

SUMMER UNIVERSITY IN GREECE

In partnership with

Institute of International Relations (IDIS)

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN COOPERATION

REPORT OF THE SESSION

ATHENS (Greece)

3 to 9 July 2023

*The Summer University in Greece was held in Athens, Greece with the partnership of the Institute of International Relations, a very central location in Plaka. It was held from 3 to 9 July 2023 on the theme: "**EURO-MEDITERRANEAN COOPERATION**".*

The candidates' accommodation was organised in a very good hotel close to Syntagma square that was 5 mn walking from the arrival of the express bus of the airport and from the metro station.

The students appreciated a lot this very comfortable place in the heart of Athens and very close to IDIS and the very touristic area of Plaka. The teachers, staying in a small hotel nearby, also appreciated the location, in the heart of Plaka.



Working lunches were organised in several small traditional restaurants. All the logistics on site were therefore gathered in a very limited area, to the general satisfaction of the candidates, the experts who taught in the Programme and the staff.

The host institution, IDIS, provided the Programme with a very beautiful conference room and the Programme was carefully followed by all the candidates who showed an exceptional attendance. The logistics made possible to spend a rich and very family week. Because of this family-friendly logistic, friendly links were immediately established between the candidates, who proved to be very close throughout the week, and certainly beyond.



The group included 21 candidates from 8 different nationalities. At the end of this course, a "certificate of participation" was issued to the students and the "evaluation form" was also very useful to the organisers to enable them to test the general level of satisfaction. Candidates who had chosen to have ECTS Credits validated for their participation in this summer session were invited to an oral interview at the end of the session.

Finally, a tasty closing buffet was offered for all the group in the building of IDIS to allow everyone to say goodbye.

PROGRAMME

Monday 3 July 2023

Arrival of the foreign participants.

Accommodation - Free time for dinner and personal visits.

Tuesday 4 July 2023

9:30-10:00 Opening session

Welcoming by the two organisers.

- **IDIS: Despoina Afentouli**, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations.
- **CIFE: Marie France Perdigon**, Director of the CIFE's Summer University Programme.

Presentation of the students.



1st session: *The Institutional Framework in the Region: EU and NATO*

10:00-11:30 *EU-Mediterranean Relations*

Kostas Lavdas, Professor of European and Comparative Politics, Panteion University.



11:30-13:00 *European defence and EU-NATO cooperation*

Marilena Koppa, Professor of Comparative Politics, Panteion University.



13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:00 *NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue*

Despoina Afentouli, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations.

Free time for personal visits



Wednesday 5 July 2023

2nd session: *Euro Mediterranean Energy Cooperation*

9:00-11:00

EU Energy cooperation in the Mediterranean area.

Igor Kolar, Expert in Public Policies and Environment Strategies.

11:00-12:15 *Energy and Geopolitics in the Eastern Mediterranean Region*
Constantin Maniatopoulos, Energy Consultant, Former Director General for Energy at the European Commission.

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 **Round table discussion with experts**
Energy Transition: Development of renewable energies, climate change and political/security repercussions.
 Introduction by **Igor Kolar**, Expert in Public Policies and Environment Strategies.



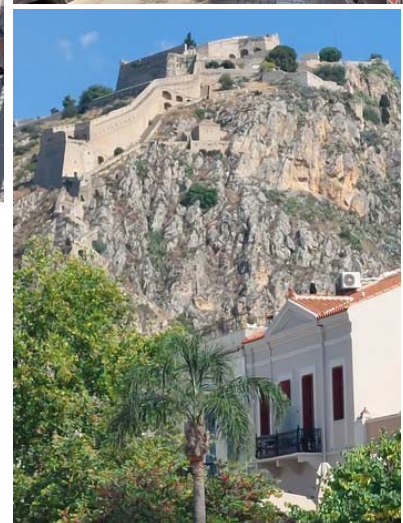
Participants:

- **George Tzogopoulos**, Associate Researcher Begin Sadat Center for Strategic Studies; Lecturer, Democritus University of Thrace; Programme Director, EU-China Programmes at CIFE.
- **Anny Podimata**, Advisor for European Affairs, Hellenic Production; former vice-President of the European Parliament.
- **Thrassyvoulos Marketos**, Adjunct Lecturer Eurasia Energy Geopolitics, University of Peloponnese.
- **Constantin Maniatopoulos**, Energy Consultant, Former Director General for Energy at the European Commission.

