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# AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 19

19:30

**Session I: Opening Keynote Address**

Chair: Prof. Andreas Theophanous,  
President, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs,  
University of Nicosia, Cyprus

**Opening Remarks:**

Mr Daniel Mariaschin,  
CEO, B'nai B'rith International and  
Convener, Israel-Hellenic Forum, USA

**Welcome:**

Prof. Kostas Ifantis,  
Professor of International Relations, Panteion University; Director  
of the Institute for International Relations (IDIS); Scientific Director,  
Centre for Foreign Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

**Keynote Speaker:**

Mr Nicos Christodoulides,  
President of the Republic of Cyprus

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TUESDAY, JUNE 20

09:00-19:30 **Conference Sessions**

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09:00-09:30 **Coffee and Registration**

09:30-11:15 **Session II: The Cyprus Question, the Greco-Turkish Relations and the Prospect of Energy Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean**

Chair: Dr Michalis Kontos,  
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Governance, University  
of Nicosia, Cyprus

**Speakers:**

Prof. Angelos Syrigos,  
Deputy Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece

**Prof. Andreas Theophanous,**  
President, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs,  
University of Nicosia, Cyprus

**Dr Elai Rettig,**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan  
University, Israel

**Prof. Kostas Ifantis,**  
Professor of International Relations, Panteion University; Director of the  
Institute for International Relations (IDIS); Scientific Director, Centre for  
Foreign Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

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11:15-11:30 **Coffee Break**

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11:30-12:45 **Session III: Perspectives on the Network of Cooperation between  
Israel, Cyprus and Greece**

Chair: H.E. Mr Kornelios Korneliou,  
Ambassador designated to Israel, Republic of Cyprus

**Speakers:**

**Ms Marilena Raouna,**  
Director of the Diplomatic Office of the President of the Republic of  
Cyprus

**H.E. Mr Ioannis Papameletiou,**  
Ambassador of Greece to the Republic of Cyprus

**H.E. Mr Oren Anolik,**  
Ambassador of Israel to the Republic of Cyprus

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13:00-14:15 **Lunch break**

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14:30-15:45 **Session IV: Recent Developments in Israel, Greece and Cyprus**

Chair: Dr Gabriel Haritos,  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Panteion University, Greece

**Speakers:**

**Dr Eran Lerman,**  
Vice President of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Israel

**Mr Yiannis Koutsomitis,**  
Kappa News, Greece

**Dr Marios Evriviades,** Professor of International Relations and  
Security, University of Neapolis Paphos, Cyprus

16:00-17:00 **Session V: The New Emerging European and International order: Challenges and Opportunities**  
Chair: Prof. Eytan Gilboa,  
Director of the Center for International Communication, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

**Speakers:**  
Prof. Demetris Kerides,  
Chairman of the Greece – Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group,  
Member of Parliament, ND, Athens – North, Greece

Mr Harris Georgiades,  
Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee, House of Representatives,  
Republic of Cyprus

Prof. Efraim Inbar,  
President of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Israel

Dr Giorgos Kentas,  
Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Governance, University of Nicosia, Cyprus

17:00-17:15 **Coffee Break**

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17:15-18:15 **Session VI: National Security Issues**  
Chair: Prof. Amikam Nachmani,  
Professor, Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University, Israel

**Speakers:**  
Mr Tzachi Hanegbi,  
Israel National Security Advisor, Israel

Dr Thanos Dokos,  
National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister, Greece

Dr Kyriacos Kouros,  
Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus

Mr Lt. General Dimokritos Zervakis,  
Chief of the National Guard of the Republic of Cyprus

18:15-19:30 **Session VII: The Impact of the War in Ukraine on the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East**  
Chair: Mr Alan Schneider, Director, B'nai B'rith World Center

**Speakers:**  
Mr Michalis Giorgallas,  
Minister of Defense, Republic of Cyprus

Ambassador (ret.) Mr Mark Regev,  
Israel

Dr Antonia Dimou,  
Director of the Middle East and Persian Gulf Unit at the Institute for Security and Defense Analyses based in Athens, Greece

**Mr Jonathan Spyer,**

Founder and Executive Director of the Middle East Center for Reporting and Analysis and Research Fellow of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Israel

**Dr Amit Mor, CEO,**

Eco Energy Financial & Strategic Consulting; Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Reichman University

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

09:00-10:45 **Conference Sessions**

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09:00-09:15 **Coffee and Registration**

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09:15-10:30 **Session VIII: Turkey between Russia and the West: What can be expected after the Presidential Elections?**

Chair: Prof. Achilles Emilianides,  
Dean of School of Law, University of Nicosia, Cyprus

**Speakers:**

**Dr Theodoros Tsakiris,**

Associate Professor for Energy Policy and Geopolitics, University of Nicosia, Cyprus; Senior Adviser to the Greek Energy Minister

**Dr Gallia Lindenstrauss,**

Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies, Israel

**Dr Zenonas Tziarras,**

Lecturer, Department of Turkish and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cyprus

**Dr Seth Frantzman,**

Senior Middle East Correspondent and Middle East affairs analyst at The Jerusalem Post, Israel

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10:30-10:45 **Closing Remarks**

**Mr Victor Batis,**

President, B'nai B'rith "Filon", Athens

**Dr Michalis Kontos,**

Member of the Board of Directors, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs

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