degree from the University of Athens Law School (1978). She was appointed to the Council of State, following a competitive examination, as an Assistant Judge in 1982 and was promoted to the rank of Associate Councilor in 1988 and to the rank of Councilor in 2000. She served as Associate Councilor in the Third Chamber and as Councilor in the Fifth Chamber of the Court. During her sabbatical leave (1987-1988) she attended postgraduate courses in public law in France at the University Paris II. In 2015 she was promoted to Vice-President and served in the Third Chamber. In 2018, she was appointed the first woman President of the Court, a position she held until February 2020. She was President of the Association of Judges of the Council of State (1993-1995 and 2000-2001) and President of the Society of Environmental Law (2015-2019). She taught for several years at the National School of Judiciary. On 22 January 2020, she was elected by the Greek Parliament as the first woman President of the Hellenic Republic and took office on 13 March. She was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2021), the Department of Environment of the Ionian University (2022) and the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the School of Economics and Political Sciences of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2022). She has authored a number of articles, mainly on environmental and urban development law, gender equality, protection of individual rights and the establishment of the rule of law.

**Kyriakos Mitsotakis** was born in 1968 in Athens. After graduating with honors from Athens College, he continued his studies in America. He studied social sciences at Harvard, where he graduated with the highest honors "summa cum laude" and was awarded the "Hoopes" and "Tocqueville" prizes for his thesis on American foreign policy towards Greece. He continued his studies at Stanford, in the field of international economic relations, and completed them at Harvard Business School in the field of business administration. Before entering politics, he worked for a decade in the private sector in Greece and abroad. Initially as a financial analyst at Chase Investment Bank and a consultant at the leading consulting firm McKinsey and Company in London. After returning to Greece, he worked as a senior investment executive at Alpha Ventures of Alpha Bank and then moved to the National Bank of Greece Group. He served for three years as CEO of National Venture Capital, which he developed into a leading company in the Greek and Balkan private equity and venture capital market. National Venture Capital has financed many fast-growing businesses with its own capital, creating hundreds of jobs. For his professional activity, he has received honors, the most important of which was his award in 2003 by the World Economic Forum as a "Global Leader for Tomorrow". In the 2004 and 2007 elections, he was elected first in the number of votes cast as a member of parliament with New Democracy in the country's largest electoral district, Athens 2nd, while in the 2009 elections he was elected for the third time. In the May 2012 elections, he was elected first once again in Athens 2nd, while he was head of the ballot in the June 2012 elections. In the Hellenic Parliament, he has participated in the Constitutional Revision Committee and the Committees on Finance, Production and Trade, European Affairs and Foreign Affairs and Defense, while he served for two years as Chairman of the Environment Committee. Until the 2012 elections, he was Head of Environmental Policy for the New Democracy party. He has visited many environmentally sensitive areas of the country and has participated in dozens of environmental conferences in Greece and abroad, including the UN international conferences on climate change in Bali, Poznan, Cancun and Copenhagen. He served as Minister of Administrative Reform and E-Government from June 25, 2013 to January 27, 2015. In the national elections of January 25, 2015, he was elected for the fifth time as a New Democracy MP in the 2nd Athens constituency, quadrupling the number of votes he received compared to the national elections of May 2012. On January 10, 2016, he was elected president of



New Democracy and leader of the Official Opposition. In July 2019, he was elected Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic for the first time. He was re-elected in June 2023. He speaks English, French and German and has published the book "The Complications of Foreign Policy". He has three children, Sofia, Konstantinos and Daphne.

**Dimitris Avramopoulos** is a Greek politician and Member of the Hellenic Parliament who served as the European Union Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs, and Citizenship from 2014 to 2019. Throughout his career in the Greek government, Mr. Avramopoulos has held several key ministerial positions, including Minister of National Defence (two terms), Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, and Minister of Tourism. Additionally, he served two terms as Mayor of Athens. Before transitioning to a political career, Mr. Avramopoulos served in the Greek Diplomatic Service, where he held various positions and posts, including Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director of the Diplomatic Cabinet of the Greek Prime Minister, Consul of Greece in Liège (Belgium), General Consul in Geneva (Switzerland), and Representative to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE/Vienna). His academic background includes degrees in Public Law and Political Sciences from the University of Athens, complemented by postgraduate studies in European Studies from the Institute of European Affairs of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium). Furthermore, his contributions to academia have been recognized through honorary doctorates from prestigious universities in New York, Philadelphia, and London (e.g., Adelphi, Drexel, Kingston, Deree), as well as honorary professorships at renowned institutions such as the School of International Studies at Peking University and the European College of Parma. In recognition of his distinguished public service, Mr. Avramopoulos has been awarded as honorary citizen in more than 40 cities across Greece and 36 cities internationally. He has also been bestowed with awards and state decorations from numerous countries (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, the Vatican, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, and Lebanon), as well as from the Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and the Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria.

