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The symposium directory compiles a list of all speakers, participants, and staff involved in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Greek - Turkish Young Leaders Symposium (GTYLS) on Security including brief narrative bio sketches. It also provides some background information on Kadir Has University, the Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Navarino Network, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, and the NATO's Public Diplomacy Division. It contains the following sections:

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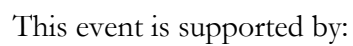
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## Greek-Turkish Young Leaders Symposium (GTYLS) on Security 4-7 December 2019 Kavala, Greece

### Program

Wednesday, 4 December 2019

Arrival of participants at Lucy Hotel

All Sessions will be held at the Lucy Hotel, Kavala (Akti Kalamitsas, Kavala, Greece 65404)

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| <b>16:30 – 17:00</b> | <b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dimitrios <b>Triantaphyllou</b>, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul</li><li>• Ronald <b>Meinardus</b>, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Istanbul</li><li>• Angelos <b>Kaskanis</b>, Executive Director, Navarino Network, Thessaloniki</li></ul> |
| <b>17:00 – 18:30</b> | <b>Peer to Peer Workshop – I. Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Andreas <b>Kotelis</b>, The People for Change Foundation, Malta</li></ul>   |
| <b>18:30 – 18:45</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |
| <b>18:45 – 20:00</b> | <b>Tour D ‘Horizon: The State of the World</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sotiris <b>Serbos</b>, Democritus University of Thrace, Komotini</li><li>• Serhat <b>Güvenç</b>, Kadir Has University, Istanbul</li></ul>  |
| <b>21:00</b>         | <b>Group Dinner (sponsored by the Kavala Chamber of Commerce)</b>   |

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09:00 – 10:30	<b>Rethinking the Role of Youth in Peacebuilding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cihan <b>Dizdaroglu</b>, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University</li><li>• Athanasios <b>Grammenos</b>, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Athens</li></ul>
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Peer to Peer Workshop – II. Session</b>
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Peer to Peer Workshop – III. Session</b>
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Lunch</b>
15:00 – 16:15	<b>What Role for NATO?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Despina-Ino <b>Afentouli</b>, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO</li></ul>
16:15 – 16:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:45 – 18:15	<b>Young Leaders and Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gülçin <b>Sınav</b>, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Istanbul</li><li>• Angelos <b>Kaskanis</b>, Navarino Network, Thessaloniki</li></ul>
<b>Free Evening</b>	

09:30 – 11:00	<b>Assessing the State of Greek-Turkish Relations (focus on public opinion and elite opinion)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mustafa <b>Aydın</b>, Kadir Has University, Istanbul</li><li>• Dimitrios <b>Triantaphyllou</b>, Kadir Has University, Istanbul</li></ul>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>

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11:30 – 13:00	Peer to Peer Workshop – IV. Session
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Peer to Peer Workshop – V. Session
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Communicating Greek-Turkish Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foteini <b>Bellou</b>, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki</li> <li>• Sinem Akgul <b>Acikmese</b>, Kadir Has University, Istanbul</li> </ul>
20:00	Group Dinner

## Saturday, 7 December 2019

09:00 – 10:30	Understanding Turkish and Greek Foreign Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mustafa <b>Aydin</b>, Kadir Has University, Istanbul</li> <li>• Dimitris <b>Keridis</b>, Hellenic Parliament, Athens</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	Presentations; Certificates and Closure
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

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### **Despina-Ino Afentouli, Program Officer for Partnerships/Cooperative Security and Open-Door policies, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO**

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### **Petros Aikaterinis**

Petros Aikaterinis is currently a Planning and Programming Officer at the European External Action Service (EEAS), the European Union's diplomatic service. He is working on horizontal coordination issues and the overall management of files related to the Budget and the Administration of the EEAS, covering the Headquarters in Brussels and the 142 EU Delegations around the world. Prior to this, Petros worked on EEAS-European Parliament affairs and he successfully completed distinguished traineeships at the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU and the Cabinet Office of the Union's High Representative, Federica Mogherini. He received his First Class Honours bachelor's degree at University of Leicester (UK) and he was awarded a full scholarship to follow a master's degree in International Relations and Diplomacy Studies at the College of Europe (Belgium). For his work on EU-enlargement issues, he also received the European Young Journalist Award from the European Commission in 2010.

