

3rd International Conference on Maritime Security

Maritime Security in an Era of Geopolitical, Goeconomic and Technological Disruption

21/4/2026

Eugenidis Foundation, Athens – 27-28 April 2026

----April 27----

Official dinner (by special invitation only)

19.30-20.00 **Welcome reception**

20.00-20.05 **Welcoming remarks:** Costis Frangoulis, President, International Propeller Club, President of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, Founder, President and CEO of Franman

20.05-20.15 **Introduction:** Konstantinos Arvanitopoulos, Panteion University & Council for International Relations

20.15-20.45 **Keynote:** Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Minister of National Economy and Finance, President of the Eurogroup

20.45-22.00 **Dinner**

----April 28----

09.30-10.00 **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

10.00-10.45 **Opening Remarks**

- Athanasios Platias, President, Council for International Relations & University of Piraeus

- Costis Frangoulis, President, International Propeller Club
President of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, Founder,
President and CEO of Franman
- Angelos Pantouvakis, Dean, School of Maritime and Industrial
Studies, University of Piraeus
- Leonidas Dimitriadis Eugenides, IMO Ambassador in Greece,
President, Eugenides Foundation
- Michael Hochberg, Co-Founder, Society for Geopolitics
- Vice Admiral Dimitrios E. Kataras, Chief of the Hellenic Navy
General Staff
- Ambassador Maria Theofili, Head of Task Force for the United
Nations Security Council
- Georgios Alexandratos, General Manager, Apollonia Lines SA,
President, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping

10.45-11.15

Keynote speech

Nikos Dendias, Minister of National Defense

11.15-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-12.45

Panel I: Maritime Geopolitics in a Fragmenting World

- Athanasios Platias, University of Piraeus & Council for
International Relations: “The Geopolitics of Shipping: Sea Power,
Weaponised Connectivity, and the Unmaking of Maritime Order”
- Len Hochberg, Mackinder Forum: “An Interpretation of American
Geopolitical Intentions.”
- Rodger Baker, Executive Director of the Stratfor Center for
Applied Geopolitics at RANE: “Revisiting Chokepoints:
Geopolitics, Dependencies, and Control.”
- Scott Smitson, Professor and Director, Denison University Grand
Strategy Program and Chief Strategy Officer, Geopolitics,
Incorporated: “The Greater Caribbean and Maritime Security.”

Moderator: Marilena Koppa, Dean, School of International Studies,
Communication and Culture, Panteion University & Council for
International Relations

12.45-14.00

Panel II: Geoeconomics and the Weaponisation of Shipping

- Punit Oza, Director of Maritime NXT, Singapore, and President of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, UK
- Dominick Donald, Autolytus & Lloyd's War Committee
- Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, CEO Hellenic Shipyards: "The geopolitics and geoeconomic of shipbuilding."
- Simon Ward, URSA Shipbrokers: "Market Disruption and Opportunity: Shipping in an Age of Geopolitical Fragmentation."
- John Cotzias, President of the Hellenic Shipbrokers Association

Moderator: Sofia Galani, Panteion University & Institute of International Relations

14.00-15.00

Lunch break

15.00-16.00

Panel III: Technology and the Future of Maritime Security

- Michael Hochberg, Co-Founder, Society for Geopolitics: "The impact of AI on maritime security: An overview."
- Spyros Hirdaris, American Bureau of Shipping: "Nuclear Marine Propulsion - The Ultimate Solution for Safe and Sustainable Green Shipping?"
- Katerina Tasiopoulou, CEO ThreatScene: "Cybersecurity, Geopolitics and Maritime Resilience."
- Mike St-Pierre, Lieutenant Commander, Canadian Navy: "Operationalizing Cutting-Edge Technologies in the Maritime Domain"

Moderator: Admiral (ret.) Stelios Fenekos, President, Papanastasiou Institute

16.00-17.00

Panel IV: Managing Risk in an Era of Maritime Insecurity

- Reed Simmons, Head of Strategy Development, Metrea: “Strengthening Our Maritime Security”
- Admiral ret. Ioannis Pavlopoulos, President, Sea Guardian
- Nicholas Georgopoulos, Diaplous Group
- Daniel Mueller, Senior Analyst for the Indian Ocean and Middle East, Ambrey

Moderator: Konstantina Botsiou, University of Piraeus & Director, Council for International Relations

17.00-18.00

Panel V: The Greek Maritime Industry in a Changing Geopolitical Environment

- Athanasios Feidakis, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, Globus Maritime Limited
- Capt. Vassilios Terzis, Managing Director, Queensway Group of Companies
- Panagiotis Zafet, Managing Director, Balthellas Group
- Paris Xanalatos, Director, Tide Line Inc.

Moderator: George A. Tsavlis, Principal, Tsavlis Salvage Group

18.00-18.05

Closing Remarks

Loukas Katsonis, President, Institute for Foreign Affairs