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### Winter 2021 George E. Danis Security & Diplomacy Seminar

#### A Changing America and A Dynamic Eastern Mediterranean

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## Schedule of Presentations and Panels Winter 2021 George E. Danis Security & Diplomacy Seminar

### A Changing America and a Dynamic Eastern Mediterranean

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**Seminar Opening:**

**Mr. George E. Danis Welcome and Opening Address**

**Keynote: Mr. Hoyt Yee**, Hoyt Brian Yee served for 30 years in the United States Foreign Service, including as Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs and as Deputy Ambassador in Croatia. He also served in Afghanistan, Greece, Haiti, France, Montenegro, and at the NATO Headquarters in Belgium.

**8:00 EDT/15:00 EEST**

**Ms. Lauren Protentis**

*Cybersecurity and the Challenges for the US*

**10:00 EDT/17:00 EEST**

**Mr. Thanassis Cambanis**

*A New American Era in the Foreign Policy*

**14:00 EDT/21:00 EEST**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**Dr. Ioan Mircea Pascu**

*The Current Security Challenges in the Black Sea*

**8:00 EDT/15:00 EEST**

**Dr. Aykan Erdemir**

*Turkey's Blue Homeland Naval Concept: The Interplay of Political Islam, Neo-Nationalism, and Geopolitics*

**11:00 EDT/16:00 EEST**

**Dr. Lenore Martin**

*The Challenges of Turkish Foreign Policy*

**14:00 EDT/20:00 EEST**



**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

**Dr. Dimitris Triantafylou**

*Systemic Change and Its Challenges for the Eastern Mediterranean*

**8:00 EDT/15:00 EEST**

**Dr. Ioannis Armakolas, Ms. Alexandra Voudouri, Mr. Ivon Velichkovski**

*The Prespa Agreement and the Significance for the Western Balkans*

**11:00 EDT/18:00 EEST**

**Prof. Kenneth Morrison, Dr. Vladimir Petrovic, and Amb. Vesko Garcevic**

*The Western Balkans and the Great Power Challengers*

**14:00 EDT/21:00 EEST**

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

***Wicked Challenges: Old and New Security Issues in  
the Eastern Mediterranean***

**Ambassador Ram Aviram, Dr. Nikos Tsafos**

*Energy and Climate Change in the Eastern Mediterranean*

**8:00 EDT/15:00 EEST**

**Dr. Pantelis Sklias, and Dr. Theodore Tsakiris**

*Cyprus in the Sub-regional Security Complex of the Eastern Mediterranean*

**11:00 EDT/18:00 EEST**

**Dr. Vasileia Digidiki, Dr. Katerina Voutsina, Mr. Sreedhar Nemmani, and  
Ms. Ahsen Utku,**

*Migration: Religion and Security, Information Networks*

**14:00 EDT/21:00 EEST**



## Friday, January 15, 2021

### **Ambassador Stein**

*Israel and the Changing Eastern Mediterranean*

**8:00 EDT/15:00 EEST**

### **Dr. Gabriel Haritos**

*The Next Day for the Abraham Accords*

**11:00 EDT/19:00 EEST**

### **Greek /Turkish Parliamentarians Debate:**

**Mr. Unal Civozec and Dr. Constantinos Filis**

**14:00 EDT/21:00 EEST**

## Saturday, January 16, 2021

### **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

#### **Mr. Michael Wahid Hanna**

*The Arab World A Decade after Obama went to Cairo*

**9:00 EDT/16:00 EEST**

### **Panel Discussion: Hosted by: Dr. Petros Vamvakas, Director, IEMS**

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**12:00 EDT/19:00 EEST**

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