**Othon Anastasakis** (BA, Athens; MA Columbia; PhD LSE) is Director of the European Studies Centre in Oxford; Director of SEESOX; Senior Research Fellow of South East European Studies at St Antony's College and at the Oxford School of Global Area Studies. He teaches EU politics, and Balkan comparative politics in Oxford. He is a Visiting Professor at the Prague School of Economics. He is currently Principal Investigator of two research projects: the "Greek Diaspora Project"; and "Migration Diplomacy and Turkey-EU relations". His more recent books include "The Greek Military Dictatorship: Revisiting a Troubled Past" and "Greek Diaspora Engagement in Times of Severe Economic Crisis"

**Nikos Androulakis** was first elected President of PASOK in December 2021 and re-elected in November 2024. He has studied and worked as a Civil Engineer and holds a Master's Degree on "New Materials and Environment". He has been elected Secretary General of PASOK Central Committee (2013-2015), while from July 2014 until May 2023 he was a Member of the European Parliament where he served as Vice Chair of Security and Defense Subcommittee and of the Interparliamentary Assembly EU - Latin America. Following the Elections of June 2023, he is a Member of the Greek Parliament and President of PASOK's Parliamentary Group.



**Konstantina Botsiou** is Professor of Political History and International Relations at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, and General Director of the Council for International Affairs (CfIR-GR). She graduated with honors from the Department of History-Archaeology, University of Athens, and holds a PhD from the University of Tübingen. She has taught at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Athens, and at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese, where she also served as Vice Rector for Economics, Education and Quality Assurance. Since 2016 she is Visiting Professor at the Hellenic National Defense College (HNDC). Between 2001 and 2018 she was Director of Publications, General Director and Vice President at the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy. She has been a research fellow at the Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence, University of Athens (2006-2008), the Hellenic National Audiovisual Archive (2007-2009), the LSE-IDEAS (2013-2015), the Bank of Greece (2019-). She was a member of the academic councils of the Martens Centre for European Studies, the Hellenic Parliament Foundation for Parliamentarism and Democracy and the Political Academy/Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as member of the Board of Directors at the National Library of Greece. She has received grants and scholarships from ECTS, LSE-IDEAS, US-IVLP, DAAD, the Konstantinos Karamanlis Foundation, the A. Andreadis Fund, a.o. Her publications focus on modern and contemporary Greek and European history, European integration, the Cold War, Balkan history, Euro-Atlantic relations, political parties, defense and foreign policy.

General **Konstantinos Floros**, born on June 24, 1961, in Chalkis, Evia, Greece, graduated from the Hellenic Military Academy in 1983, commencing his service as an Infantry Lieutenant. In 1986, he joined the Hellenic Special Forces, successfully completing all specialized courses in Greece, including the prestigious Hellenic Navy Underwater Demolition Team (UDT) Course. Further advancing his expertise, he graduated from the U.S. Special Forces Qualification Course at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in 1992. He commanded numerous units and formations during his career and was appointed Chief of Staff and subsequently Deputy Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff. In January 2020, he was promoted to the rank of General and appointed Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff (HNDS), a position he held until 2024, as per decisions of the Governmental Council for Foreign Affairs and Defence. General Floros is the founder of the Special Warfare Command of the Hellenic Armed Forces, an institution that significantly enhanced Greece's strategic and operational capabilities. Fluent in English, he holds a Master of Arts in International Relations and Strategic Studies, as well as qualifications in Strategic Analysis and Crisis Management. His service has been recognized through numerous honors, including all Greek decorations of his rank, the NATO Medal for Peace Support Operations, the Medal of Distinguished Class of the Order of King Abdulaziz conferred by King Salman bin Abdulaziz, the Commander of the Legion of Honor Medal awarded by French President Emmanuel Macron, and the United States Special Operations Command Medal (USSOCOM). Since October 2024, General Floros has served as Senior Advisor to the Chairman of the Kyriakou Group (K-Group). He is married to Anna-Maria Tsikrikoni, a Bachelor of Science graduate in Economics, and together they are the proud parents of two daughters.

