High-Level Forum:

The 10th Anniversary of the “Belt and Road” Initiative & China-Greece Relations

Time: June 22, 2023 (whole day)
Place: Piraeus, Greece

Hosts: Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (IES, CASS)
Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation (ALF)
China Public Diplomacy Association (CPDA)

Organizers: CASS-ALF Centre for China Studies (CACCS)
China-CEEC Think Tanks Network

Topic: Since the "Belt and Road" initiative was proposed 10 years ago, China and Greece have continuously deepened cooperation in various fields, such as economy, trade, investment, education, culture, think tanks, tourism, etc. Leaders from China and CEEC, representatives of think tanks and media, as well as scholars will attend this Symposium. The topic of the symposium will focus on joint construction of the "Belt and Road", economic cooperation, people to people exchanges between China and Greece and prospects of cultural cooperation.

Agenda:

9:00—9:30  Registration

9.30 – 10.00  Welcome addresses  (10 Mins for each speaker)

- Dr. Panos Laskaridis, President Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation (ALF)
- Mr. Xiao Junzheng, Chinese Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic
- Prof. Feng Zhongping, (Video Speech) Director, Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (IES, CASS)
10.00- 11.00  **Opening remarks**  *(8 Mins for each speaker)*

- **Prof. Angelos Syrigos**, Panteion University, Deputy Minister of Education, 2019-2023 (tbc)
- **Mr. Wu Hailong**, President of the China Public Diplomacy Association
- **Prof. Athanassios Platias**, Professor of Strategy, University of Piraeus
- **Ms. Jiang Yu**, Special Representative for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries
- **Mr. Li Ruiyu**, Former Ambassador to Denmark and Italy, member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the 13th CPPCC
- **Dr. Ioannis Kotoulas**, Adjunct Lecturer geopolitics, Universities of Athens and Tbilisi
- **Prof. Zhao Gang**, Vice President, Beijing Foreign Studies University

Coordinator: Admiral Konstantinos Mazarakis-Ainian, Director ALF

Coffee Break- Photo opportunity *(15 mins)*

11.15 – 12.15  **1st Panel: Influence of ancient philosophy upon Western and Eastern societies today.**

Panelists *(15 Mins initial statement for each panelist)*:

- **Professor Ilias Tempelis**, Hellenic Naval Academy,
- **Dr. Liu Weimo**, Associate Professor, Institute of Philosophy, CASS
- **Professor Stelios Virvidakis**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Moderator:

- **Dr. Ju Weiwei**, Associate Professor, Deputy Director of department of Central and Eastern European, IES, CASS

Coffee Break *(15 mins)*
12.30 – 13.45  **2nd Panel:** The planned museum of marine antiquities in Piraeus: An opportunity for cultural exchange

Panelists (*15 Mins initial statement for each panelist*):

- **Dr. Aggeliki Simosi**, Director of antiquities of Piraeus
- **Dr. Wei Jun**, Professor, Department of Cultural Heritage and Museology, Fudan University
- **Dr. Eleni Banou**, Director of Underwater Antiquities: "Gazing the future: The National Museum of Marine Antiquities and Archaeology, at Piraeus."

Moderator:

- **Admiral Konstantinos Mazarakis-Ainian**, Director ALF

**Lunch Break (60 Mins)**

14.45 – 15.45  **3rd Panel:** China-Greece scientific institutions cooperation and Greece as a destination for Chinese individuals and companies that want to do business in Europe

Panelists (*15 Mins initial statement for each panelist*):

- **Professor Spyridon Flogaitis**, Law Faculty, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and Director of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO)
- **Dr. Hang Men**, Assistant Professor, IES, CASS
- **Dr. Christos Michalakelis**, Associate Professor at the Department of Informatics and Telematics of the Harokopio University of Athens.

Moderator:

- **Dr. Konstantinos Tsimonis**, Lau China Institute, King's College London and Institute of International Relations, Panteion University

**Coffee Break (15 Mins)**

16.00 – 17.00  **4th Panel:** 10 years of BRI: Evaluation and future in the area of
education, culture and civilization.

Panelists (15 Mins initial statement for each panelist):

- **Dr. LI S. M. Eric**, Chairman of Advisory Council, China Institute, Fudan University, Chairman of Guancha.cn.

- **Dr. Konstantinos Tsimonis**, Lau China Institute, King's College London and Institute of International Relations, Panteion University

- **Dr. Sun Tao**, Director, Greek Department, University of International Business and Economics

Moderator:

- **Dr. Kong Yuan**, Associate Professor IES, CASS

17.00 – 17.30 **Conclusion Remarks** (15 mins for each speaker)

- **Dr. Konstantinos Tsimonis**, Lau China Institute, King's College London and Institute of International Relations, Panteion University

- **Dr. Ju Weiwei**, Associate Professor, Deputy Director of department of Central and Eastern European, IES, CASS

Notes:

*The Conference will be conducted in the English language.*

*Each panel includes a 10-15 Mins. section for questions and discussion*