



Hellenic European Leadership Council

#YLP2021

Young Leaders Programme 2021

Presentation



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Who is HELC?

The Hellenic European Leadership Council is an organisation that connects and mobilises like-minded individuals from the Greek diaspora in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa in order to create grassroots support and additional leverage for the nation's interests.



YLP: Aims and objectives

The aim of the Young Leaders Programme (YLP) of HELC is to support and accelerate the professional development of a selected group of Greek (Greece, Cyprus, and the diaspora) students studying abroad in fields related to the broader area of International studies.

The purpose of these interactive seminars is to share experiences and provide insights about how to launch and advance a successful career in these fields.



Inaugural Young Leaders Programme

YLP 2021 graduates were offered a number of practical seminars delivered by prominent professionals across multiple potential career paths, including Government, Administration, Political Campaigning, Trade Diplomacy, International Organisations, Academia, and Political Journalism.

The set of seminars was also complemented by access to the broader membership of HELC, aiming to provide longer term mentorship and opportunities for networking between the Young Leaders and the HELC community.



#YLP2021 themes

Trade Diplomacy & International Economic Organisations



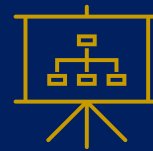
Lobbying, Government Work & Policy Making

International Relations, Institutions, Defence & Security Pathways



EU, Political Journalism & Campaigning

Non government organisations (NGOs)





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International Economics



Thanasis Bakos

Thanasis is a public policy professional with experience in the private and public sector, including four years at the UK's economics and finance ministry. Currently, he is a Senior Manager at the British Business Bank in London.



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Maria Sotiriou

Lobbying



Maria is External Relations Officer at the World Health Organization (WHO), focusing on digital health, research and innovation. Before that, she worked for the GSMA, the global trade body of the mobile industry, where she was in charge of building strong relationships with the EU Institutions and other actors on key digital topics, including AI, e-justice, data, disinformation, and health. She also led GSMA Brussels advocacy on diversity, inclusion and the UN SDGs. Prior to that, Maria worked for the European Young Innovators Forum, the Government of Gibraltar and the European Commission's DG CONNECT. Maria received an MSc in European Studies from the LSE in 2012, after completing her studies in Translation and Conference Interpreting in Greece. Outside of the WHO, Maria is chairing the Board of the LSE Alumni Association Belgium.



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Political Journalism



Yannis Koutsomitis

Yannis Koutsomitis is a European affairs analyst and a television producer. He holds a degree from Athens University on German studies and he is a four-time Greek TV Awards recipient for primetime drama production. He is the managing editor of the Greek news site Kappa News. He is also a contributing commentator for Sky News Arabia and Al Jazeera. Yannis Koutsomitis is also an avid blogger. He is ranked by Politico Europe in the top 10 of EU's most influential journalists and an #EUinfluencer for three consecutive years by ZN Consulting.



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Campaigning



Apostolos Pistolas

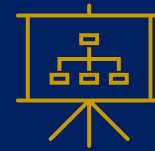
Apostolos has a BSc in Economics, MA in Marketing Communications and PhD in Voting Behaviour. He has been a senior lecturer in Marketing with focus on political and strategic marketing for 7 years. He has participated and led several political campaigns in the United Kingdom and Greece both in national and local elections. He has also worked as a political consultant for the deputy First Minister of Wales. Currently he is supervising PhDs on the topic of political marketing and he consults politicians on their political strategy.



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Academia & NGOs



Dimitris Koukourinos

Dimitrios Koukourinos completed undergraduate studies in Political Science and Diplomacy at the University of Macedonia in Greece and obtained a Master in European Politics and Policy at the London School of Economics. More recently, he was awarded with distinction in his Master in Orthodox Studies at the University of Winchester, UK. His research interests include geopolitics, political theology and political philosophy. Dimitrios has a more than a decade career in the field of international politics and diplomacy. He currently lives in the Geneva area, and he is teaching international relations and European affairs at the Swiss UMEF University and the Université Populaire du Canton de Genève. Apart from Greek, he speaks English, French and some Serbian. Married and proud father of a boy and a girl.