Η **Ειρήνη Καραμούζη** είναι Καθηγήτρια Σύγχρονης Ιστορίας στο Πανεπιστήμιο του Sheffield και το Αμερικανικό Κολλέγιο Ελλάδος. Είναι συγγραφέας του βιβλίου *Greece, the EEC and the Cold War: The Second Enlargement* και συνεπιμελήτρια του βιβλίου *The Balkans in the Cold War*. Έχει διατελέσει υπότροφος στο EUI, στο LSE, στο Πανεπιστήμιο Yale και στο Πανεπιστήμιο του Τάμπερε. Είναι εκδότρια του περιοδικού *Contemporary European History* και έχει δημοσιεύσει εκτενώς σε θέματα



που αφορούν την ιστορία της ευρωπαϊκής ολοκλήρωσης, την ιστορία των διεθνών σχέσεων και τα κοινωνικά κινήματα στη Νότια Ευρώπη.

**Marilena Koppa**, PhD, is Professor of Comparative Politics at the Department of European, International and Area Studies of Panteion University and author of several articles on Balkan Politics, minority issues, democratization, nationalism and European Security and Defence. She is an Athens Law school graduate. She obtained her Ph.D on Comparative Politics at Paris–X Nanterre University (1991). For years she worked as a special adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on issues pertaining to European integration and enlargement. She has been a member of the European Parliament from 2007 to 2014. She was the Coordinator of the S&D Group at the Subcommittee on Security and Defense and also Vice-chairperson of the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee. Among others, she was the rapporteur of the European Parliament “On the implementation of the CSDP based on the Annual Report from the Council to the EU on the Common Foreign and Security Policy” in 2013 as well as the EP Rapporteur on ‘Enlargement: policies, criteria and the EU’s strategic interests’ in 2012. Her latest books are “The Evolution of the Common Security and Defence Policy. Critical Junctures and the quest for the EU’s Strategic Autonomy” (Palgrave MacMillan, St Anthony Series, London, 2022), “The Europeanization of the Balkans” (with N. Tzifakis), (Kallipos publishers, 2024 [in Greek]).

**Kostas Ant. Lavdas** is Professor of European and Comparative Politics at Panteion University, Athens. Before joining Panteion University in 2017-18, he was Constantine Karamanlis Professor of Hellenic and European Studies at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA and, before that, he was a Senior Research Fellow at the London School of Economics. Professor Lavdas was born in Athens and educated in Greece, Britain, and the United States. He has published extensively in English, German, and Greek on European politics, transatlantic relations, interest groups, comparative foreign policy, and neo-republican political theory. He has been a consultant to public and private organizations in various EU states, has served as a board member at various research centers and think tanks and as first chairman of the scientific committee for the new system of examinations required for the acquisition of Greek citizenship at the Ministry of Interior. Professor Lavdas has taught and researched at universities, research centers and think tanks in Europe and the USA, including Tufts, Manchester, Bristol, Berlin, the London School of Economics and the University of Crete, where he served as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Personnel. Beyond Europe and America, Professor Lavdas has cooperated, among other institutions, with Woxsen University (in Hyderabad, India) and the Strategic Foresight Group (in Mumbai, India). His publications include seven books, chapters in edited volumes (including *Citizenship and Multiculturalism in Western Liberal Democracies*, *Verbände und Interessengruppen in den Ländern der Europäischen Union*, *Privatization and Public Policy*, *Republicanism in Theory and Practice*) and articles in international refereed journals (including the *European Journal of Political Research*, *West European Politics*, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, *Politics*).

**Prof. Yannis Maniatis**, Vice President of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats (S&D), Member of the European Parliament, f. Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change. Dr. Eng. Yannis Maniatis is a Vice President of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats (S&D), a Member of the European Parliament, Head of Delegation. Professor at the University of Piraeus, Department of Digital Systems. He is a Rural and Surveying



Engineer (National Technical University of Athens). Visiting Professor at the Institute of Economic Geography, University of Bonn. Director of the MSc “Climate Crisis and Information and Communication Technologies” Director of the “Environmental and Energy Policies and Systems” Laboratory.

