CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FIFTH ANNUAL STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHILANTHROPY

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THE MEDITERRANEAN IN CRISIS: SEEKING GLOBAL SOLUTIONS TO CRITICAL REGIONAL AND LOCAL ISSUES



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In November 1995, the Euro-Mediterranean ministerial conference in Barcelona adopted the Barcelona Declaration, leading to the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership between the then member states of the European Union and 12 Mediterranean non-EU countries. The Partnership's objective was

"turning the Mediterranean basin into an area of dialogue, exchange and co-operation guaranteeing peace, stability and prosperity, which required a strengthening of democracy and respect of human rights, sustainable and balanced economic and social development, measures to combat poverty and promotion of greater understanding between cultures."

Twenty years later, the vision of Barcelona to "unite" a sea of different people with distinctive and divergent cultures seems to be out of reach. The prolonged socioeconomic crisis and the ongoing severe political upheavals are threatening the very essence of the Mediterranean as a sea(s) of interaction (cultural, economic, political), leading into closed and isolated communities, and exacerbating existing issues in a number of different areas, including social welfare, health, education, culture, civil society, and the environment.

The severity and magnitude of the issues, in all of these areas and across the whole region, are testing the philanthropic reflexes and efforts not only of foundations but of societies as well, requiring broad collaborative, coherent and in many instances new and rather visionary approaches.

While the focus of this year's annual conference on philanthropy appears to be local, as a global foundation we understand that only a global understanding of, and response to, these critical issues can be truly effective. The aim of the Fifth Annual Stavros Niarchos Foundation International Conference on Philanthropy is to provide a forum for a global conversation that can help Mediterranean and Balkan societies confront specific issues at a local/regional level.

MONDAY / JUNE 20 / 2016

16:00 - 18:30 20:30 Visit to the archaeological site of Vergina COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT HYATT HOTEL

	CONFERENCE PROGRAM DAY 1 / TUESDAY / JUNE 21 / 2016
8:30	Registration and welcome coffee
9:30 - 9:35	Welcoming remarks: Elenia Saloutsi - Senior Public Affairs Officer, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Christina Lambropoulou - Chief Financial Officer, Stavros Niarchos Foundation
9:35 - 9:40	Introductory Remarks: Andreas C. Dracopoulos - Co-President, Stavros Niarchos Foundation
9:40 - 9:45	Welcome Remarks: Yiannis Boutaris - Mayor, Municipality of Thessaloniki
9:45 - 10:15	KEYNOTE SPEECH - David Abulafia, Professor of Mediterranean History, Cambridge University
10:20 - 11:50	PLENARY SESSION 1: THE REFUGEE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS - HOW CAN PHILANTHROPY REACT TO A SEEMINGLY INTRACTABLE PROBLEM Panel Moderator: Alan Stoga - Chairman, Tällberg Foundation Panelists: Jacob Funk Kirkegaard - Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics Markos Komondouros - Board of Directors, Metadrasi Robin Niblett - Director, Chatham House Marietta Provopoulou - General Director, MSF Greece Curtis N. Rhodes, Jr Founder & International Director, Questscope Joel Rosenthal - President, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs Gerry Salole - CEO, European Foundation Centre Myrto Xanthopoulou - Social Welfare Coordinator, Stavros Niarchos Foundation
12:00 - 13:25	PLENARY SESSION 2: THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES
	Panel Moderator: Demetres Karavellas - Executive Director, WWF Greece
	Panelists: Ruth Faden - Andreas C. Dracopoulos Director, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics Robert M. Goodman - Distinguished Professor, Ecology Evolution, and Natural Resources, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey Myrsini Malakou - Managing Director, Society for the Protection of Prespa Thymio Papayannis - Director, Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos (MedINA) Michael Scoullos - Chairman, Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture & Sustainable Development
13:30 - 14:20	LUNCH
14:30 - 15:10	FILM SCREENING: Techniques of the Body - a film by Constanine Giannaris and Mark Mazower, followed by a conversation with the two creators moderated by Stelios Vasilakis
	Techniques of the Body explores the memory of war, exile and massive population movements in the past and asks how we might respond to their impact in the present. The human body moves, the camera records and imposes. Who is the stranger in the city? Fear, need and welcome interact in Greece's experience now and over the past centuries.
15:15 - 16:15	FUTURES DEBATE: NEXT GENERATION VOICES FROM ACROSS THE REGION DEBATE ON THE REFUGEE CRISIS Panel Moderator: Niccolo Milanese - Chair, European Alternatives Panelists: Nadia Baltazzi - Founder, No More Walking Martha Bouziouri - Social Anthropologist and Cross-media Director, plays2place Andrea Costa - Rome Coordinator, Baobab Experience Gordana Grujicic - Legal Analyst and Researcher, Group 484's Center for Migration Christina Velentza - SNF Academy Fellow, Chatham House
16:20 - 17:45	PLENARY SESSION 3: THE PRESERVATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION'S CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ITS CHALLENGES Panel Moderator: Stelios Vasilakis - Director of Programs & Strategic Initiatives, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Panelists: Ben Altshuler - Field Director, Institute for Digital Archaeology Vassilis Aravantinos - Ephor Emeritus of Boeotia's Department of Antiquities Joshua David - President & Chief Executive, World Monuments Fund Adnen el Ghali - Architect Alessandro Politi - Director, NATO Defense College Foundation James Wright - Director, The American School of Classical Studies at Athens Konstantinos Zachos - Emeritus Curator of Antiquities
20:30	DINNER: Omilos Restaurant - Leoforos Megalou Alexandrou 12
	The Conference will be broadcasted live on www.SNF.org

