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**B'NAI B'RITH
INTERNATIONAL**



Israel-Hellenic Forum Cyprus Plenary Nicosia, June 19-21, 2023

**Monday, June 19
UNESCO Amphitheatre, University of Nicosia**

Arrival during the day; transfers from LCA airport to Hotel / from Hotel to UNIC / from UNIC to Hotel

19:30

Session I: Opening Keynote Address and Dinner

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: President of the Republic of Cyprus,
Mr Nicos Christodoulides

20:30

Dinner [The Block Restaurant, University of Nicosia]

Overnight

Altius Hotel, Nicosia



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Tuesday, June 20
UNESCO Amphitheatre, University of Nicosia

Transfers from Hotel to UNIC / from UNIC to Nicosia Officers Mess /
from Nicosia Officers Mess to Hotel

09:00-19:30 Conference Sessions

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*

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

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*



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

- 13:00-14:15** Continental Lunch [The Block Restaurant, University of Nicosia]
- 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
- 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*



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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: Dr Amit Mor, *CEO, Eco Energy Financial & Strategic Consulting; Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Reichman University*

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*

20:00

Dinner [Nicosia Officers Mess]

Overnight

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Wednesday, June 21
Morning Session and Social program

Transfers from Hotel to UNIC / from UNIC Excursion to Kykkos and Kakopetria and back to Hotel at around 20:30

UNESCO Amphitheatre, University of Nicosia

09:00-10:45 Conference Sessions

09:00-09:15 Coffee and Registration

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*

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*

11:30 – 20:30 **TOUR**

Kykkos Monastery and Makarios tomb
Early dinner at Kakopetria

Overnight Altius Hotel, Nicosia