### **Political and Social**

- Dr. Maniatis is a Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats (S&D) (2024 -
- He was elected as a Member of the Greek Parliament during the 5 elections of the period 2004 - 2019. He was appointed:
- Minister and Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (2009 - 2015)
- Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (1998 - 2001)

### **Academic**

His main academic fields include:

1. Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.) and Remote Sensing,
  2. Energy and Transportation Policies and Systems,
  3. Environmental Management and Climate Change
  4. Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
  5. EU Structural Policies and Land Uses
  6. Innovation Management and Digital Entrepreneurship
  7. Systems and Policies of Smart Energy, Digital Agriculture, Smart Cities
- Dr. Maniatis has participated with more than two hundred (200) scientific papers and lectures in international congresses and scientific magazines.

### **Publications**

1. Maniatis, Y. (2024) “Because there is No Planet B”, Patakis Eds, Athens
2. Maniatis, Y. (2023). “Energy Crisis and the Greek Economy”, Economic Chamber of Greece Eds, Athens
3. Maniatis, Y. (2020). “Green Development: the Answer to Climate Crisis”, diaNEOsis Eds, Athens
4. Maniatis, Y. (2016). “Structural Reforms and Progressive Patriotism”, Papazisis Eds, Athens.
5. Maniatis, Y. (2012). “Energy and Natural Resources: National Pillars for Development”, Livanis Eds, Athens.
6. Maniatis, Y. (2009). “The Challenge of Green Development”, Livanis Eds, Athens.
7. Maniatis, Y. (1993). “Geographic Information Systems and Environmental Monitoring”, Ziti Eds, Thessaloniki.

### **Maira Myrogianni, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy**

Maira Myrogianni assumed her duties on August 2024 and has previously served as Secretary General for International Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from July 2023 until July 2024. She is a graduate of the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lille II in France. She also holds a Master’s Degree in Social Discrimination, Immigration and Citizenship, while being a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Peloponnese. Her scientific interest is focused on the fields of Human Rights and European Law. She is an Expert on Immigration and Asylum Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Maira Myrogianni has a wide and diverse experience in public administration, having served for several years as a legal advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, the Ministry of Culture & Sports, the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs in the realms of International Relations, as well as the cooperation with the European Institutions and other International Organizations. She speaks English, French and Italian.



## **Alexandra Papadopoulou**

Born in Athens, Greece, on 10 April 1957

### Studies

- Law Degree/Law School/University of Athens, Greece
- Department of Political Science/University of Athens, Greece
- Master's Degree in International Relations/International Law/University of Pennsylvania USA (Fulbright Scholar)
- Practice Administrative Law at the State Legal Council

### Career

June 2023 Deputy Foreign Minister of Greece

February 2020 – June 2023 Ambassador of Greece to the United States

July 2019 – January 2020 Head of the Diplomatic Cabinet of the Prime Minister

Sept. 2016 – July 2019 Head of the European Union Rule of Law Mission (EULEX) in Kosovo

Dec. 2015 – Aug. 2016 Ambassador of Greece to Uruguay and Paraguay

Sep. 2014 – Oct. 2015 Permanent Representative of Greece to the European Union

Jan. 2013 – Sept. 2014 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director General for European Affairs/in charge of the Greek Presidency of the EU in 2014

2007 – 2012 Head of the Greek Liaison Office, Skopje

2002 – 2007 Deputy Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations

2006 Promoted to Ambassador

2001 – 2002 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Balkan Affairs/Deputy Director

2000 Head of the Greek Liaison Office, Pristina, Kosovo

1999 – 2000 Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Department of International Organisations / Head of the UN Affairs desk

1994 – 1999 Consulate General of Greece in Toronto, Canada, Consul/Consul General

1997 Promoted to First Counsellor of Embassy

1995 Promoted to Second Counsellor of Embassy

1991 – 1994 Greek Embassy, Amman, Jordan, Deputy Head of Mission

1991 Promoted to First Secretary of Embassy

1987 – 1991 Consul of Greece in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

1987 Promoted to Second Secretary of Embassy

1982 – 1987 Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Department of North American Affairs (USA/Canada),

Member of the negotiation team for the US military bases in Greece.