### **Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe, Professor of International Relations; Dean, Graduate School of Education, Kadir Has University, Istanbul**

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### **Abdullah Arslan**

Abdullah Arslan started to pursue an MA degree in International Relations at Kadir Has University after he received his BSc degree in International Relations from Middle East Technical University in 2019. During the 2018-2019 Fall semester, he was at the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University - Faculty of Political Science in Lublin/Poland within the Erasmus+ Program where he attended undergraduate and graduate level courses. Also, he interned at the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) and the Center for Eurasian Studies (AVİM) in 2018. Currently, he is a research fellow at the Center for International and European Studies (CIES). In addition to his academic activities, he has also participated in a volunteering organization called Ankara Volunteer Team where he helped children from different backgrounds with their schoolwork and spent time on different activities between 2015-2018.

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### **Mustafa Aydın, Professor of International Relations, Kadir Has University; President, International Relations Council of Turkey, Istanbul**

Mustafa Aydın is a Professor of International Relations at Kadir Has University and the President of the International Relations Council of Turkey since 2004. He held the position of Rector of Kadir Has University between February 2010 and March 2018. He is also Governing Board Member of the OECD International Management of Higher Education Programme and Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. Professor Aydın previously worked at Ankara University (1994-2005) and TOBB University of Economics and Technology (2005-2009); and was guest researcher/lecturer at Michigan (1998), Harvard (2002, Fulbright fellow), and Athens (2003, Onassis Fellow) universities, as well as the Richardson Institute for Peace Studies (1999, Unesco Fellow) and the EU Institute for Security Studies (2003). He is a member of the Global Relations Forum (GIF), the International Studies Association (ISA), the Turkish Atlantic Council, the Turkish Political Sciences Association, the International Network on Regional Security, and the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS). He was a member of the Economy and Foreign Policy Study Group of the President of Turkey (2003-2009); Co-Coordinator of the International Commission on Black Sea (2010); and Director of International Policy Research Institute (2005-2011).

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**Seren Bostan, Office Administrator, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul**

Seren Bostan received her BA in International Relations from Kadir Has University. She also studied at Hanze University of Applied Sciences in Groningen under the Erasmus Student Exchange Programme between 2012–2013 where she took courses on Creating International Events and Campaigns prior to joining the Center for International and European Studies in 2013 as an intern. In August 2015, she became the CIES' Office Administrator. She also has a theatre background having been affiliated with the Child Theatre, the National Theatre, and University Theatre. She is currently pursuing her MA degree in acting at Kadir Has University's Film and Drama program.

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### **Vildan Demirkıran**

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### **Alexandros Fotiadis**

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### **Serhat Güvenç, Professor of International Relations; Chair, Department of International Relations, Kadir Has University, Istanbul**

Serhat Güvenç received his BA and MA degrees from Marmara University and his PhD in Political Science and International Relations from Boğaziçi University, Istanbul. He is currently the Chair of the Department of International Relations at Kadir Has University. Previously he held fulltime, adjunct and visiting faculty positions at Istanbul Bilgi University; the University of Chicago; Koç University; and Boğaziçi University. Dr. Güvenç's research interests include Turkish foreign and security policy and Turkish naval policy and history. He is the author of: *The Ottomans' Quest for Dreadnoughts*, Istanbul, 2009, *Turkey in the Mediterranean during the Interwar Era* (Indiana University Turkish Studies, 2010) (with Dilek Barlas) and *60 Years in NATO: Turkey's Contributions to Transatlantic Security*, (Istanbul, 2013). His articles have appeared in *Middle Eastern Studies*, *International Journal of Naval History*, *Uluslararası İlişkiler*, *Exotierika Themata* (Greek), *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *GMF Mediterranean Papers*, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, *International Journal*, *Turkish Studies*, and *Turkish Policy Quarterly*. His most recent article, co-authored with Mesut Uyar, "One Battle, Two Accounts: The Turkish Brigade at Kunu-ri in November 1950" was published in *The Journal of Military History*. Professor Güvenç is a board member of the Foundation of Lausanne Treaty Emigrants and advisory board member of Koç University's Maritime Forum (KUDENFOR).