	CONFERENCE PROGRAM DAY 2 / WEDNESDAY / JUNE 22 / 2016
9:30 - 10:10	DISCUSSION: THESSALONIKI - ITS COSMOPOLITAN PAST AND VISIONS OF A COSMOPOLITAN FUTURE
	Panel Moderator: Stelios Vasilakis - Director of Programs & Strategic Initiatives, Stavros Niarchos Foundation
	Panelists: Yiannis Boutaris - Mayor of Thessaloniki Spiros Pengas - Deputy Mayor for Tourism and International Relations Lina Liakou - Deputy Mayor for Urban Resilience & Development Planning Dr. Leonidas Makris - Advisor to the Mayor
10:15 - 11:40	PLENARY SESSION 4: INEQUALITY, POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION IN THE BALKANS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN
	Panel Moderator: Panos Papoulias - Assistant Director of Programs & Strategic Initiatives, Stavros Niarchos Foundation
	Panelists: Melissa Berman - President & CEO, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors Allan Goodman - President & Chief Executive Officer, Institute for International Education Karima Korayem - Professor of Economics, Faculty of Commerce, Al-Azhar University Stefanos Papanastasiou - Democritus University of Thrace Claire Spencer - Senior Research Fellow (Middle East and North Africa Programme & 2nd Century Initiative), Chatham House
11:45 - 13:10	PLENARY SESSION 5: THE ROLE OF THE ARTS IN A REGION OF CONFLICT
	Panel Moderator: Robert Storr - Dean, Yale University School of Art
	Panelists: Defne Ayas - Director and Curator, Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art Jamie Bennett - Executive Director, ArtPlace America Bryan Doerries - Artistic Director, Outside the Wire, Theater of War Productions Constantine Giannaris - Film Director R. Henry Reese - Co-Founder and President, City of Asylum Amel Zen - Singer, songwriter, composer
13:15 - 14:00	LUNCH
14:05 - 14:30	PERFORMANCE BY THE MEGARO YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (MOUSA)
14:35 - 15:35	FUTURES DEBATE: NEXT GENERATION VOICES FROM ACROSS THE REGION DEBATE THE PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRACY, OPENNESS AND EQUALITY
	Panel Moderator: Niccolo Milanese - Chair, European Alternatives
	Panelists: Maria Chalhoub - Programme Assistant, European Institute of Peace Mounir Kheirallah - Ministry of Transport, Equipment & Logistics, Morocco, and civil society activist for people with disabilities Ahmed Naguib - Corporate Social Responsibility Director, FINBI Rasha Shaaban - Project Manager and Anna Lindh Foundation Network Coordinator, National Museums of World Culture
15:40 - 17:10	PLENARY SESSION 6: HEALTH SYSTEM CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES IN THE BALKANS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN
	Panel Moderator: Theoklis Zaoutis - Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
	Panelists: Charles Branas - Professor of Epidemiology, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Jason Glaser - Founder, President and CEO, La Isla Foundation Jeffrey Kahn - Professor of Bioethics and Public Policy, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics Eleni Kakalou - Vice President, Médecins Sans Frontières Greece Amy Lockwood - Chief of Staff, Global Health Sciences, University of California San Francisco Ilana Weiss - Senior Director of Public Health and Policy, La Isla Foundation
17:20 - 17:30	Closing Remarks: Stelios Vasilakis - Director of Programs and Strategic Initiatives, Stavros Niarchos Foundation
	Returning to Athens for the beginning of the SNFCC events on Thursday, June 23