1984 Promoted to Third Secretary of Embassy

1981 – 1982 Diplomatic Academy/Ministry of foreign Affairs

1981 Entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Embassy Attaché

Foreign Languages English, French

Family Status: one child

**George A. Papandreou** is former Prime Minister of Greece (2009-2011) and Member of Parliament with the Panhellenic Socialist Movement/Movement of Change. As an MP, he represents Hellenic Parliament in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and has led over the years the work of several Committees in producing recommendations for the deepening of democracy, human rights and the rule of law across its 47 member-states. He currently serves as the Council's General Rapporteur on Democracy. First elected as MP in 1981, he served in many governmental posts. As Minister of Education (1994-1996), he founded the Greek Open University and promoted multicultural programs. As Minister of Foreign Affairs (1999-2004), he promoted peace building and



European integration in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Balkans and managed a breakthrough in Greek-Turkish relations. In 2004, Papandreou was elected leader of PASOK in the party and country's first open primary – a move highly symbolic of his commitment to participatory governance. Throughout his political career, he has actively sought to maximize citizen participation in governance through information technologies. From 2006 to 2022, he was the President of the Socialist International, the largest global political family. Around the world, Papandreou has deployed 'Green Diplomacy,' calling for the protection of the environment by placing sustainable development at the epicenter of policy-making and multilateral cooperation. During his premiership, he applied a series of structural reforms in his attempt to modernize his country whilst avoiding bankruptcy during Greece's 2010 debt crisis. For his achievements related to government Transparency, he received the Quadriga Award in the category "Power of Veracity". In 2010, he was named one of the Foreign Policy magazine's TOP 100 Global Thinkers. In 2017, he was honored with the International Leadership Association (ILA) Distinguished Leadership Award.

Ambassador **Dimitrios Paraskevopoulos** was born in Athens, Greece. He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Athens. In 1979 he entered the Greek Diplomatic Service and served initially as Embassy Attaché at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During his career he served in the following missions:

- Secretary of Embassy - Counsellor of Embassy (Norway, Turkey, Netherlands), Service for Political Affairs - Thrace, Diplomatic Cabinet of the Foreign Minister (1981-1989)
- Plenipotentiary Minister, Director of the Diplomatic Cabinet of the Foreign Minister (2000)
- Ambassador in Moscow (2002-2005)
- Ambassador in Paris (2005-2009)
- Director of the Diplomatic Cabinet of the Prime Minister (2009-2012)
- Head of the Task Force for the organization of the Greek Presidency of the Council of the EU (2012-2013)
- Director General for Political Affairs (2013-2015)
- Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2015-2019)

Ambassador Paraskevopoulos was awarded the Grand Cross of the Greek Order of the Phoenix and has received decorations from Italy, France and the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He speaks English and French.

**Harry Papasotiriou** is professor of international relations and strategic studies in the Department of International, European and Area Studies at Panteion University and Chairman of the Scientific Board at the Institute of International Relations, Athens, Greece. He studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford and got an MA and a Ph.D. (1992) from Stanford's Political Science Department. He is co-author of *America Since 1945: The American Moment* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005, second edition 2010) and has published books and articles on the Balkans since the end of the Cold War, the War of Greek Independence, Byzantine grand strategy, American politics and foreign policy, the role of the diaspora in Greek foreign policy and international politics in the twenty-first century.

**Prokopios Pavlopoulos** was born in 1950 in Kalamata, Greece. In 1968 he was accepted at the Athens Law School from which he graduated, with distinction, in 1973, before moving to Paris for postgraduate studies. In 1974 he obtained a Master of Advanced Studies (DEA) in Public Law from