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Ornela is studying Political Science at the Democritus University of Thrace. Born in Albania but raised in Greece, Ornela opted to study politics in order to contribute to the development of both her homeland and her host country. Upon graduation, she considers continuing her studies abroad either on migration or on energy policy. With regard to her human values, Ornela is hardworking, sincere and compassionate. These were the key factors leading her to volunteer at the Department of Advisory and Psychological support of the Democritus University of Thrace. Her role models are her parents who always motivate her to be sensible and renowned in her field.

### **Taha Kaan İşleyici**

Upon the completion of his high school education in the basics of science and nature, he pursued a bachelor's degree in international relations and global studies at Middle East Technical University, Ankara. Throughout his university studies, he was an activist as a strong defender of gender minorities and their rights. He elaborated on his specific interests in European security policy with his BA project on European Union External Diplomacy and European Security Problems in Millennium. In 2017, he founded his own NGO based in Ankara to fight against the discrimination of queer youth groups and Roman minorities in Turkey. He has started his real-time MBA degree after obtaining a micro master's degree from Boston University-BUX - Digital Leadership program. Besides his academic studies, in the summer of 2019, he was appointed as a country director to coordinate the peacebuilding activities of the Global Peace Chain in Turkey. Currently, besides his enrollment in a specialization in the strategy management program at the Copenhagen Business School, he is working as an expert in the OSCE Youth Security Policy "Perspectives 20-30" initiative.

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**Dimitris Keridis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Athens; Founding Director, Navarino Network, Thessaloniki**

Dimitris Keridis is a member of the Hellenic Parliament, representing Athens-North for the center-right party of New Democracy. He is a Professor of International Politics at Panteion University of Athens and the Founding Director of the Navarino Network in Thessaloniki. He has taught at many universities in Greece and abroad and is a regular TV political commentator. He has published extensively on international politics including books on nationalism and ethnic conflict, US foreign policy and Greek-Turkish relations.

**Ioanna M. Kostopoulou**

Ioanna M. Kostopoulou is pursuing her second master's degree in European Journalism at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH). Her Bachelor's degree was in Journalism and Mass Media Communication while her first MA degree focused on New Media Journalism, at the same university. She has attended Journalism & Communication courses at the University of Vienna (Universität Wien), where she stayed for five months due to her participation in the Erasmus program. She has taken part in various research programs, seminars, and summer schools such as: the communication campaign for the European elections “#pressEU\_NextGen” (Thessaloniki, Greece); “Young social media multipliers from Greece” (Brussels, Belgium); NATO internships for crisis Journalism (Thessaloniki, Greece); “CSIS Practicum in Modern Journalism: Reporting on International Affairs” (Washington, DC, USA); “Digital bridges” and “Greek-Turkish Dialog” (Eskisehir, Turkey); “Seminar for Young Journalists and the Role of the European Parliament” (Brussels, Belgium), inter alia. Ioanna has worked as Press Clipper and Media Monitoring Manager (Print, Social Media, RTV), journalist, editor-in-chief, and editor in various local media (electronic and printed) in Thessaloniki. Skilled in journalism, communication, photography, news writing, editing, and media relations, she is planning to pursue a doctorate degree in the same field. She is research fellow at the Peace Journalism Laboratory (AUTH) and her research interests include European & International Journalism, Disinformation, Propaganda and Fake News, Media and Social Media Impact, and the role of the Media in Crisis Communication.

**Andreas Kotelis, Researcher, The People for Change Foundation, Malta**

Andreas Kotelis holds a PhD in Political Science from Bilkent University in Turkey, and between 2013-2016, he was an Assistant Professor at the Department of International Relations at Zirve University in Gaziantep, Turkey. He was also the 2017 Scholar-in- Residence at the Clark Center for Global Engagement and a visiting instructor in the International Studies Program at the State University of New York (SUNY) Cortland. He is currently a Researcher at the People for Change Foundation and a Visiting Senior Lecturer at the University of Malta. His research interests include international conflict and international negotiations, while much of his recent work has focused on refugee integration and human rights. As a professional trainer, Andreas has facilitated track-II and multi-track initiatives on several occasions.

**Özgür Kurşun**

Özgür Kurşun is a PhD candidate in Political Science and International Relations at the University of Peloponnese in Corinth where he also received his master's degree in the same field. He is a research assistant at the University of Ege, Izmir. He has also participated for a short period of summer studies at the University of Texas in Arlington, USA as a recipient of a state scholarship by the Ministry of National Education (MEB). He is a member of the Balkan Advisory Group at the University of Peloponnese. Kurşun's research interests

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include history and the political situation of the Balkan Peninsula in particular Greece and its relations with neighboring countries, Greek foreign policy and Greek-Turkish relations. Currently, he is doing research on 'Turkish and Greek foreign policies towards the Western Balkans'.