CONFERENCE SPEAKER BIOS

David Abulafia - Professor of Mediterranean History, Cambridge University and Papathomas Professorial Fellow, Gonville and Caius College

David Abulafia is a maritime historian whose research on medieval Mediterranean trade, in Sicily, the Balearic Islands and the Levant, has led him to write a large history of the Mediterranean across time, entitled The Great Sea, which was awarded the British Academy Medal in 2013. He maintains a strong interest in medieval and early Renaissance Italy, with an emphasis on southern Italy and the major islands; his works include a biography of Emperor Frederick II and a series of articles about the kingdom of Naples in the fifteenth century from economic, cultural and political perspectives. His interest in the meeting of religions in medieval Spain and Sicily led him into the Atlantic, and a study of the first encounters between Europeans and the native peoples of the eastern and western Atlantic around the time of Columbus. He is now writing a history of the oceans for Penguin Books, reaching back into the ancient and medieval periods to see how and with what results the oceans became connected through long-distance trade.

He has spent his career in the History Faculty at Cambridge University where he is Professor of Mediterranean History and Papathomas Professorial Fellow of Gonville and Caius College.

Ben Altshuler - Field Director, Institute for Digital Archaeology

Ben Altshuler has been the Field Director for the Institute for Digital Archaeology since 2014. Before that, he served as the IDA's Jasper Griffin Fellow from 2012-2014. Altshuler has worked on a wide range of imaging projects in North America, the Middle East, and Europe. In addition, during the past three years, he has taught as a guest lecturer at Harvard University. He has led numerous imaging workshops for both undergraduates and senior research scholars. Altshuler leads in-house photography missions in connection with the Million Image Database project --- the IDA's flagship international program for the documentation, preservation, and restoration of at-risk archaeological sites and cultural heritage objects.

Vasileios L. Aravantinos - Ephor Emeritus of Boeotia's Department of Antiquities

Vasileios L. Aravantinos is the Ephor Emeritus of Boeotia (Prehistorical and Classical Antiquities). He served as Curator (1981-1993) then Director (1993-2011) of the IX Ephorate of Boeotia, Central Greece. He is directing the systematic 'Excavations at Thebes' (Athens Archaeological Society and IX EPCA). His work focuses on Mycenaean art, society and epigraphy, as well as in the History and Archaeology of Boeotia. Aravantinos' main discoveries include the Linear B archives of the Mycenaean Palace and Herakles' Sanctuary at Thebes and his main publications include The Archaeological Museum of Thebes (Athens 2010, available also at www.latsisfoundation.org), Thèbes. Fouilles de la Cadmée, I-IV (2001-2006) as well as several, c.200, articles.

Defne Ayas - Director and Curator of the Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art in Rotterdam

Defne Ayas is the director of the Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art in Rotterdam, where she oversees an exhibition and publication program devoted to established and emerging artists and writers from across the globe. At Witte de With, she (co-)curated/commissioned many exhibitions, including the three-part Art in the Age of... series (with focus on energy and raw materials, asymmetric warfare and planetary computation) (2015), Bit Rot by Douglas Coupland (2015), Tulkus 1880 to 2018 by artist Paola Pivi, and Blueprints by Qiu Zhijie (2012) among others. Ayas has worked on a number of biennial projects such as: curator of Respiro by Sarkis for the Pavilion of Turkey in the 56th International Art Exhibition, Venice Biennale; co-curator the 6th Moscow Biennale How to Gather? ; co-curator of the 11th Baltic Triennale; co-curator of the Istanbul and Bandung city pavilions as part of 9th Shanghai Biennale. Ayas is the founding co-curator (with Neery Melkonian) of the Blind Dates Project – an artistic platform that is dedicated to tackling what remains of the peoples, places and cultures of the Ottoman Empire (1299-1923).