Afternoon free for personal visits

Thursday 6 July 2023: Full day excursion to Nafplio

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Friday 7 July 2023

3rd session: *Multilateral Cooperation schemes in the Mediterranean: An overview*

10:30-12:30 Speakers:

- **Harry Papasotiriou**, Professor of International Relations, Panteion University.
- **Dimitri Triantafyllou**, Professor of International Relations, Kadir Has University.



12:30-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:30 Round table discussion

The Geopolitics of the Eastern Mediterranean –

Participants:

- **Kostas Ifantis**, Professor of International Relations, Panteion University & Director, Institute of International Relations.
- **Kostas Tsimonis**, Assistant Professor in Chinese Studies, King's College and Panteion University
- **Despoina Afentouli**, Executive Director, IDIS.
- **George Tzogopoulos**, Associate Researcher Begin Sadat Center for Strategic Studies; Lecturer, Democritus University of Thrace; Programme Director, EU-China Programmes at CIFE.



Afternoon free for personal visits

Saturday 8 July 2023

4th session: *Migration crisis and refugee rights.*

9:30-11:00 *Migration and the European Union: Challenges, Visions, Solutions?*

Laura Spataru-Negura, Lecturer PhD Nicolae Titulescu University; Attorney-at-law, ucharest, Romania.

11:00-12:00 *The Migratory Phenomenon and Types of Rights for Migrants*

Role Play Refugees moderated by **Laura Spataru-Negura**.



12.00-14:30 Closing session:
Closing speeches – Certificate's ceremony - Lunch



14:30-16:00
Oral exams for participants wishing to
obtain ECTS Credits.


End of the academic Programme

Sunday 9 July 2023
Departure of the foreign participants.

PARTICIPANTS

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THIELE Iason <i>Germany</i>		BA History / Spanish student, University of Heidelberg, Germany.

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EVALUATION

This Programme, organised in Athens in collaboration with the Institute of International Relations (IDIS) was very appreciated with a large group of candidates from several nationalities. The examination of the evaluation forms proved a very large satisfaction.

The location for the accommodation of the students, Arethusa Hotel, in the most popular place of Athens and at the same time very close to both the classroom, all the touristic sites of the city, and just a few minutes walking from the metro and the bus coming from the airport, was really ideal. Everything was easy to reach with less than 5 mn walking.

The candidates were very satisfied to be accommodated in such a place. The hotel was of very good quality and proposed a large buffet for breakfast. General agreement was that the hotel was very comfortable and clean and ideally located.

The lecturers, accommodated in another place, due to the impossibility of having more rooms at Arethusa Hotel, were also very satisfied even if the hotel was more modest, but the location was extraordinary, just in front of the Acropolis, in the heart of Plaka.

Evaluation of the lecturers

The global evaluation of the students regarding the lecturers gave a very good result and the foreign lecturers invited by CIFE were judged of a very high level, especially the last sequence about refugees, animated in the form of a role-play.

Evaluation of the Programme

The Programme was very appreciated and for the majority of the group, all the topics were relevant and presented in a very interesting and proper way. Most of the students made many positive comments about the team of lecturers, and judged the Programme very interesting. They all noticed a very large satisfaction about relations with the staff and the good balance between courses and leisure time. In a city like Athens, where the history is so present and archaeological sites so important, the possibility to take time to visit all the riches of the city according to their own choices was a very good solution and very appreciated.

Among the suggestions made to improve the quality of the Programme, the following were:

- *all would have liked more interactive sessions like the one offered on the last day*
- *Greek candidates would have liked to be in closer contact with their foreign classmates, in particular by taking part in the joint lunches organised for the foreign group. This option had been decided by the Greek partner.*
- *some would have liked to receive the speakers' presentations BEFORE their lessons, but teachers usually prefer their material to be distributed AFTER the lessons*

CONCLUSION

The general opinion was that the students felt almost at home. All would have liked the Programme to continue longer.



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