### **Minas Lyrstis**

Minas is an elected Councilor of the Regional Authority of the South Aegean (since September 2019). He graduated from the Department of Mediterranean Studies (University of the Aegean) with a specialization in International Relations and Organizations. Moreover, he obtained an MSc degree focused on Geopolitical Analysis, Geostrategic Synthesis and Defence and International Security Studies from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. His MA dissertation covered the topic of how Kurdish nationalism geopolitics affect the redistribution of power in the Middle East subsystem. He is a research associate at the Center for Eastern Studies for Culture and Communication (kans.gr) and at Center for Mediterranean-Middle Eastern Policy and Culture (kemmep.gr). He is also a member of the Organizing Committee of the Mare Nostrum Conference, held in Rhodes every May (marenostrum.edu.gr). Minas has worked as an Intern at the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the Institute of International Economic Relations in various positions (graduate research fellow and project coordinator). He also has experience in the tourism industry, as he has worked in a variety of positions at hotels, restaurants and other workplaces in his hometown of Mykonos.

### **Nikolaos Markovitis**

Nikolaos Markovitis is a student of political science at the Democritus University of Thrace. He comes from a small town called Naousa and from a family of lawyers. Upon graduation he plans to study towards a master's degree in International Relations in Turkey to be followed by a law degree. He is currently learning Turkish and Mandarin Chinese. He has also participated in a number of Model United Nations programs and Erasmus projects. He wants to travel and broaden his horizons.

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Fatih Hafız Mehmet is a journalist at Anadolu Agency since 2016, currently covering news about Europe. Previously, he covered news about Turkey and its relations with other countries. He is also a PhD candidate at the Area Studies Department of Middle East Technical University (METU). Hafız's research interests include Turkish-Greek relations, minority studies, nationalism, identities and media. Having finished high school in Greece, he obtained a BA in International Relations from METU. He also holds a master's degree from the University of Manchester. He has also conducted lobbying work on minority rights in international institutions such as the OSCE and the United Nations.

### **Ronald Meinardus, Resident Representative, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Turkey**

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## **Office, Istanbul**

Ronald Meinardus calls himself a liberal, a political commentator, a desk activist, and a citizen of the world. He came to Istanbul in late 2019 as Resident Representative of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF). Before that, he served the Foundation in India, Egypt, the Philippines, South Korea, and Greece. A journalist by training, Dr Meinardus has published widely on current political affairs in academic journals and the media. Before leaving New Delhi, he edited “How Liberal is India? The Quest for Freedom in the biggest Democracy on Earth” (Academic Foundation, 2019).

## **Grigorios Miliadis**

Grigorios Miliadis holds a bachelor’s degree in International and European Studies from the University of Macedonia. Fascinated by politics, he completed an internship at the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Economic Relations. He also completed a semester of traineeship at the UNESCO Chair of the University of Macedonia and with the Erasmus Committee of his university. He has participated in a number of Model United Nations (MUN) and chaired many MUN committees in Thessaloniki, Istanbul, and Bucharest.

## **Filotas – Georgios Niarchos**

Filotas-Georgios Niarchos graduated from Athens College High School in 2008. He received his BSc from the University of Athens in Political Science and Public Administration. He continued his studies at Queen Mary, University of London obtaining an MA in International Relations and Politics. He has won the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in 3 Conferences related to Politics, the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Russian Embassy’s Article Contest in 2017, and the 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the most efficient Company Volunteering Scheme in Greece at the Corporate Affairs Excellence Awards 2019 (Vodafone Greece). He is now working as the Press Office Coordinator at Wind Hellas and he is the CEO of AMEN Technologies (Nanotechnology Company) and We4All (Environmental Movement). He is also the Secretary General of the Alumni Association of Political Science.