Nadia Baltazzi - Founder of No More Walking

Founder of No More Walking, a Swiss non-profit association that helps refugees, migrants and people in need with their new beginnings.

Since September 2015 she has been active in the relief operations in Greece - Mytilene, Chios, Piraeus and Andravida, carrying out projects for the support of rescue operations, shelter, children education, unaccompanied minors and camp co-ordination. Her work in Switzerland includes integration programs and relocation assistance for the newly arrived,

awareness building, school education and fundraising. Prior to her involvement with No More Walking she was a Marketing Strategist in Switzerland and a Consumer Planning Manager in Greece for Diageo.

She holds an MSc in Business Administration, a Diploma in Systemic Leadership in Organizations and is currently studying for a specialization in Integration in Switzerland.

Jamie Bennett - Executive Director of ArtPlace America

Jamie Bennett is the executive director of ArtPlace America, a partnership among 16 foundations, 8 federal agencies, and 6 financial institutions working to position art and culture as a core sector of community planning and development by investing in, researching, and supporting those who lead and execute creative place-making projects.

To date, ArtPlace has invested \$85 million in 233 projects in communities of all sizes across the United States in which artists and arts organizations are working with their neighbors to help shape communities' social, physical, and economic futures.

Until December 2013, Jamie was Chief of Staff and Director of Public Affairs at the National Endowment for the Arts, where he oversaw the national rollouts of the "Our Town" grant program and partnerships with the US Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, and Housing and Urban Development.

Previously, Jamie was Chief of Staff at the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, where he oversaw the agency's partnerships with the NYC Departments for the Aging, of Education, and of Youth and Community Development. Jamie also provided strategic counsel at the Agnes Gund Foundation, served as chief of staff to the President of Columbia University, and worked in fundraising at The Museum of Modern Art, the New York Philharmonic, and Columbia College.

Before entering the public sector, Jamie served on the board of the HERE Arts Center. Jamie received a B.A. in drama and theatre arts from Columbia University.

Melissa A. Berman - President and CEO of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc.

Melissa Berman is the founding President and CEO of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc., an innovative nonprofit philanthropy service launched by the Rockefeller family in 2002. Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors' mission is to help donors create thoughtful, effective philanthropy throughout the world. RPA develops strategic plans, conducts research, manages foundations and trusts, structures major gifts, coordinates donor collaboratives, and provides regranting and fiscal sponsor-ship services. Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors annually manages or facilitates about \$200 million in giving to more than 25 countries. It has offices in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago and will be opening in London by 2016.

Ms. Berman has led Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors since its inception, building it into one of the world's leading philanthropic advisory, grantmaking, research and project management services. Under her leadership, RPA developed and published the "Philanthropy Roadmap" series of donor guides with support from the Gates Foundation. She developed and leads RPA's research initiative, "The Theory of the Foundation," and is the author of three reports in that initiative.

A frequent speaker, Ms. Berman has been a guest lecturer at universities across the U.S., Europe and Asia including Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Duke, IMD, Oxford, Sun-Yat Sen, and Beijing Normal universities. As a widely-recognized expert in philanthropy, Ms. Berman has been profiled in the New York Times and the Stanford Social Innovation Review. Her ideas and views are featured in the Economist, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Financial Times, and the Chronicle of Philanthropy. She has been interviewed on the Today Show, NBC Nightly News, NPR, BBC Radio, CNBC-TV, and Bloomberg TV.

Previously, she served as Senior Vice President, Research and Program Development at The Conference Board, a global nonprofit, independent business research organization. She oversaw all research and publications on management practices, including global corporate citizenship, governance, human resources, finance, and performance management.

Ms. Berman is a director of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and the Foundation Center. She is an adjunct Professor at Columbia University's Business School, where she also serves on the Advisory Board for the Tamer Center for Social Enterprise.