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Defence & Security Pathways



Mochament El Saer

Mr. Mochament El Saer is an award-winning political scientist, expert in defence and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. He holds an MA in War Studies from King's College London. In 2019, he received the prestigious Chevening Award of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and HM Government. He has worked at the UK Ministry of Defence, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has participated in a pioneering project of the UK Ministry of Defence and directed the Transatlantic Association United Kingdom. His articles and commentaries have appeared at United Nations, Foreign Affairs, MiddleEasteye, STAR TV, OPEN TV, ERT TV, and Militaire News. His public engagements have included debates with the Greek Prime Minister, the Minister of Defence, the Vice Prime Minister and NATO Generals.



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Theo Koukis

International Relations



Theodore Koukis holds a Bachelor's Degree in International European Economic and Political Studies from the University of Macedonia and an MPhil from the University of Cambridge. Following his studies he worked in the private sector and NGOs before moving to Geneva to work as an Environmental Affairs Officer at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). After having completed almost 6 years at different posts at the United Nations, he returned to Greece and is now pursuing a career in shipping. His research interests include inter alia, Environmental Democracy, Disaster Risk Reduction and European integration.



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Trade Diplomacy



Vasileios Tsianos

Vasileios holds a Bachelors in Chemical Engineering at the University of Toronto and a Masters in Finance at IE Business School. He recently joined Neo Performance Materials as Director for Corporate Development, serving at the team developing the rare earth and rare metal advanced materials that are critical to fast-forward our world's transition to green technologies. Concurrently, he serves as the newly elected President of the Hellenic Canadian Board of Trade. He co-led the initiative to create a Modern Greece Studies program at the University of Toronto, and served as Head of Delegation at the COP21 UN Climate Summit. He has published articles on LSE 's EuroCrisis and the Huffington Post. He has been a campaign advisor to several political candidates and elected officials in Canada, European Union, and the United Nations. Cumulatively, he has fundraised over \$23M for various business and philanthropy ventures. He as been recognized as one of the 100 Future Global Leaders by the Web Summit and a Greek America's 40 Under 40.



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Policy Making & Institutions



Anna Caroline Tveoy

Caroline Tveoy has over 20 years of professional experience in the humanitarian and development sector, including close to 15 years in management positions in international/UN and non-governmental organizations. She has worked at HQ level and in the field, among other in Southeast Europe, Central Asia and the Caribbean. For the last six years, Caroline Tveoy has been overseeing the Middle East country programmes of the Geneva-based organization LWF. It includes a portfolio of approximately EUR 70 mill and around 600 staff, as well as frequent liaising with decision-makers and human rights mechanism at the US, UN and European level. Caroline is furthermore the Gender Justice Focal Point for the global operations of LWF, advising management and staff on how to bridge the gender gap – which she is passionate about. Caroline holds an MSc in Political Economy of Transition from the London School of Economics, and is fluent in English, French, Greek and her native Norwegian.



#YLP Class of 2021



Eirini Kallinikou

MSc European International
Public Policy

London School of Economics



Dimitris Kelaidonis

MSc International Security
& Global Governance

Birkbeck University



Alexandros Koukoutsis

LLM Corporate Law

London School of Economics



Jaba Kaplanishvili

LLM International Law

University of Westminster



#YLP Class of 2021



Vasilis Sarafoglou

BA Social Sciences

King's College London



Anastasia Kostaki

MSc Marketing

University of Manchester



Konstantina Vidou

MPhil Engineering for Sustainable
Development

University of Cambridge



Angelica Kakrida

MA International Relations,
Environmental Politics

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis
Internacionals



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Overall
satisfaction rate

"I loved the interaction between the speakers and the attendants, they were all very willing to answer questions and were friendly and very inspiring"

"I would rate the calibre and delivery of the seminars by the speakers at 10/10"

"I found the seminars very practical and full of tips for my professional development"

"This was a great opportunity to meet and hear from a variety of successful people from different career paths"



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