

# Greece and the United Kingdom Partners in an Age of Uncertainty

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***Greece and the United Kingdom - partners in an age of uncertainty***

**DAY 1 – THURSDAY 09 OCTOBER**

**19.00-21.00** Welcome drinks and tour

**Venue:** Trinity College, Wren Library

**Address:** Trinity Street, Cambridge, CB2 1TQ

**Dress Code:** Smart Casual

**DAY 2 – FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER**

**Venue:** Frankopan Hall, West Court, Jesus College

**Address:** 22 Jesus Ln, Cambridge, CB5 8BQ

**Dress Code:** Smart Casual

**09.30 -10.00** Arrival of Guests – Coffee/Tea

**10.00-10.30** Welcome

*Introduction:* **Symeon Tsomokos**, Delphi Economic Forum

**Costas Mitropoulos**, Co-Chair, Greek-British Symposium

**Yannis Tsaousis**, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the UK

**10.30-11.00** OPENING PLENARY

***Keynote Speaker:***

**Nikos Dendias**, Minister of National Defense, Hellenic Republic

**11.00-11.30** Coffee Break

### 11.30-13.00 Session 1: MULTIVARIATE GEO-ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

The wave of tariff increases by the Trump administration, the ongoing war in Ukraine, the shift in Syria, the Gaza situation and tensions between the US and China have created a complex and volatile economic landscape. As they all evolve, they could lead to the reduction in trade volumes and have a major impact on trade patterns and routes. Redrawing supply chains, securing vital supplies, on-shoring and near-shoring production, and physically protecting its interests will result in the redefinition of the global role of Europe. This demands vision, strong political will and coordination across many fronts, from defence to monetary policy and from energy to technology and industry.

**Moderator:** Ilias Lekkos, Group Chief Economist and Head of Investment Strategy, Piraeus Bank

**Panellists:**

**Baroness Smith of Newnham**, Prof. of European Politics, Dept. of Politics & Int'l Studies, Cambridge University

**Panos Tsakoglou**, Member of the Monetary Policy Council, Bank of Greece; fmr. Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Hellenic Republic

**Loukas Tsoukalis**, President, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

**Konstantinos Bikas**, Amb. (ret), Int'l Business Director, Metlen Energy & Metals; fmr. Head, Greek National Intelligence Service

**David Lubin**, Michael Klein Senior Research Fellow, Global Economy & Finance Programme, Chatham House

### 13.00-14.30 Informal lunch & networking

### 14.30-16.00 Session 2: TOWARDS A EUROPEAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY

There is little doubt that European defence is weak and below the call of the times. It is underfinanced and has been suffering from national planning, multifarious military platforms, small development and production scale, extensive dependence on the US and fragmented procurement. The EC and Britain appear to be converging towards a more integrated European defense policy, to reduce dependence on the US. Within such a policy context, bilateral and multilateral cooperation could raise overall production capacity for advanced military equipment and munitions with a clear positive economic impact. This is already reflected in the dynamics of the European defense industry, with M&A activity having picked up, involving countries in the periphery of Europe.

**Moderator:** Major General (ret'd) Seumas Kerr CBE, CEO, Defence Impact

**Panellists:**

**The Rt Hon Sir Jeremy Quin**, fmr. Minister of State for Defence Procurement; fmr. Chair of the Defence Select Committee, UK

**Adrian Nish**, Director – Europe East, BAE Systems

**Nikos Vettas**, Professor of Economics of Economics and Business; General Director, IOBE

**Christina Balis**, Director Strategic Campaigns, KBR UK

### 16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

### 16.30-18.00 Session 3: LEVERAGING HEALTH TECH

Technology has been changing health care for some time now, from AI assisted diagnosis to new medicines for a broad range of ailments. This very fast development of new tools for health care raises numerous issues. Safeguarding IP, managing the deployment of new technologies across fields and geographies, redefining roles in the health sector and articulating the necessary moral compass for the use of new technologies are just a few of them. Health care delivery has become an issue in Europe and remains one in the developing world. Britain is an undisputed leader in Health Tech, defining new frontiers, and Greece is systematically contributing to this effort.

