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## Thursday 21 Sept.23'

### @Stelios Foundation

Press conference

## Thursday 28 Sept.23'

Formal dinner (tbc)

## Friday 29 Sept.23' – Opening ceremony

### @Nicosia Municipal Theatre

#### OPENING ADDRESSES

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome note by **Nikos Christodoulides** President of the Republic of Cyprus

09:10 – 09:20 Welcome speech by **Annita Demetriou**, President of the House of Representatives, of the Republic of Cyprus

#### WELCOMING NOTES BY THE ORGANISERS

09:20 - 09:25 **Yiannis Thomatos**, Executive Vice President, Delphi Economic Forum

09:25 – 09:30 **Nicolas Kyriakides**, Founder, Cyprus Forum

#### ZENO OF CITIUM ADDRESS

09:30 – 09:35 **Věra Jourová**, Vice President of the EU Commission for Values and Transparency (online)

09:35 – 09:45 **Mario Nava**, Director General, EC DG Reform (online)

09:45 – 10:00 Keynote speech by **Colin Stewart**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), and Deputy Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Cyprus (DSASG-Cyprus)

10:00 – 10:20 Cyprus Chamber Orchestra

**10:20 – 11:10 FIXING DEMOCRACY**

**Marie Lintzer**, Head of International Partnerships, French High Authority for Transparency in Public Life (online)

**Scott Greytak**, Director of Advocacy, Transparency International U.S.

**Odysseas Michaelides**, Auditor General of the Republic of Cyprus

**Julie D. Fisher**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus

**Moderator: Haridimos Tsoukas**, The Columbia Ship Management Professor of Strategic Management, University of Cyprus

11:10 - 11:30 **KEYNOTE SPEECH** by **Nikola Dimitrov**, President & co-founder of the Balkan Centre for Constructive Policies - Solution and/or Former Foreign Minister of North Macedonia in conversation with **Athanasios Ellis**, Kathimerini

**11:30 – 12:00 PANEL BY PRESIDENCY**

**Irene Piki**, Deputy Minister to The President, Republic of Cyprus

**Discussant: Steve Clemons**, Founding Editor at Large Semafor

**12:00 – 12:45 CONFERENCE DIPLOMACY**

**Yiannis Thomatos**, Executive Vice President, Delphi Economic Forum

**Robert Vass**, President, GLOBSEC

**Fabienne Hara**, Deputy Director General, Paris Peace Forum (online)

**Chiara Rosselli**, Head of the Open European Dialogue, Co-Founder & Executive Director, APROPOS Group

**Moderator: Terry Martin**, TV News Anchor, Journalist

**12:45 – 13:00 FIRESIDE CHAT ON EQUALITY**

**Josie Christodoulou**, Commissioner for Gender Equality, Republic of Cyprus

**Friday 29 Sept.23'**

**@Home for Cooperation, Classic Hotel, Stelios Foundation**

**@Classic Hotel 1 (Theme: Economy)**

**14:30 – 15:15 THE GREEN TRANSITION AND VALUING NATURE: SOME NEW IDEAS**

**Zsolt Darvas**, Senior Fellow at Bruegel & Senior Research Fellow at Corvinus University of Budapest

**Heather Grabbe**, Open Society Foundations (online)

**Moderator: Ioannis Tirkides**, Economics Research Manager, Bank of Cyprus

**Knowledge partner:** Cyprus Economic Society & Bruegel

**15:15 – 16:15 CYPRUS' ROLE IN TAX SECRECY: POLICIES FOR THE FUTURE**

**Christiana Erotokritou**, President of the Financial and Budgetary Affairs of the Cyprus Parliament

**Kyriakos Iordanou**, General Manager, Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Cyprus (ICPAC)

**Moderator: Panayiotis Nicolaides**, Director of Research, EU Tax Observatory - Paris School of Economics

**Knowledge partner:** EU Tax Observatory

**16:15 – 16:30 Networking break**

**16:30 – 17:30 INNOVATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: THE INTERSECTION OF STEM, CIRCULAR ECONOMY, AND EU-FUNDED INITIATIVES FOR A BETTER FUTURE**

**Manuel Antonio Mota Munes**, Deputy Mayor and Councillor for Environment, Nature and Climate Action

**Alexandros Charalambides**, Associate Professor, Cyprus University of Technology

**Demetris Petrides**, Industrial Extension Officer, Circular Economy Unit, Industry & Technology Service, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry

**Xenia Karekla**, Sustainable Urban Mobility Consultant & Associate Director

**Andreas Kasis**, Research Lecturer at the KIOS Center of Excellence, University of Cyprus

**Moderator: Christina Achilleos**, CEO & EU Funding Expert & **Olia Tsivitanidou**, Co-founder & Managing Director, Inquirium Ltd

**Knowledge partners: InnoEUsphere & INQUIRIUM**

17:30 – 18:30 **DISCUSSION ON GENDER BUDGETING**

**Ulrike Marx**, Lecturer in Accounting, Queen Mary University of London  
**Stavros Michael**, Health Insurance Organisation

**Moderator: Mary Pyrgos**, President of FIMONOI Foundation

**Knowledge Partner: AIPFE**

18:30 – 19:00 **FIRESIDE DISCUSSION**

**Pranab Bardhan**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of California – Berkeley (online)

**Discussant: Ioannis Tirkides**, Economics Research Manager, Bank of Cyprus

## **@Classic Hotel 2 (Theme: Transparency/Rule of Law)**

14:00 – 14:10 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**Christos Clerides**, President, Cyprus Bar Association

14:10 – 14:20 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**Irfan Siddiq**, British High Commissioner to Cyprus

14:20 – 14:30 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**Irene Charalambidou**, Member of the House of Representatives of Cyprus

14:30 – 15:20 **REGULATION OF LOBBYING**

**Elena Patera**, IAAC (keynote speech)

**Demetris Demetriou**, Member of the Parliament of Cyprus, Chairperson of the Committee on Institutions, Merit and the Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman)

**Christina Karakosta**, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Justice, Rule of Law Unit (online)

**Michalis Antoniou**, OEB

**Nicholas Shiakallis**, Cyprus Integrity Forum

**Angelos Kaskanis**, Transparency International (Greece)

**Moderator: Anna Damaskou**, Adjunct Faculty - European Institute of Management and Finance, Transparency International (Greece)

**Knowledge Partner:** LPAP & Transparency International Greece

15:20 – 16:30 **THE ROLE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND CHECKS AND BALANCES**

**Costas L.Clerides**, Attorney General of the Republic of Cyprus (Ret'd)  
Member of the Supreme Court of Cyprus (Ret'd)

**Achilles Emilianides**, Professor & Dean, School of Law, University of Nicosia

**Nicos Tornaritis**, Parliamentary Leader of DISY and Chairman of the Legal Affairs, Justice and Public Order Committee, House of Representatives Republic of Cyprus

**Elena Kleopa**, Attorney General's Office

**Panagiota Vatalou**, Presiding Judge/Head of the First Instance Court of Chania (GREECE)

**James Hamilton**, Venice Commission (tbc)

**Moderator: Louis Tilemachou**, MFA & **Michael Tsangarides**, Political Economy Student, Princeton University (online)

**Knowledge Partner:** Centre for Good Governance (EIMF)

**16:30 – 16:40 Networking break**

16:40 – 16:50 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**Christiana Xenofontos**, Vice President of the European Youth Forum,  
Parliamentary Research Associate, Elected Member of the Political Office of the Democratic Rally in Cyprus

16:50 – 17:40 **EU PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS – WHY VOTING MATTERS?**

**Demetris Papadakis**, Member of the European Parliament

**Eleni Stavrou**, Member of the European Parliament

**Maria Kola**, President of the Cyprus Youth Council & Data Analyst

**Moderator: Georgina Athanasiou**, President of Oxygono

**Knowledge Partner:** EU Parliament Office in Cyprus & CYC

17:40 – 18:30 **PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING, PARTICIPATION AND THE MEDIA**

**Fernando Mendez**, University of Zurich

**Bogdan Mihai Radu**, Senior Lecturer, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

**Lia Spyridou**, Assistant Professor, Cyprus University of Technology

**Nikandros Ioannides**, PhD Candidate Universitat Pompeu Fabra,  
Cyprus University of Technology

**Vasilis Manavopoulos**, Project Manager, DEMOTEC

**Moderator: Dia Evagorou**, Communication Officer, DEMOTEC Project  
and Officer at Communication, Marketing and Promotion Service,  
Cyprus University of Technology

**Knowledge Partner:** Cyprus University of Technology & DEMOTEC

## @Home for Cooperation (Theme: Peacebuilding)

14:30 – 15:20 **REALISING MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION & ACHIEVING SDGS**