the University Paris II and in 1977 he obtained his PhD (Doctorat d'État) with distinction. In 1982 he started his academic career at the University of Athens Law School where he was elected Assistant Professor (1983), Associate Professor (1985) and Professor in 1989. Moreover, he taught and conducted research as a visiting Professor at Paris II University (1986). Member of the Academy of Athens (2022, October 13). Prokopios Pavlopoulos has also been a very active politician, ever since he held the position of Secretary to the first (interim) President of the Republic, Michael Stassinopoulos (1974-1975). He served as Deputy Minister of the Presidency responsible for the Media and Government Spokesman during the Xenophon Zolotas National Unity Government (1989-1990). In 1990 he was appointed Director of the Presidency's legal office during the presidency of Konstantinos Karamanlis, a position he held until 1995, while afterwards serving as spokesman of the New Democracy party between 1995-1996. In 1996 he was elected Member of Parliament for the State for the New Democracy party and was head of the party's Public Administration, Public Order and Justice department (1996-2000). From 2000 to 2014 he was elected to Parliament representing the constituency of Central Athens. He was Parliamentary spokesman for the New Democracy party (2000-2004) and from 2004 until 2009 he served as Minister of the then integrated Ministry of the Interior in the Kostas Karamanlis Government. On February 18, 2015 he was elected President of the Republic with a large majority of 233 votes out of 300.

**Athanasios G. Platias** is Professor Emeritus of Strategy at the University of Piraeus. He is also the President of the Council of International Relations-Greece, an Athens based think tank. He received a degree in Public Law and Political Science (with excellence) from the Law Faculty of the University of Athens. He also received an M.A and a Ph.D in International Relations from the Department of Government at Cornell University. He has been a Ford Foundation Fellow at the Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, a Research Fellow at the Peace Studies Program, Cornell University; MacArthur Fellow in International Peace and Security at the Program for Science, Technology and International Security, MIT and the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. Professor Platias taught at the Department of International and European Studies, Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences and at the Department of International and European, University of Piraeus. Professor Platias held several senior advisory positions in the public and private sector in the last 35 years. He also held several senior academic positions such as Dean of the School of Economics, Business and International Studies, Chairman of the Department of International and European Studies, Director of the Graduate Program in International and European studies and member of the Governing Council of the University of Piraeus. Professor Platias is the author of numerous books and articles. His research and teaching focus on five principal areas: Grand Strategy, Geopolitics and Geoeconomics, Regional Security (with emphasis on South Eastern Europe and Eastern Mediterranean) and Leadership. He is the co-author of *Thucydides on Strategy: Grand Strategies in the Peloponnesian War and Their Relevance Today* (N.Y.: Columbia University Press, 2010). His forthcoming book on the *Art of Strategy: 50 Maxims for War, Politics and Business* (Hurst Publishers/Oxford University Press) will be released in 2025.

Summary profile: **Dr Lamprini Rori** is Assistant Professor in Political Analysis at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She received a BA in International and European Politics from the University of Macedonia (Greece), a MA in Political Sociology and Public Policy from Sciences Po Paris (IEP) and a MA in Political and Social Communication from Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne University (France), where she also defended her PhD (2015). Her doctoral dissertation examined how the professionalization of political communication affected the organizational change of socialist parties





in Europe from the mid-1970s until 2012. Before joining the University of Athens, she was a tenured Lecturer in Politics at Exeter University in the UK (2018-2021), Jean Monnet Fellow at the EUI (2020-2021), Early Career Fellow of the British School at Athens (2018-2019), post-doctoral fellow at the University of Oxford (2016-2017) and two-year EU Marie Curie Intra-European fellow (IEF), on the project “Social media and resurgent ethno-nationalism in Greece”, affiliated at Bournemouth University (UK) (2015-2017). Dr Rori is the Principal Investigator of the HFRI project “From Online Emotions to Offline Political Violence: OnE-Offence” (2023-2025), PI of “From Anti-Americanism to Americanophilia: The US on the kaleidoscope of the Greek society, 1974- 2024” (2024-2025) and Investigator of the HFRI project “Detecting, Monitoring and Linking online Hate speech to offline Hate Crimes: DeMoLiSH” (2023-2025). She has also been PI of “Misinformation and Affective Polarisation in Political Behaviour” (2023) and of the 2018-2019 LSE Research Project “Low-intensity violence in crisis-ridden Greece: evidence from the radical right and the radical left”. She has coordinated the 2024 “EU&I” Voting Advice Application and the 2023 Voting Advice Application “What2vote”. She is currently member of the ECPR Steering Committee of the group on Political Violence, Member of Board of the Greek Political Science Association and Member of the Editorial Board of the Greek Social Sciences Review. For several years she has been member of board of the Greek Politics Specialist Group of the UK Political Studies Association, where she also served as Press Relations officer. She has participated in research projects on political behaviour in crisis-ridden Greece (hate speech and hate crime, violent extremism and radicalisation, youth political behaviour, radicalism, indignant movements) and the Greek diaspora. She has published on party change, elections, campaigns, the far right and the far left in Europe, political violence. Before academia, she worked as a political communications expert, drawing her experience from the French private sector (Agence Verte, Paris) and the Greek government.

