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Eugenides 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

20.45-21.30

Dinner

April 28

09.30-10.00

Registration & Welcome Coffee

10.00-10.35 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

on Maritime Security

10.35-12.00 Panel I: Maritime Geopolitics in a Fragmenting World

- Athanasios Platias, University of Piraeus & Council for International Relations
- Len Hochberg, Mackinder Forum
- Rodger Baker, Executive Director of the Stratfor Center for Applied Geopolitics at RANE
- Scott Smitson, Professor and Director, Denison University Grand Strategy Program and Chief Strategy Officer, Geopolitics, Incorporated

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

12.00-13.15 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, Autolykus & Lloyd's War Risks Committee
- Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, CEO Hellenic Shipyards
- Simon Ward, URSA Shipbrokers
- John Cotzias, President of the Hellenic Shipbrokers Association

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

13.15-13.30

Coffee Break

13.30-14.00

Keynote Speech

Nikos Dendias, Minister of National Defense

14.00-14.45

Lunch break

14.45-15.45 Panel III: Technology and the Future of Maritime Security

- Michael Hochberg, Co-Founder, Society for Geopolitics
- Spyros Hirdaris, American Bureau of Shipping
- Katerina Tasiopoulou, CEO ThreatScene
- Mike St-Pierre, Lieutenant Commander, Canadian Navy

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

15.45-16.45 Panel IV: Managing Risk in an Era of Maritime Insecurity

- Reed Simmons, Head of Strategy Development, Metrea
- 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

Keynote Speech

16.45-16.55 Georgios Alexandratos, General Manager, Apollonia Lines SA, President, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping

16.55-17.55 Panel V: The Greek Maritime Industry in a Changing Geopolitical Environment

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

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

Closing Remarks

17.55-18.00 Antonis Platias, Maj. General (ret), Exec. Director, Foreign Affairs Institute

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