**Asya Beyaz**,

**Paris Zingis**, International Relations Master Student UCY - Peace &  
Conflict Studies

**Berk Tansel**,

**Evgenia Chamilou**, Lawyer, Law Office of the Republic of Cyprus

**Awa Dabo**, UN PBSO

**Moderator: Arnaud Amouroux**, UN Office of the Special Adviser to the  
Secretary General on Cyprus

**Knowledge Partner:** UN OSASG

15:20 – 16:10 **THE ROLE OF TRANSPARANCY IN COMBATING POLITICAL  
CORRUPTION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE DIVIDE**

**Christophoros Christophorou**, Media & political analyst

**Sertac Sonan**, Associate Professor of International Relations

**Flora Cresswel**, Regional Coordinator, Western Europe – Transparency  
International, Secretariat

**Moderator: Hubert Faustmann**, Professor for History and Political  
Science, Director of the Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in  
Cyprus

**Knowledge Partner:** Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Cyprus

## 16:10 – 16:30 Networking break

### 16:30 – 17:30 THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS DESIGN

**Menelaos Menelaou**, Greek Cypriot Negotiator

**Ozdil Nami**, Retired politician

**Ahmed Sozen**, Professor of International Relations

**Aristotelis Constantinides**, Associate Professor of International Law and Human Rights, University of Cyprus

**Kjartan Björnsson**, Deputy Director and Head of Unit, European Commission - Directorate General for Structural Reform Support

**Discussant: Sergio Jaramillo Caro**, Former High Commissioner for Peace in Colombia (tbc)

**Knowledge Partner:** (tbc)

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### REGIONAL INCLUSIVITY AND COOPERATION IN THE EAST MED

**Joshua Huck**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State (online)

**Knowledge Partner:** Atlantic Council & PRIO

## @STELIOS FOUNDATION (THEME: FOREIGN POLICY)

### 14:30 – 15:15 CHANGING CONTOURS IN THE NEW MIDDLE EAST

**Oren Anolik**, Ambassador of Israel

**Ebtesam Al Ketbi**, Founder & President of the Emirates Policy Centre

**Luigi Scazzieri**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform (online)

**Benedetta Berti**, Head of Policy Planning in the Office of the Secretary General at NATO (online)

**Moderator: Zenonas Tziarras**, Lecturer, Department of Turkish and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cyprus

**Knowledge Partner:** Centre for European Reform

### 15:15 – 16:15 MIGRATION

**Andrew Peter Geddes**, Professor of Migration Studies/Director of the Migration Policy Centre

**Anna Iasmi Valianatou**, Academy Associate, Europe Programme, Chatham House

**Anke Schlimm**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Cyprus

**Salina Grenet-Catalano**, Ambassador of France to Cyprus

**Joyce Antone Ibrahim**, Manager, World Development Report 2023, World Bank

**Corina Drousiotou**, Coordinator/Senior Legal Advisor, Cyprus Refugee Council

**Katja Saha**, UNHCR Representative in Cyprus

**Moderator: Nektaria Stamouli**, Eastern Mediterranean correspondent, POLITICO Europe (online)

**Knowledge Partner: World Bank, Chatham House (tbc)**

## 16:15 – 16:30 Networking break

### 16:30 – 17:30 THE FUTURE OF THE BALKANS AND THE BLACK SEA

**Emil Avdaliani**, Professor. Director of Middle East Studies, Geocase

**Sasho Kjosev**, President, Balkan Economic Forum

**Dan Mihalache**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the Republic of Cyprus

**Ian Lesser**, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the United States (online)

**Yuliya Kazdobina**, Security Studies Program Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Council “Ukrainian Prism”, Head of the Ukrainian Foundation for Security Studies

**Moderator: Amanda Paul**, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre

**Knowledge Partner: Geocase**

### 17:30 – 17:45 FIRESIDE CHAT ON AFRICA

**Samson Itodo**, Yiaga (online)

### 17:45 – 18:15 FIRESIDE DISCUSSION ON DIGITAL DIPLOMACY

**Federica Bicchi**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics

**Corneliu Bjola**, Associate Professor of Diplomatic Studies, University of Oxford

**Constantinos Adamides**, Unic (tbc)

**Knowledge Partner:** Diplomatic Academy, UNic

**Friday 29 Sept.23'**  
**@Chateau Status**

**19:30** Networking event

**Saturday 30 Sept.23**

**@Home for Cooperation, Classic Hotel, Stelios Foundation**

**@Home for Cooperation (Theme: Foreign policy)**

10:00 – 11:00 **THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM IN A PERIOD OF REALIGNMENT**

