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 - 17:20Greetings 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 3rd 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.
Charalampos Papasotiriou, 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