Ms. Berman holds a B.A. from Harvard University and a Ph.D. from Stanford University.

Yiannis Boutaris - Mayor of the Municipality of Thessaloniki, Greece

Yiannis Boutaris was born in Thessaloniki in 1942 and obtained his Degree in Chemistry in 1965 from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and his Diploma of Oenology from the Wine Institute of Athens in 1967. From 1969 through 1996, he served successively as Assistant Director, Technical Director, and Managing Director at the family wine industry J.

BOUTARI & SON S.A. In 1998 he created KIR YIANNI winery, located at the privately-owned vineyards of Yiannakohori and Amyndeon, run today by his two sons. He retained his position in both posts until 2010.

Yiannis Boutaris served as a Municipal Councilor of Thessaloniki for two terms (2002-2006 and 2006-2010). He led "Protovoulia for Thessaloniki" for two successive municipal elections in 2006 and 2010, the latter as candidate for Mayor. He was elected Mayor of Thessaloniki in November 2010 (first term Jan 2011 – Aug 2014) and in May 2014 (present term Sept 2014 – Aug 2019).

He has served as President and member of the Board of Directors of many professional, cultural, and environmental organizations since 1980, such as the Assembly of European Wine Regions (AREV), the Academie Internationale du Vin, the Federation of Greek Wines and Spirits Industries, the Thessaloniki Film Festival, W.W.F. Greece, and the Thessaloniki Tourism Organization. He is also the founder of the Macedonian Museum of Modern Art (Thessaloniki) and Arcturos, a non-profit organisation aiming at the protection and management of the environment and wildlife. He has received many national and international awards and distinctions.

Martha Bouziouri - Co-founder and Artistic Director of PLAYS2PLACE

Martha Bouziouri is a multidisciplinary arts and humanities practitioner, dividing her work into 3 distinct but organically overlapping fields: direction of cross-media / cross-cultural projects, anthropological research and theatre. She holds a B.A. in Mass Media and Communication, a Diploma in Theatre Acting and a M.A. in Cultural Management. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in Social Anthropology at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, in collaboration with the Department of Cultural Technology and Communication, Aegean University.

As the co-founder and artistic director of PLAYS2PLACE, she is involved in a series of transnational projects concerning applied models for civic transformation and human rights, raising awareness and social integration across the EUROM-ENA through a working method that combines elements of participatory action research and artistic intervention.

Over the last years, she has developed synergies and affiliations with important European and EUROMENA networks and organizations, such as Cultural Innovators Network (http://www.culturalinnovators.org/), European Alternatives (https://euroalter.com/), the Goethe Institute, Robert Bosch Foundation (http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/), Tandem/Shaml - Cultural Managers Exchange Program, (http://tandemexchange.eu/), CulturalBase (http://culturalbase.eu/) and others.

Charles Branas - Professor of Epidemiology in Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Branas works to improve health and healthcare and is recognized for his efforts to reduce violence and enhance emergency care. Much of his work incorporates human geography and place-based change. His studies have been replicated nationally and in cities across the US and other countries. Dr. Branas has served on boards and offered scientific expertise for numerous groups including the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and the National Academies in the US, as well as scientific organizations in Canada, Greece, Guatemala, South Africa, New Zealand, and the Netherlands. His work has been cited by the US Supreme Court and Congress. He is a past President of the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research and an elected member of the American Epidemiological Society.

Maria Chalhoub - Program Assistant at the European Institute of Peace

Maria Chalhoub has been at the European Institute of Peace (EIP) in Brussels since 2014 where she works on mediation and dialogue efforts to support conflict resolution in the MENA region. Before joining the EIP, Maria founded and managed the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Parliament in Stockholm 2013 to enhance the cooperation between peaceful activists from Europe and the MENA region post the 2011 uprisings. She also contributed to founding the first democratic Arab Youth Parliament in Tunisia, and is a member of the Cultural Innovators Network since 2012, seeking social change in the Mediterranean region through creative youth-led projects. Maria has a longer experience of bringing together young people for political dialogue and has herself participated in various international platforms to amplify the voices of young leaders in society. Maria holds a M.A. in Middle Eastern Security Studies from the University of St. Andrews, and a B.A in Political Science and International law from Stockholm University and Complutense de Madrid.