**Stavri Kalopsidiotou**, AKEL

**Sotiroula Charalambous**, Pancyprian Federation of Labour

**Kostas Gouliamos**, Deputy President of the Prometheus Research Institute and frm. Rector of European University Cyprus, Prometheus Research Institute

**Moderator: Maria Pelekanou**, Prometheus Research Institute

**Knowledge Partner:** Prometheus Research Institute

11:00 – 11:30 **FOLLOW UP ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A TRUTH COMMISSION**

**Achilleas Demetriades**, Advocate/Founding Member NGO “Truth Now”

**Niyazi Kızılyürek**, Member of the European Parliament, GUE/NGL

11:30 – 11:45 **THE PATHWAY OF RECONCILIATION: FROM “SORRY” TO “THE VOICE”**

**Fiona McKergow**, Australian High Commissioner

11:45 – 12:30 **DISCUSSION ON TRANSGENDER LEGISLATION**

**Elke Merks-Schaapveld**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Cyprus (tbc)

**Knowledge Partner:** Accept, Diversity Charter (tbc)

**12:30 – 14:30 Lunch break**

14:30 – 15:00 **UNIVERSITY CHAIRS AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN SOFT POWER DIPLOMACY**

**María Luisa Calero**, Head of the A.G. Leventis Anáhuac Chair of Studies on Cyprus

**Stelios Georgiades**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tbc)

15:00 – 16:00 **DISCUSSION ON EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

**Cleopatra Kitti**, ELIAMEP Senior Policy Advisor & Founder, The Mediterranean Growth Initiative

**Thodoris Arvanitopoulos**, LSE Hellenic Observatory

**Knowledge Partner:** ELIAMEP, LSE Hellenic Observatory

16:00 – 16:45 **SCENARIOS PROJECT**

**Ipek Borman**, Glopol

**Petros Aristodemou**,

**Moderators:** **Erhan Ercin** & **Marcos Zambartas**

16:45 – 17:30 **FIRESIDE CHAT ON PALESTINE**

**Omar Rahal**, University Professor and Director of the Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"

**Amal Faqih**, Executive Director of Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS" /Palestine

**Ilan Pappé**, Israeli historian & political scientist (online)

## **@Stelios Foundation (Theme: Social Affairs)**

10:00 – 11:00 **FLEXIBILITY AS A DRIVER FOR INNOVATION: THE CASE OF REGULATORY SANDBOXES**

**Maria Panayiotou**, Environment Commissioner, Republic of Cyprus

**Georgia Christofidou**, Directorate for Sustainable Development

**Thanasis Hadzilakos**, Cyprus Institute

**Chrysses Nicolaidis**, Mission Cities Board, EU Commission

**Bob D' Haeseleer**, Climate Neutral City Advisor

**Martin Hagström**, Sweden Ambassador

**Penelope Vasquez Hadjilyra**, Limassol Municipality

**Moderator:** **Konstantinos Kleovoulou**, Cyprus Institute

**Knowledge Partner:** Mission Cities

11:00 – 12:00 **DISCUSSION ON TRANSPARENCY IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN**

**Yiannis Panayiotou**, Minister of Labour, Republic of Cyprus

**Michelle Brewer**, Judge

**Jane Lasonder**, ISTAC member, Speaker, author founder Red Alert task force

**Kevin Hyland**, Santa Marta Group

**Dave Adamson**, Lead Standards Development Manager, British Standards Institution, London

**Keith Lewis**, Consultant Survivor Leader, British Standards Institute (online)

**Rachel Witkin**, Counter-Trafficking Practice Consultant

**Moderator: Katerina Stephanou**, Modern slavery compliance consultant; Founder, CEO, Step Up Stop Slavery

**Knowledge partner: Step Up Stop Slavery**

12:00 – 13:00 **NETWORKS, NETIZENS, INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY: A SOCIAL INNOVATION APPROACH**

**Knowledge partner: Centre for Social Innovation**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

## **Theme: Technology and Innovation)**

14:00 – 14:40 **FIRESIDE DISCUSSION ON TECHNOLOGY**

**Philippos Hadjizacharia**, Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy

**Stylios Lambrou**, CEO & Co-founder at Heart Group

14:40 – 15:40 **DISCUSSION ON CYPRUS QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX**

Knowledge Partner: Centre for Social Innovation

15:40 – 16:40 **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: FRIEND OR FOE?**