**Moderator: Antonia Vogt**, President, Cambridge Neurological Society; Founder and President, Cambridge Robotic Surgery Society

***Panellists:***

**Ioannis Prattis**, Co-Founder & CEO, Senesys.Bio; President of Global Biotech Revolution

**Nicolas Huber**, Director, Commercial Operations & Partnerships, London Institute for Healthcare Engineering

**Victoria Kimonides**, BoD, Bioinnovation Greece; Co- Founder Biomet.life, University of Cambridge

**Millicent Stone**, CEO & Founder, iOWNA; Royal Society, Entrepreneur in Residence Innovation, University of Bath

**Lizzie Champion**, CEO, GSK Greece

**Venue:** *The Webb Library, Jesus College*

**Address:** *22 Jesus Ln, Cambridge, CB5 8BQ*

**Dress Code:** *Smart Casual*

### 18.00-19.00 Meeting Health Tech in Person

Networking meeting with Health Tech researchers and entrepreneurs

**Welcome**

**Yannis Tsaousis**, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the UK

### 20.00-22.30 FORMAL DINNER

**Venue:** *Old Hall, Queens' College*

**Address:** *Silver Street, Cambridge, CB3 9ET*

**Dress Code:** *Business Attire*

***Guest Speaker:***

**Peter Sarris**, Prof. of Late Antique, Medieval and Byzantine Studies, University of Cambridge

**Theme:** *“What did the Byzantines ever do for us?: The Legacy of the Empire of New Rome”*



## DAY 3 – SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

**Venue:** Frankopan Hall, West Court, Jesus College

**Address:** 22 Jesus Ln, Cambridge, CB5 8BQ

**Dress Code:** Smart Casual

**09.30 -10.00** *Arrival of Guests – Coffee/Tea*

**10.00-11.30** **Welcome**

**Matthew Lodge**, His Majesty's Ambassador to Greece

### **Session 4: INVESTING IN NEW ENERGY**

Europe is now well into the transition from fossil fuels to renewables in an effort to contain and eventually reduce CO2 emissions. Over the longer term, final energy uses will be fully electrified and demand for electricity further boosted by novel applications linked to the advance of AI. Renewables will dominate primary energy production. Fossil fuels, and particularly natural gas, will remain important during the transition. Nuclear energy could, under certain assumptions, substitute for legacy fuels and accelerate the transition. Huge investment in connectivity and a total rethink of their functioning will be required to integrate the regional European electricity markets into a single efficient one. Greece and Britain, both at the extremities of Europe, are leaders in renewable energy, with Britain also retaining strong expertise in nuclear energy, making a strong case for cooperation in the course to new energy.

***Moderator:*** John Roberts, Energy Security Specialist, Methinks

***Panellists:***

**Mehmet Ogutcu**, Chair, Global Resources Partnership; Chair, London Energy Club, UK

**Nick Butler**, Visiting Professor & Chair King's Policy Institute, King's College

**Apostolos Gkoutzinis**, Partner, Milbank

**Costis Stambolis**, Chairman & Executive Director, Institute of Energy for South-East Europe

**George Stratigis**, Manager – CEO Office, HELLENiQ ENERGY

**11.30-12.00** **The Symposium Speech**

***Distinguished Speaker:***

**Angelos Syrigos**, MP, Associate Professor of Int'l Law & Foreign Policy, Panteion University

***Theme:*** Conflicting claims over maritime zones of the Eastern Mediterranean

**13.00-13.30** **Closing Remarks**

**Alberto Costa MP**, Chairman, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Greece, UK Parliament

**Christos Staikouras**, MP; Chairman, Greece-UK Friendship Group, Hellenic Parliament

**The Rt Hon Lord Maude of Horsham**, Chairman, FMA, Co-Chair, Greek-British Symposium

**13.30-15.00** **Lunch** (*optional*)