**Panagiotis Roumeliotis.** A Greek economist, academic, banker and politician. A friend and advisor of Andreas Papandreou, he has served as Minister of National Economy, Minister of Commerce, Member of the European Parliament for PASOK and as Greece's representative at the International Monetary Fund. Since December 2011, he has been Vice Chairman of Piraeus Bank, Greece's largest. **Biography.** He was born in 1947 in Suez, Egypt, the son of a Greek businessman established there. He graduated with a degree in economics from the French School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (École des hautes études en sciences sociales), and later received a PhD in economics from Pantheon-Sorbonne University, also in France.

He has taught economics at various universities in France and Greece. He has also been president of the French think tank IPEMED (Institut de prospective économique du monde méditerranéen).

His political career began in 1978, when he became an economic advisor to Andreas Papandreou. After Papandreou became Greece's Prime Minister in 1981, Roumeliotis served, successively, as:

- October - December 1981: General Secretary of the Ministry of Coordination
- December 1981 - July 1982: Deputy Minister of Coordination
- July 1982 - September 1983: Deputy Minister of Finance
- April 1984 - February 1987: Deputy Minister of National Economy
- February - November 1987: Minister of Commerce
- November 1987 - July 1989: Minister of National Economy

From 1989 until 1994 he was Member of the European Parliament for PASOK.

Throughout the 1990s and 2000s he held various positions, such as Special Representative of the Council of the European Union for the stability process in the Balkans (1997-2000) and President of the Working Group for democratization, human rights and minority rights of the South Eastern Europe Stability Pact (2000-2001).



From March 2010 until December 2011 he was Greece's representative at the International Monetary Fund.

In December 2011, he became Vice Chairman of Piraeus Bank, Greece's largest. The Chairman of the Bank, Michalis Sallas, was also an economic advisor for Andreas Papandreou, and he and Roumeliotis have known each other for many years.

From September 2016 until today he is Chairman of the BoD at Attica Bank S.A.

He has received awards and decorations from the governments of France, Luxembourg, Austria and Poland.

**Margaritis Schinas** took office as Vice-President of the European Commission under President Ursula Von Der Leyen in December 2019. He is entrusted with the portfolio for Promoting our European Way of Life. In this capacity, he oversees the EU's policies for Migration, Security Union, Social rights, Skills, Education, Culture & Sports, Youth, Public health, Interfaith dialogue and the Fight against antisemitism. Mr Schinas began his career in the European Commission in 1990 and is yet both the first EU official who has been appointed Member of the College of Commissioners, and the first Greek Vice-President of the European Commission in the history of the institution. Between 2007 and 2009, he served as a Member of the European Parliament. During his parliamentary term, he has been a Member of the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Upon completing his parliamentary work, he returned to the European Commission where he held various senior positions in areas of high responsibility. In particular, in 2010, President Barroso appointed him as Deputy Head of the Bureau of European Policy Advisers. Later, he served as Resident Director and Head of the Athens Office of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN). In 2014, President Juncker appointed Mr Schinas as the Chief Spokesperson of the European Commission, role that he endorsed during one of the most challenging period of the European integration. Born in Thessaloniki in 1962, Margaritis Schinas holds an MSc on Public Administration and Public Policy from the London School of Economics, a Diploma of Advanced European Studies on European Administrative Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges and a Degree in Law from the Aristotelean University of Thessaloniki. He is married and has two children. You can follow him on Twitter: Margaritis Schinas (@ MargSchinas)

**Angelos Syrigos** (Athens, 1966) is a member of the Greek Parliament (elected in July 2019, May and June 2023 General Elections in the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Athens with the New Democracy Party). He is also Professor of International Law and Foreign Policy at the Department of International and European Studies at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens. He is a graduate of the Law Schools of the National University of Athens and of the University of Bristol, England where in 1994 he was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the field of public international law.