**Nick Sorros**, Founder, MantisNLP

**Jahna Otterbacher**, Associate Professor (OUC), Team Leader (CYENS Center of Excellence)

**Loizos Michael**, Professor of Computational Cognition, Open University of Cyprus & CYENS Center of Excellence

**Constantine Dovrolis**, Professor and Director of CaSToRC – The Cyprus Institute

**Moderator: Niki Agrotou**, Policy Officer, Oxygono

**Knowledge Partner: The Cyprus Institute**

**@Classic Hotel (Theme: Rule of Law)**

10:00 – 10:30 **FIRESIDE DISCUSSION ON MEASURING THE RULE OF LAW AND VALUES IN CYPRUS AND EUROPE**

**Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou**, Professor of European Law and Reform Director, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for the Rule of Law and European Values (CRoLEV), Head of the School of Law at UCLan Cyprus  
**Orla Drummond**, LLB (Law) MSc (Computing) LLM (Human Rights Law) PhD (Law).

**Knowledge Partner:** CroLEV

10:30 – 11:30 **LIVE STREAMING IN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES AND E-PETITIONS**

**Christina Kokkalou**, IMR  
**Kyriacos Hadjiyiannis**, Member of the House of Representatives of Cyprus, Vice President of the OSCE PA  
**Panayiotis Sentonas**, Founder & Managing Director, ImpAct - C4S  
**Despo Michaelidou**, Commissioner for Children's Rights

**Moderator:** **George Isaia**, Operations Executive, Nomoplatform

**Knowledge Partner:** IMR

11:30 – 11:45 **FIRESIDE DISCUSSION**

**George Pamborides**

**Discussant:** **Costas Constantinou** (tbc)

11:45 – 12:00 **CORRUPTION IN EDUCATION**

**Tatiana Zachariadou**, Member of the Independent Authority against Corruption, Cyprus

12:00 – 13:00 **DEMOCRACY 2.0: AUTOMATION AND DECENTRALISATION DEPLOYED FOR TRANSPARENCY**

**Carl Miller**, Founder, Centre for the Analysis of Social Media, and CASM Technology

**Jean-François De Hertogh**, Executive Director, Open Collective Europe

**Fotis Fitsilis**, Head of Department for Scientific Documentation and Supervision, Hellenic Parliament

**Maria Miltiadou**, Cyprus Youth Board

**Marc Papinutti**, CNDP (online)

**Panayiotis Zafiris**, Rector, Cyprus University of Technology

**Moderators:** **Stefanos Kyprianou**, Co-founder APLA & **Panagiotis Georgiou**, Co-founder APLA

**Knowledge Partner:** APLA

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 15:00 **AI, WIKIPEDIA, AND THE FUTURE OF KNOWLEDGE: NURTURING TRANSPARENCY, COLLABORATION, AND ACCESSIBILITY**

**Marios Magioladitis**, President of Wikimedia Community Greece

**Anna Prodromou**, Communications & DEI Consultant

**Knowledge Partner:** Wikimedia Greece

15:00 – 16:00 **THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN A DEMOCRACY**

**Rona Kasapi**, Cyprus Radiotelevision Authority (tbc)

**Elli Kotziamani**, News Director of ANT1 Cyprus & Chairwoman of the Cyprus Media Ethics Committee

**George Christodoulides**, KYPE

**Aliki Stylianou**, Director of the Press and Information Office

**Hervé Godechot**, Member of Arcom

**Christophoros Christophi**, Lawyer, host of the LegalMatters Podcast

**Moderator:** **Nicholas Nicoli**, Associate Professor, Department of Communications, University of Nicosia

**Knowledge Partner:** Department of Communications University of Nicosia

16:00 – 16:30 **EU PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS FIRESIDE CHAT (TBC)**

**Christos Parmakkis**, Young politician, public figure, active citizen

**Kornelia Kitazou**, EYP

**Georgios Kyrtzos**, Member of European Parliament

**Knowledge Partner:** EYP

**Thursday 19 Oct.23'**

Conclusions formal dinner (tbc)

Other confirmed speakers:

- **Stavros Malas,**
- **Theodore Panayiotou,** Rector of the University of Limassol
- **Victor Trokoudes,** CEO and co-founder, Plum
- **Sigurlaug Anna Jóhannsdóttir,** Democracy advisor, The City of Reykjavik
- **Fokion Karavias,** Eurobank (tbc)

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