

EMSI 2020 VIDEO PODCAST SERIES (Live Discussions)

COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS AND THE EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 17 June | 18:00 (Eastern European Summer Time)

Episode 1: Bilateral and Trilateral Relations in the Eastern Mediterranean: The Impact of COVID-19

Discussants:



Mr. Shmuel Revel
Ambassador of Israel
in the Republic of Cyprus



Mr. Theocharis Lalacos
Ambassador of Greece
in the Republic of Cyprus



Ms. Christina Rafti
Director of the Middle East and
North Africa Division,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Republic of Cyprus

Moderators:



Prof. Andreas Theophanous
Head of Department of Politics
and Governance, University of Nicosia
President of the Cyprus Center for European
and International Affairs



Dr. Yiannos Katsouridis
Faculty Member, Department of Politics
and Governance, University of Nicosia

Monday, 22 June | 18:00 (Eastern European Summer Time)

Episode 2: Power Games in the Eastern Mediterranean: The Future of Offshore Drilling and Trilateral Partnerships after COVID-19

Discussants:



Dr. Angelos Syrigos
Associate Professor of International
Law and Foreign Affairs, Panteion University
MP, New Democracy (ND)



Prof. Michael Tanchum
University of Navarra,
Senior Fellow, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES)
Senior Fellow, Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University
Fellow, Centre for Strategic Studies at Başkent University, Ankara, Turkey (Başkent-SAM)

Moderator:



Dr. Michalis Kontos
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Governance,
University of Nicosia

Wednesday, 24 June | 18:00 (Eastern European Summer Time)

Episode 3: Migration in the Eastern Mediterranean and COVID-19

Discussants:



Ms. Natasa Xenophontos Koudouna
Head, International Organisation for Migration (IOM),
Cyprus Office



Ms. Katja Saha
Representative of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Refugees in Cyprus

Moderator:



Dr. Constantinos Adamides
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Governance
Director, Diplomatic Academy, University of Nicosia

Monday, 29 June | 18:00 (Eastern European Summer Time)

Episode 4: The Impact of Covid-19 on the Global Oil and Gas Industry

Discussants:



Dr. Symeon Kassianides
Chairman of Natural Gas Public Company (CYGAS)
CEO and Chairman, Hyperion Systems Engineering Group



Prof. Bahgat Gawdat
Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESAS),
National Defense University (Washington, DC)

Moderator:



Prof. Hubert Faustmann
Department of Politics and Governance,
University of Nicosia

Wednesday, 1 July | 18:00 (Eastern European Summer Time)

Episode 5: COVID-19 and the Middle East Security: A Challenge and/or an Opportunity?

Discussant:



Hesham Youssef
Ambassador (Egypt),
Senior Fellow, United States Institute of Peace

Moderator:



Prof. Farid Mirbagheri
Department of Politics and Governance, University of Nicosia,
Director, Dialogue Chair in Middle Eastern Studies

Wednesday, 15 July | 18:00 (Eastern European Summer Time)

Episode 6: COVID-19 - The European Green Deal and the Future of Clean Energy in the Eastern Mediterranean

Discussants:



Dr. Kirsten Westphal
German Institute for International and Security Affairs



Dr. Nestor Fylaktos
The Cyprus Institute

Moderator:



Dr. Odysseas Christou
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Governance,
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