

Energy security in the Eastern Mediterranean

This event takes place in the context of launching the Eastern Mediterranean Programme at Oxford.

The intersection of energy and geopolitical issues in the Eastern Mediterranean presents both opportunities and challenges. The region's rich energy resources have the potential to drive economic development and foster cooperation, but they also exacerbate existing tensions and conflicts. Navigating this complex landscape requires diplomatic engagement, sustainable practices, and collaborative frameworks that address both energy needs and geopolitical rivalries.

08:30-09:30 Breakfast

09:30-10:30 PANEL 1 **Energy issues**

The energy situation in the Eastern Mediterranean is multifaceted, involving economic potential, geopolitical rivalries, and environmental considerations. As countries navigate these challenges, the outcomes will have significant implications for regional stability and energy security in Europe and beyond.

Speakers

Geoffrey R. Pyatt (US Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources)

Discussants

Manal Shehabi (Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Oxford)

George Hajipavli (University College, University of Oxford)

Chair

Othon Anastasakis (St Antony's College, University of Oxford)

11:00-12:30 PANEL 2 **Geopolitical issues**

The Eastern Mediterranean faces interconnected geopolitical, security, migration, and environmental challenges. Addressing these requires comprehensive approaches that promote regional cooperation, sustainable development, and resource management. Collaborative frameworks, supported by external partners, are key to achieving long-term stability and security.

Speakers:

Marc Grossman (Former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs of the United States)

Elizabeth Prodromou (Morrissey College, Boston) **Petros Vambakas** (Emmanuel College, Boston)

Alexander Cooley (Barnard College, New York)

Chair

David Phillips (Columbia University)

The Eastern Mediterranean Programme is undertaken by South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX), St Antony's College, University of Oxford. SEESOX focuses on the interdisciplinary study of the region of South East Europe including contemporary politics, security and international relations.

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