He has served as Deputy Minister for Higher Education at the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs (January 2021-May 2023), Secretary General of Population and Social Cohesion of the Greek Ministry of Interior (August 2012-May 2015) and Secretary of the Ministry of Education responsible for Intercultural Education (September 2007- January 2009). He has published eight books and several articles on Greek-Turkish relations, the law of the Sea, the Cyprus issue, the Balkans, minorities, migration, the Minor Asia Catastrophe and the Restoration of Democracy. His latest book "50 questions and answers for the Restoration of Democracy" with Professor Evanthis Hatzivassiliou was published in March 2024. He is married with Dr. Eirini STAMATOUDI, Law Professor at the University of Nicosia and they have three children.



**Alexis Tsipras** was born four days after the fall of the military dictatorship in Greece, on July 28, 1974. He holds a degree in Civil Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens with postgraduate studies in Urban and Spatial Planning. At the age of 41, in January 2015, he became the youngest and, also, the first left-wing Prime Minister in the history of modern Greece. From his youth he became active in public affairs, leading the large student mobilizations in 1990 against the conservative changes planned by the right-wing government of that period. Later, as a student, he participated actively in the movements against neoliberal globalization. In 2006, at the age of 32, he ran for Mayor of Athens supported by the left-wing party, SYRIZA, which then held just over 3%, but managed to make his presence felt gaining 11.5% of the vote. In 2008 he was elected President of SYRIZA and became the youngest party leader in the country's history. Four years later, in June 2012, he led his party to 27% of the vote and became leader of the Main opposition. In the European elections of 2014 SYRIZA came first, while at the same time he was head of the campaign of the European Left and candidate (spitzenkandidat) for the Presidency of the European Commission. From December 2012 to December 2015, he was Vice-President of the Party of the European Left. On January the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 SYRIZA won the elections receiving 36% of the vote and on January the 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 he was sworn in as Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic. He retook office on September the 21<sup>st</sup> after SYRIZA secured a second consecutive election victory receiving 35% of the vote. From the elections of July the 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 to June the 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, he served as Leader of the Main Opposition. Since September 2023 he is a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and in March 2024 he was elected Chairman of its Committee for the Western Balkans. In 2024, he founded the "Alexis Tsipras Institute for Peace, Justice and Sustainable Growth". His partner is Dr. Betty Baziana, with whom he has two sons, Foivos and Orfeas.

**Symeon Tsomokos** is the Founder and President of Delphi Economic Forum, an independent and impartial non-profit organization committed to deliver and promote innovative ideas for sustainable and competitive growth for Southeast Europe and the East Mediterranean. He established SGT S.A in Athens in 1997, and TGI in Belgrade in 2001 and in Brussels in 2016, which he presides successfully all these years. He is also the Founder of the Business Council for Greece-United States, the Greek-Hungarian Business Council, the Greek-Egyptian Business Council, while in 2006 he established the Greece-Serbia Chamber of Commerce. In the past he has served as Commercial Specialist at the US Embassy in Athens (1973-1980) and CEO at the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (1980-1997). He has also served as Secretary General & Treasurer of the Council of the American Chambers of Commerce based in Europe (1990-1993) and as Secretary General of the Business Council Greece-Turkey (1993-1998). In 1993, he was an Eisenhower Exchange Fellow.

Professor **Yannis Valinakis** is currently **President of the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence** at the University of Athens. Born in Athens, prof. Valinakis was elected Professor of International Relations at Athens University in 1992 and Jean Monnet Professor in European Diplomacy in 1996. He served as Director or in the Board of several research institutions (including the W.Martens Centre for European Studies affiliated with the European People's Party in Brussels) and worked as Resident Fellow at the Institute for East-West Studies in New York, the Institute for Security Studies of the European Union and at other prominent research institutes. Professor Valinakis has taught international affairs and strategic studies at various Greek and foreign universities and has published widely in five languages. His most recent works are: "A new Strategy for Greece" (forthcoming), *Greece's EEZ (2020)* and *Greece's Foreign and European Policy, 2010*. Professor Valinakis also followed a political career for more than a decade. He served as Secretary of



International Relations and European Affairs of New Democracy Party, member of the Political Bureau of the European People's Party (EPP) etc. After the National Election of 2004, he became Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, responsible for Political and European Affairs, and Member of Parliament for the Dodecanese Region, until October 2009.

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