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# THE BLACK SEA AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IN TRANSITION: ENERGY GEOPOLITICS, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD ORDER

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**PART I** Opening Session (plenary) | Grey Amphitheater

**Welcome Addresses by the Organizers**

**Chair**

16:00–16:25 **Prof. Philippos Pouyioutas** (University of Nicosia, Rector)  
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**Dr Christina Ioannou** (University of Nicosia, Associate Dean, School of Law)  
**BSEMR** (on behalf of the Editorial Team)

16:25–16:45 **Keynote Address**

**Mr. Ioannis Kassoulides** (Republic of Cyprus, Minister of Foreign Affairs)

16:45–17:00 **Coffee break**

**PART II** Parallel Sessions

17:00–19:00	<b>Session I: Energy, Security and Geopolitics</b> Grey Amphitheater	<b>Session II: Governance and Innovation in the BSEM</b> Yellow Amphitheater	<b>Session III: Politics, Culture and Ideology</b> Red Amphitheater	<b>Session IV: Sustainable Development in the BSEM</b> Turquoise Amphitheater
	<p><b>Chair: Dr Andreas Karyos</b> (University of Nicosia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Everyday Construction of Regional Security: A Comparative Study of Small States' (in)Security in the Baltic Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean</b> (Petros Petrikkos, University of Nicosia)</li><li>• <b>Data Manipulation and Weaponization</b> (Themis Tzimas, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)</li><li>• <b>Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea Region: Two Alternative Routes for China's Belt and Road Initiative</b> (Eleni Georgiou, University of Nicosia)-</li><li>• <b>The European Green Deal and Climate Change in the Mediterranean: Towards a Just Transition or Regional Insecurity?</b> (Odysseas Christou, University of Nicosia)</li><li>• <b>The Role of Energy in the Strengthening of Turkey-Russia Relations, 2016–2021</b> (Yiannis Chouvardas, University of Nicosia)</li><li>• <b>The EU's Southern Gas Corridor Strategy in the Eastern Mediterranean after the second Russian-Ukrainian War</b> (Theodoros Tsakiris, University of Nicosia)</li></ul>	<p><b>Chair: Prof. Theodore Chadjipadelis</b> (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Influence of Environmental Taxes on the Population's Exposure to Pollution in Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece and Romania</b> (Stefan-Constantin Radu, Romanian Academy)</li><li>• <b>The Role of Universities on Regional Innovation: Does Quality Matter?</b> (Kleoniki Kalapouti &amp; Nicos C. Varsakelis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)</li><li>• <b>COVID-19 Pandemic: A Methodological Model for the Analysis of Government's Preventive Measures and Health Data Records</b> (Theodore Chadjipadelis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)</li><li>• <b>Governance Gaps in Environmental Protection for the Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Region</b> (Alexandra R. Harrington, Lancaster University)</li></ul>	<p><b>Chair: Dr Yiannos Katsourides</b> (University of Nicosia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Roots of Turkish Conduct</b> (Theodoros Tsakiris, University of Nicosia)</li><li>• <b>The Turkish-Russian Conflictual Cooperation</b> (Nicolao Stelgias, Independent Researcher)</li><li>• <b>Inter-Orthodox Relations as a Political Argument: On the Occasion of the Invasion in Ukraine</b> (Ioannis Kastanas, University of Nicosia)</li><li>• <b>The War beyond the War: The Use of Propaganda in Social Media in the 2022 Russo-Ukrainian Conflict</b> (Alexandros Moutzourides, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)</li><li>• <b>Perceptions of State Power in Small States: The Case of Cyprus</b> (Michalis Kontos, University of Nicosia)</li></ul>	<p><b>Chair: Prof. Grigoris Zarotiadis</b> (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sustainable Development of Territories in a Changing World Order: Russian South Practice and Trends</b> (Karina E. Mekhantseva &amp; Tatyana S. Artamonova, Rostov State University of Economics)</li><li>• <b>Black Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean Approach on Sustainable Development</b> (Elena-Iulia Chita &amp; Silvia Dumitrescu-Popa, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies)</li><li>• <b>The Prospect Development of the Agricultural Land Market in Ukraine</b> (Alyona Klochko, Sumy National Agrarian University)</li><li>• <b>Spatial Transformation of Revealed Comparative Advantage: Applied in Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Economies</b> (Grigoris Zarotiadis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)</li></ul>

**PART III** Closing remarks (plenary) | Grey Amphitheater

19:00–19:40 **Dr Andreas Karyos** (Session I main points)  
**Prof. Theodore Hatzipantelis** (Session II main points)  
**Dr Yiannos Katsourides** (Session III main points)  
**Prof Grigoris Zarotiadis** (Session IV main points)

19:40–20:00 **Discussion**

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