

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020 | 16:00 - 19:00

The geopolitical significance of the European Union's Southeastern Borders

Working language: English (with simultaneous translation into Greek)

Session 1: 16:00-17:30

The EU's enlargement process and its cooperation with its wider neighborhood

- **Anastasios Chardas**, Assistant Professor of European Institutions, Democritus University of Thrace (Komotini)
- **Sotiris Serbos**, Associate Professor in International Politics, Democritus University of Thrace (Komotini), Research Fellow at ELIAMEP

Western Balkans: Investing in Stability

- **Vesna Poposka**, Assistant Professor, International VISION University (Skopje)
- **Spyros Economides**, Associate Professor in International Relations and European Politics, London School of Economics (LSE), Deputy Director, Hellenic Observatory (LSE)

Moderator: **Vassilios Grammatikas**, Ass. Professor of International Law, Democritus University of Thrace (Komotini)

Session 2: 17:30-19:00

Counterterrorism and Cybersecurity initiatives in Southeastern Europe

- **Angelos Kaskanis**, PhD, Tactics Institute for Security and Counter Terrorism (London)
- **Metodi Hadji-Janev**, Brigadier General, Associate Professor, Military Academy General Mihailo Apostolski (Skopje)

Irregular migration flows: Europe's External Border Policy and Alliances

- **Alexandros Sarris**, Senior Lecturer at Erasmus University College (Rotterdam)
- **Florian Schmitz**, Journalist, Deutsche Welle (Thessaloniki)

Moderator: **Nicolaos Papanastasopoulos**, PhD, Adjunct Lecturer, Democritus University of Thrace (Komotini)