

## Winter 2025 IEMS Security & Diplomacy in the Eastern Mediterranean

### Diplomacy and (In)security in the Age of Tourism and Scarcity of Resources

As we move to the second quarter of 21<sup>st</sup> century global security and diplomacy is not just defined by traditional dimensions of the past. Beyond the geopolitical framing of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Westphalian state is being challenged by issues that transcend the hard-shell of state borders. Immigration, terrorism, pandemics are just some of the challenges we have, and we are witnessing over the last decade. It's also becoming increasingly clear that there is a congruence of issues that are at times moving policy experts and practitioners in different dimensions, as we have just witnessed at the COP29 meeting in Baku. This year during the first week of March 3-8, at the IEMS Seminar we will examine the role of diplomacy and the growing insecurity for the race for resources and the service industry of tourism in the sensitive and central region of the Eastern Mediterranean.

#### List of Participants

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#### Schedule of Presentations and Panels

#### Monday, March 3, 2025

##### Seminar Opening:

**Dr. Manal Shehabi**

*The New Energy Landscape in the Eastern Mediterranean*

**9:00 EST/16:00 EET**

**Dr. Theodore Tsakiris**

*The new Trauma-Energy Paradigm and the Energy Geopolitics  
of the Eastern Mediterranean*

**11:00 EST /18:00 EET**

#### Tuesday, March 4, 2025

**Dr. Zenonas Tziaras,**

*Regime Change in Syria and its impact on Regional Balances*

**8:00 EST/15:00 EET**

**Dr. Berna Turam**

**Ms. Sofia Kouvelaki**

*Immigration and Borders*

**10:00 EST /17:00 EET**

**Ms. Katerina Sokou**

*Between Geopolitics and Geoeconomics: The United States and the Eastern Mediterranean*

**13:00 EST/20:00 EET**



## Wednesday, March 5, 2025

**Dr. Nikos Tzifakis**

*Geopolitics and Great Power Competition in the Western Balkans*

**8:00 EST /15:00 EET**

**Dr. Vesko Garcevic**

**Amb. Nebojsa Kaludjerovic**

**Amb. Roderick Moore**

**Amb. Romana Vlahutin**

*Western Balkans and energy transition: Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire*

**10:00 EST /17:00 EET**

**Dr. Yasmine Hasnaoui**

**Ms. Anastasia Miliou**

*Coastal, Seas Sustainability*

**10:00 EST /17:00 EET**

## Thursday, March 6, 2025

**Mr. Giorgos Hadjipavlis**

**Dr. Gabriel Haritos**

*Title TBA*

**8:00 EST /15:00 EET**

**Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas,**

**Ms. Ino Afentouli**

*Challenge to Institutions, Contemporary Geopolitics, Democracy, Climate and Energy*

**10:00 EST /17:00 EET**

**Dr. Vasileia Digidiki**

*Climate, Water, and Migration Challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean*

**13:00 EST /20:00 EET**



**Friday, March 7, 2025**

**Dr. Dimitris Triantaphyllou**

**Dr. Marios P. Efthymiopoulos**

*The Security Dilemmas for the Eastern Mediterranean from  
the Wars in Ukraine and Gaza*

**8:00 EST /15:00 EET**

**Ms. Eleni Apeyitou**

*Climate and Security in a Changing Eastern Mediterranean*

**10:00 EST /17:00 EET**

**Dr. Aykan Erdenir**

*ADL's Global 100 Survey: Diplomacy, Tourism, Trade in Eastern Mediterranean*

**13:00 EST /20:00 EET**

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Waleed Hazbun**

*Tourism, Climate, and Resource Challenges*

**9:00 EST/16:00 EET**

**Closing Session Panel Discussion: Hosted by: Dr. Petros Vamvakas**

**11:00 EST/18:00 EET**

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