

Winter 2025 IEMS Security & Diplomacy in the Eastern Mediterranean

Diplomacy and (In)security in the Age of Tourism and Scarcity of Resources

As we move to the second quarter of 21st century global security and diplomacy is not just defined by traditional dimensions of the past. Beyond the geopolitical framing of the 19th and 20th century, the Westphalian state is being challenged by issues that transcend the hard-shell of state borders. Immigration, terrorism, pandemics are just some of the challenges we have, and we are witnessing over the last decade. It's also becoming increasingly clear that there is a congruence of issues that are at times moving policy experts and practitioners in different dimensions, as we have just witnessed at the COP29 meeting in Baku. This year during the first week of March 3-8, at the IEMS Seminar we will examine the role of diplomacy and the growing insecurity for the race for resources and the service industry of tourism in the sensitive and central region of the Eastern Mediterranean.

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Schedule of Presentations and Panels

Monday, March 3, 2025

Seminar Opening:

Dr. Manal Shehabi

The New Energy Landscape in the Eastern Mediterranean

9:00 EST/16:00 EET

Dr. Theodore Tsakiris

*The new Trauma-Energy Paradigm and the Energy Geopolitics
of the Eastern Mediterranean*

11:00 EST /18:00 EET

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Dr. Zenonas Tziaras,

Regime Change in Syria and its impact on Regional Balances

8:00 EST/15:00 EET

Dr. Berna Turam

Ms. Sofia Kouvelaki

Immigration and Borders

10:00 EST /17:00 EET

Ms. Katerina Sokou

Between Geopolitics and Geoeconomics: The United States and the Eastern Mediterranean

13:00 EST/20:00 EET

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Dr. Nikos Tzifakis

Geopolitics and Great Power Competition in the Western Balkans

8:00 EST /15:00 EET

Dr. Vesko Garcevic

Amb. Nebojsa Kaludjerovic

Amb. Roderick Moore

Amb. Romana Vlahutin

Western Balkans and energy transition: Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire

10:00 EST /17:00 EET

Dr. Yasmine Hasnaoui

Ms. Anastasia Miliou

Coastal, Seas Sustainability

10:00 EST /17:00 EET

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Mr. Giorgos Hadjipavlis

Dr. Gabriel Haritos

Title TBA

8:00 EST /15:00 EET

Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas,

Ms. Ino Afentouli

Challenge to Institutions, Contemporary Geopolitics, Democracy, Climate and Energy

10:00 EST /17:00 EET

Dr. Vasileia Digidiki

Climate, Water, and Migration Challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean

13:00 EST /20:00 EET

Friday, March 7, 2025

Dr. Dimitris Triantaphyllou

Dr. Marios P. Efthymiopoulos

*The Security Dilemmas for the Eastern Mediterranean from
the Wars in Ukraine and Gaza*

8:00 EST /15:00 EET

Ms. Eleni Apeyitou

Climate and Security in a Changing Eastern Mediterranean

10:00 EST /17:00 EET

Dr. Aykan Erdenir

ADL's Global 100 Survey: Diplomacy, Tourism, Trade in Eastern Mediterranean

13:00 EST /20:00 EET

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Waleed Hazbun

Tourism, Climate, and Resource Challenges

9:00 EST/16:00 EET

Closing Session Panel Discussion: Hosted by: Dr. Petros Vamvakas

11:00 EST/18:00 EET

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