

**SEMINAR-CONFERENCE**

**“China, Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean”**

**10 & 11 May 2019 PROGRAMME**

**Friday 10 May 2019**

16:00 - 16:45 Registration

17:00 - 17:10 Welcome speech-opening remarks

Konstantinos Mazarakis, General Director of the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation

17:10 - 17:20 Greetings by Honored Guests

17:20 - 18:30 1st Session: **China and Greece Bilateral Relations**

17:20 - 17:40 Keynote Speech: *China and Greece: Maritime Superpowers*

Panos Laskaridis, President of the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation, President  
European Community Shipowners' Associations

17:40 - 18:00 *Chinese diplomacy for the new era and its core values*

Zhang Lihua, Professor, Director of Research Center for China-EU Relations,  
Tsinghua University

18:00 - 18:30 Discussion. Moderators: Konstantinos Mazarakis- Vasilis Trigas

18:40 - 20:00 Informal garden reception

**Saturday 11 May 2019**

09:00 - 10:30 2nd Session: ***The Belt and Road Initiative: A Global and Regional Perspective***

Chair: Konstantinos Arvanitopoulos

09:10 - 09:30 *Sino-Greece Cooperation in the Belt and Road Initiative*

Zhao Kejin, Professor, vice dean of the School of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University

09:30 - 09:50 *Belt and Road Initiative: Geopolitical and Geoeconomic considerations*

Athanasios Platias, Professor of Strategy, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus

09:50 - 10:10 *China-Europe cooperation under the "Belt and Road Initiative": Perception, Challenges and Prospects*

Dr. You Nan, Postdoctoral Fellow of the Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University

10:10 - 10:30 Discussion

10:40 - 12:30 3d Session: **Focusing on Eastern Mediterranean: Greece as a Strategic Interpreter between China and Europe?**

Chair: Athanasios Platias, Professor of Strategy, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus

10:50 - 11:10 *Economic and geopolitical aspects of the relationship between Greece and China.*

Charalambos Papatotiriou, Professor of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens

11:10 - 11:30 *One Belt and One Road. Initiative and Cooperation between China and Greece: Impetus, Areas and Prospect.*

Song Xiaomin, Associate Research Fellow, Institute of European Studies of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

11:30 – 11:50 *Piraeus Port: Important Project of China - Greece Cooperation.*

Mr. Demenopoulos Nektarios, Piraeus Port Authority Deputy Manager PR, IR & Company Announcements Dpt.

11:50 - 12:10 *What is happening in the Eastern Mediterranean?*

Angelos Syrigos, Associate Professor of International Law and Foreign Policy, Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens

12:10 - 12:30 Discussion

12:30 - 13:30 Light lunch

13:30 - 15:00 4th Session: **The Political Economy of the BRI and the Future of the European Project: A Normative & Developmental Dimension**

Chair: Liu Zuokui, Senior Research Fellow, Director of the Department of Central and Eastern European Studies, Institute of European Studies, CASS; Director of the Secretariat Office of the "16+1 Think Tanks Network", CASS

13:40 - 14:00 *Greece and China: Economic cooperation and the BRI*

Wendi Chen, Chief of Political and Media Affairs Section, Chinese Embassy in Greece, Athens

14:00 - 14:20 *European Union and China: Economic cooperation and the BRI*

Plutarchos Sakellaris, Professor at Athens University of Economics and Business, Hon. Vice President of the European Investment Bank

14:20 - 14:40 *Fostering Sustainability. Growth and Good Governance: Europe's Funding GAP and PRC's BRI*

Emilios Avgouleas, Chair Professor of Banking Law and Finance, University of Edinburg, Distinguished Visiting Professor University of Hong Kong

14:40 - 15:00 Discussion

15:10 - 17:00 5th Session: **China & Greece: Promoting Regional Partnerships in the Balkans and East Med**

Chair: Emilios Avgouleas, Chair Professor of Banking Law and Finance, University of Edinburg, Distinguished Visiting Professor University of Hong Kong & Zhang Lihua, Professor, Director of Research Center for China-EU Relations, Tsinghua University

15:20 - 15:40 *The Cooperation of 16+1*

Dr. Liu Zuokui, Senior Research Fellow, Director of the Department of Central and Eastern European Studies, Institute of European Studies, CASS; Director of the Secretariat Office of the "16+1 Think Tanks Network", CASS

15:40 - 16:00 *Greece and China as security and prosperity providers in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean*

Dr. Thanos Dokos, General Director, ELIAMEP

16:00 - 16:20 *Greece & China: A Non-Hegemonic Superstructure of Regional Infrastructure*

Vasilis Trigkas, Onassis Scholar & Research Fellow, Belt & Road Strategy Center, Tsinghua University

16:20 - 17:00 Final comments