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# *The 1949 Rhodes Armistices, 70 Years After*

*An International Conference on History, Policy and Law*

*Rhodes, 31 October - 1 November 2019*

*Conference Hall of the "Dioiketerion" (Building of the South Aegean Region)*

Eleftherias sq. 1, Rhodos, Greece

## Programme

Thursday, 31 October 2019

### Opening Session

14:30-15:15 **Welcome Addresses**

Prof. Ioannis Seimenis Dean of the School of Humanities, on behalf of the Rector of the University of the Aegean

Professor Katerina Frantzi, President of the Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean

Prof. Nikitas Hatzimihail, Department of Law, University of Cyprus on behalf of the Rector of the University of Cyprus

Mr Konstantinos Taraslias, Vice-Mayor for Culture, Tourism and International Affairs, on behalf of the Mayor of Rhodes

Mr Ioannis Flevaris, Deputy Governor, Region of the South Aegean

### Introductory remarks

Prof. Ioannis Stribis, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean, Chairman of the Organising Committee

## I. The International Environment of the Agreement

Chair: Prof. Nikitas HATZIMIHAİL, Associate Professor of Private Law and Legal History, Department of Law, University of Cyprus

15:30-16:30 First panel

### **The International System: Beginning of the Cold War and the Palestinian Issue**

Prof. Charalambos TSARDANIDIS, Professor of International Relations, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean

### **Middle East Conflicts: Past and Present**

Dr. Stefanos VALLIANATOS, Director of the International Relations Department, Fondation for Hellenic Culture

### **Discussion**

*Coffee break*

17:00-19:00 Second Panel

### **Is literature more efficient than history? The Arab-Israeli case**

Prof. Lena DIVANI, Professor of Diplomatic History, University of Athens School of Law; Novelist

### **What's on a man's mind? The path of Ben-Gurion to the Rhodes accords**

Dr. Adi PORTUGHIES, Director of the Ben-Gurion Archives, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

### **The Evolution of the Conflict since the Armistice Agreements**

Dr. Chloé BERGER, Research Adviser, Middle-East Faculty, NATO Defense College, Italy

### **Discussion**

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## II. Legal Approaches of the General Armistice Agreements

Chair: Prof. Metaxia KOUSKOUNA, Assist. Professor of EU Law, University of Athens School of Law

9:00-11:00    Third Panel

### **Armistice Agreements in International Law: General Context and Content**

Phani DASCALOPOULOU-LIVADA, Legal Counsellor Emerita, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

### **Legal Issues Arising out of the General Armistice Agreements**

Dr. Nabil ELARABY, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, CRCICA, Former Judge ICJ, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

### **The Armistice Agreements and the International Court of Justice**

Prof. Ioannis STRIBIS, Assistant Professor of International Institutions, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean, Greece

### **The Armistice Agreements in Private International Law**

Prof. Nikitas HATZIMIHAİL, Associate Professor of Private Law and Legal History, Department of Law, University of Cyprus, Cyprus

### **Discussion**

*Coffee break*

11:30-13:00 Fourth Panel

**Armistice Agreements and Navigational Rights through the Strait of Tiran and the Suez Canal**

Erietta SCALIERI, Legal Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

**Revisiting Maritime Blockade: Some Preliminary Thoughts on the Application of Force and Proportionality**

Stratis GEORGILAS, Advocate, Head of G-H Chambers, Athens, Greece; Vice-President, Hellenic Section of the International Law Association

**Discussion**

*13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break*

**III. The Middle East in the Aftermath of the Agreements**

*Chair:* Prof. Panagiota MANOLI, Assistant Professor of Political Economy in International Relations, University of the Peloponnese

14:30-16:30 Fifth Panel

**“A Host, but not a Mediator”: Greek Priorities and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Dr. Gabriel HARITOS, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Ben-Gurion Research Institute, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel; Senior Fellow, The Cyprus Center of European and International Affairs, University of Nicosia

**Arafat, Barak and Clinton at Camp David: Clashes of Characters and Conduct**

Prof. Raphael COHEN-ALMAGOR, Director, Middle East Study Group (MESG); Professor and Chair in Politics, University of Hull, United Kingdom



**The Palestinian Question today: Does “prosperity for land” offer a viable solution?**

Prof. Vivi KEFALA, Associate Professor of International Relations, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean, Greece

**Discussion**

*Coffee break*

17:00-19:00 Sixth Panel

**The Role of the EU in global Peace building: in search of effectiveness**

Prof. Metaxia KOUSKOUNA, Assistant Professor of EU Law, University of Athens School of Law, Greece

**States and Anti-Systemic Political Violence in the Eastern Mediterranean. A Co-existence of Conflict and Co-operation**

Dr. Nikolaos CHARALAMPOPOULOS, Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of International & European Affairs, University of Piraeus, Greece

**The Middle East in the Aftermath of the Armistice Agreements**

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**Discussion**

**Conference conclusion**

Prof. Ioannis STRIBIS, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean, Greece

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