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Yüksel Serdar Oğuz is a journalist and Op-Ed writer at Turkey's official news outlet Anadolu Agency. He teaches “strategic communication” at the Turkish Armed Forces’ Centre of Training & Partnership for Peace, and Turkish Cooperation & Development Agency (TIKA). He is an advisor at the NATO Research Committee on Cyber Defense/Resilience. He is involved in the establishment of municipal migration offices in Ankara as the advisor to the UN since 2016. He has been selected as a legislative fellow by US State Department in 2012 to work on governance at the Congress. He is a board member of Turkey’s largest NGO hub Checks & Balance Network, Freedom Research Association, and Public Research Foundation, and the founding president of the Association for Solidarity with Victims of Human Trafficking. He holds a BA degree from Ankara University and an MSc. in International Relations from Hacettepe University.

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Stavroula Oustoglou is a Political Scientist. She holds a master’s degree in International Relations, specializing in Strategic Studies and Diplomacy from the University of Macedonia and is completing her graduate studies in Global Security at the University of Glasgow. Her interest in politics and international relations has been cultivated from a very young age. She has been participating and organizing Model United Nations conferences since she was 14 years old and having taken part in more than 20 conferences in Greece, Turkey, Romania, United Kingdom, and Brazil, as an organizer, a member of the secretariat and a delegate. As a young professional, she has successfully completed internships at the United States Consulate of Thessaloniki, the Greek Embassy in Madrid as well as taken a Common Security and Defense Policy Course

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from the European Security and Defense College. In 2020, she will work at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE-NATO) as an intern, at the Strategic Development of Forces Division. Her research interests include Space Security, South-East Europe and time and relativity in IR theory. Constantly looking to advance her knowledge on international relations and international security, she has attended numerous conferences pertaining to these issues. She speaks English, Spanish and French.

### **Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou**

Iason Paschalidis-Gerostergiou has a long-time experience, as well as theoretical knowledge, on topics such as social inclusion, non-formal education, social economy, sustainability and other core issues related to political ecology as well. He holds a bachelor's degree in Linguistics, Language Teaching and Translation from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and an MSc in Management of Water Resources in the Mediterranean from Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Institute of Technology. He is currently an MSc student in Human Geography at the Nijmegen School of Management at Radboud University in the Netherlands. His studies in Human Geography and in Linguistics, Language Teaching and Translation have shaped his multicultural sensibility and his conviction about the importance of intercultural communication.

### **Rafaela Papastergiou**

Rafaela Papastergiou has studied History and Archaeology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. She is currently studying towards her MA in International Relations, Strategic and International Politics at the University of Macedonia. She has organized and administrated many international conferences, has been a fellow of the UNESCO Chair, the Chair of Pontic Studies, the University of Western Macedonia, the Historical Archive of Refugee Hellenism, the Olympic Museum of Thessaloniki, and has participated in several programs and seminars (Intercultural and Adult Education). She is currently a columnist and social media administrator at Offlinepost and an Administrative Associate at Navarino Network. Her interests include European and world politics, communication strategies and public diplomacy. Apart from Greek, she speaks English and German.

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### **Sotiris Serbos, Assistant Professor of International Politics, Democritus University of Thrace, Thrace**

Sotiris Serbos is an Assistant Professor of International Politics at the Democritus University of Thrace, in Greece. Born in Thessaloniki, he graduated as full-scholarship student of Anatolia College. He studied International Relations at the University of Macedonia (BA), the London School of Economics and Political Science (MSc), and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (PhD). He has served as special adviser in the Hellenic Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defense, Economy & Finance and Macedonia - Thrace.

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His policy experience includes consulting memberships at Gerson Lehrman Group's Policy & Economics Council. For the academic year 2014-2015, he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship at The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Pittsburgh's EU Center of Excellence. Serbos' research interests focus on European integration, transatlantic relations, foreign policy analysis and Turkish foreign policy.

**Gülçin Sınay, Project Coordinator, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Istanbul**

Gülçin Sınay was born in Aydın in 1986. She studied International Relations and EU at Izmir University of Economics. She holds a Master's degree in Advanced European and International Studies from Istanbul Bilgi University and its European Institute. Formerly, she worked as Project Assistant in the Spanish Embassy in Ankara, as Project Manager in the ARI Movement, and as Assistant Project Specialist in the Istanbul Aydın University. Since March 2013, she has been working in the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom as a Project Coordinator.

**Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Associate Professor of International Relations; Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul**

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Dimitrios Tsaknis is a political scientist, specializing in European Governance. In 2017, he obtained his bachelor's degree from the Democritus University of Thrace in Komotini. He followed modules on Political Sciences and Public Administration, including studies on International Organizations, NGOs and Civil Society. In 2018, he received his MA degree in European Governance from the European Law & Governance School, located in Athens. Currently, he is offering his services at the Hellenic Association of Political Scientists, both as an executive and as a researcher. Over the course of the last year, he served his military service at the Hellenic Army General Staff (Lt General Deputy Chief's Office).

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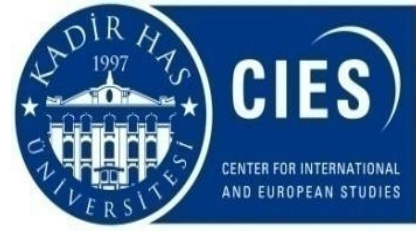
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## CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN STUDIES (CIES)

The Center for International and European Studies at Kadir Has University was established in 2004 as the Center for European Union Studies to study Turkey's European Union accession process. Since September 2010, the CIES has undergone a major transformation by widening its focus in order to pursue applied, policy-oriented research and to promote debate on the most pressing geostrategic issues of the region.



The Center's areas of research and interaction include EU institutions and policies (such as enlargement, neighbourhood policies and CFSP/CSDP), cross-cutting horizontal issues such as regional cooperation, global governance, and security, inter alia with a geographical focus on the Black Sea Region (including the Caucasus), the Mediterranean, Southeastern Europe, Turkish-Greek relations, and transatlantic relations.

The CIES has organized numerous international conferences and outreach activities with selected speakers on a wide range of issues and has partnered with a number of like-minded organizations in Turkey and abroad. In 2011 it started to publish *The Neighbourhood Policy Papers* series, a series meant to provide the policy, research and professional communities with expert input on many of the important issues and challenges facing, in particular, the Eastern neighborhood of the European Union today as they are written by relevant experts. Most of these papers are also translated into Russian in an attempt to enlarge the scope of the dialogue and input on neighborhood-related issues. The key priority is to maintain the focus of the policy debate on the Black Sea Region and the wider region including its interaction with the Mediterranean South. In addition, the CIES publishes *the CIES Policy Briefs*, short and informative expert analyses and commentary on some of the contemporary and pressing international relations challenges. Moreover, the CIES included *the CIES Commentary Series* to its publications list in 2013. This series offer op-ed style insights in the personal level, about the issues of interest to the CIES research focus areas.

With the support of Kadir Has University, the CIES has laid the foundations for a sustainable research institution. It hopes to continue its mission of being a viable policy-oriented research center by promoting sustainable activities; promoting synergies among partners; cooperating with national and international institutions; and by continuing its outreach through policy-oriented publications, seminars, conferences, training symposia, and other activities.

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## NAVARINO NETWORK

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that aims at promoting innovation and extroversion in the local public life. The mission of NN is to address the challenges of the new era, including those pertaining to globalization, European integration and economic development, through research and collective action. NN's agenda bridges theory with practice and nourishes interest in public service.

The NN believes strongly in the potential of Thessaloniki and its untapped resources that have a lot to do with its multi-cultural history, favorable geographical location and large, young and diverse population. The NN actively contributes to the better representation of Thessaloniki abroad by cooperating with foreign institutions, mainly from Europe and the Balkans.

The NN hosts regular seminars and discussions on current affairs, conducts specific studies on public policy problems, including migration and the Greek economic crisis, and, organizes the annual Olympia Summer Academy ([www.olympiasummeracademy.org](http://www.olympiasummeracademy.org)) in politics and international studies, as well as the Thessaloniki International Symposium in world affairs ([www.thessalonikisymposium.org](http://www.thessalonikisymposium.org)).

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Founded in 1997 as a private non-profit institution, Kadir Has University (KHAS) is one of the leading mid-size universities in Turkey. In the first year, the university began with an enrollment of just four students, in contrast to the more than 5,000 strong student body today. With an exceptional academic staff and a wide range of educational opportunities, as well as high levels of cooperation, interaction, and research capabilities coupled with strong international connections and a dedication to development, Kadir Has University has become a highly respected academic institution.

KHAS is located on the shores of the Golden Horn on the historical peninsula of Istanbul, which was once the capital city of the Byzantine Empire and the Ottoman Empire. KHAS is a city university with an award-winning campus. The historical Tekel Cibali building, which was initially built as a state tobacco depot and cigarette factory in 1884, was later restored and outfitted as the central campus of the university with the latest in infrastructure. The restored building was awarded the prestigious Europa Nostra Award, which is given to only the best restoration projects.

While the campus is itself a hub of education and research, its historical museum and exhibition halls provide easy access to the cultural activities that Istanbul offers. The university, which has five faculties, namely Engineering and Natural Sciences; Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences; Communication; Law; and Art and Design, in addition to its three vocational schools, is dedicated to becoming a leader in university education in Turkey and neighboring areas. The university's five faculties are home to 25 departments, while the vocational schools have a total of 15 departments. As a non-profit institution, the university focuses on quality rather than quantity and offers a wide range of scholarships for students in all departments.

Kadir Has University continues to provide education for students even after graduation from undergraduate programs. The university offers 23 masters and 8 doctoral degree programs in its graduate schools of social sciences and engineering. The Graduate School of Social Sciences was launched in 2001 with two masters programs. It currently offers nineteen programs, five of which This event is supported by:

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are doctoral and fourteen are masters programs in different areas of the social sciences. The Graduate School of Science and Engineering has nine masters and three PhD programs. MS programs, offered with thesis and non-thesis tracks, are also offered so that students have an option for either a future in academics or a technical field.

The Department of International Relations and the Department of Political Science and Public Administration were established under these institutional principles and have been among the centers of academic activities in the university. While these departments offer undergraduate and graduate education, close collaboration with research centers such as the Center for International and European Studies and the Middle East and Africa Research Center provides wide research options

for both students and professionals. At Kadir Has University we strongly believe in the importance of scientific and technical research and dissemination of knowledge, in addition to education, so that we can become an internationally competitive institution. To facilitate the realization of this vision, KHAS is making all efforts to increase its research potential and activities. With the launch of a strategy report in 2006, a historical decision was taken to shift the university's orientation from teaching to research. Since then, over 110 projects of which 62 are funded by sources other than KHAS, have been logged in our current research portfolio.

We believe that the dissemination of the results of research is just as important as the research itself. For this reason, scholarly data, findings, methods, processes of research, and ideas resulting from research and events organized by academic units and research centers at KHAS are regularly shared with members of the general public for the benefit of the country and beyond. In this regard, it should be pointed out that among universities in Turkey, the faculty members at KHAS are the most frequently consulted by domestic and foreign media, as indicated in the University Entrepreneurship and Innovation Index List, which was announced for the first time in 2012 by Turkey's Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. KHAS was ranked 6th among foundation universities in the categories of "Cooperation and Interaction" and "Scientific and Technological Research Capability".

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Kavala, the capital and main port of the Kavala prefecture is amphitheatrically built on the slopes of Mt. Symvolo forming one of the most picturesque cities in Greece. The city's breeze sweeps through its historic buildings, which perfectly reflect the city's modern character.

Neapoli, Chrysoupoli, Kavala: according to archaeological finds, the

city's history dates back to the Prehistoric times. Initially the city's core was restricted to the district of Panayia, which has been uninterruptedly inhabited since the 7th century BC. After 2500 years though, at the beginning of the 16th century, Kavala expanded maintaining these new borders until 1870; it was only after 1928 that it began to shape its today structure. Its strategic and economic importance over the centuries is attributed to its strategic position in Via Egnatia, which traversed the city connecting East and West, to its port and to the natural fortification of the peninsula, on which the old city was built.

### Seven important buildings

- **Tokos Hall** (1879). The residence of tobacco farmer D. Tokos which had hosted the consulate of Italy for two years (1879-80) and features Ottoman, Neoclassical and Baroque elements. Today it is the seat of the 12th Department of Byzantine Antiquities.
- The old **Girls' School**, a neoclassical building, which today houses the 10th Primary School.
- **Megali Lesxi** (Big Club), (1910). A neoclassical mansion that now houses the Municipal Library.
- The **City Hall** (1890), the former residence of the Hungarian tobacco trader Pierre Herzog.
- **Wix Hall** (1898-1900), which used to be the residence of the German Baron Adolf Wix von Zsolna until 1925. From 1989 on it houses the municipal authorities.
- The **Catholic Mission** (1888-92), a building that housed the French consulate as well as a school of French language.
- The **Municipal Tobacco Warehouse** (built around 1900) featuring Ottoman, Neoclassical and Baroque elements

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