Andrea Costa - Rome Coordinator of the Baobab Experience

Since 2014, Andrea has worked as Coordinator in Rome of the Baobab volunteer citizen movement helping migrants in transit from Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia. Over the last year, with no help from institutions, Baobab has welcomed almost 40,000 refugees in Rome, offering them shelter and assistance to reach their final destinations in Northern Europe. The group's work has won human rights awards and Andrea was recently asked by MSF (Doctors Without Borders) to travel and study the Balkan Route and the Italian Route that the refugees follow in trying to reach a better life.

Andrea runs his own artistic glass laboratory (Era Vetro snc) and is considered a Stained Glass Master in Italy, with his knowledge and works requested worldwide.

Traveling and understanding other countries and populations has always been his goal and passion. Andrea studied Geography at the Roma University and after serving in the Army, he started working as a craftsman in an Atèlier for the restoration and conservation of stained glass artistic windows. In this role, he found himself traveling all around and has since been organizing solidarity journeys in Northern Africa, Gaza and the West Bank, Kurdistan, Central and Southern America. He is a longstanding volunteer with Albanian and Kurdish refugees coming to Italy.

Michael Danti - Academic Director, Cultural Heritage Initiatives, American Schools of Oriental Research, Assistant Professor of Archaeology at Boston University, Editor of the Religious Studies Review, Fellow at the Society of Antiquaries of London and Consulting Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Museum

Michael Danti is an Assistant Professor of Archaeology at Boston University, Editor of the Religious Studies Review, Fellow at the Society of Antiquaries of London and Consulting Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Museum. His areas of interest include the Ancient Near East, emergence of complex societies, agropastoral economies, tribe-state relations and pastoral nomadic societies. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 2000.

Mr. Danti has worked on a number of archaeological projects from 1988 to the present, ranging from North America to the Middle East, including The Jezireh Regional Project, Tell Balabra Archaeological Project (Director), Tell es-Sweyhat Archaeological Project (Director), and The Hasanlu Publication Project (Principal Investigator).

His representative publications include the monographs Hasanlu Tepe (Iran): The Bronze Age. Hasanlu Excavation Reports III and Hasanlu Tepe (Iran): The Early Iron Age Citadel. Hasanlu Excavation Reports IV (both upcoming), Cradle of Civilization: The Land between the Rivers (with Richard L. Zettler, 2007), The Ilkhanid Heartland: Hasanlu Tepe (Iran) Period I. Hasanlu Excavation Reports II (2004) as well as the articles "The Early Iron Age in Northwestern Iran", "Hasanlu VI-IV: Overview and Recent Revisions", "Late Middle Holocene Climate and Northern Mesopotamia: Varying Cultural Responses to the 5.2 and 4.2 ka Aridification Events" (2010), and "The Early Bronze Age in the Upper Euphrates River Valley and Northwest Jezireh, Syria" (with Richard L. Zettler, 2007).

Joshua David - President and CEO of World Monuments Fund

Joshua David is President and CEO of World Monuments Fund, the leading private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the world's architectural heritage. For 50 years, World Monuments Fund has worked with local communities and partners to complete more than 600 projects at heritage sites worldwide.

Prior to assuming these positions at World Monuments Fund in November 2015, Mr. David was President and Co-Founder of Friends of the High Line. He teamed up with Robert Hammond in 1999 to save the High Line, a historic elevated railway on Manhattan's West Side, then under threat of demolition. Under his leadership, Friends of the High Line successfully advocated for the preservation and reuse of the High Line as a public park, which opened in three phases beginning in 2009. For his work on the High Line, Mr. David received the Rockefeller Foundation's Jane Jacobs Medal for New Ideas and Activism (2010) and the National Building Museum's Vincent Scully Prize (2013).

Bryan Doerries - Artistic Director of Outside the Wire and Founder of Theater of War Productions

Bryan Doerries is a Brooklyn-based writer, director, and translator. A self-described evangelist for classical literature and its relevance to our lives today, Doerries uses age-old approaches to help individuals and communities heal from trauma and loss. He is founder of Theater of War, a project that presents readings of ancient Greek plays to service members, veterans, caregivers, and families to help them initiate conversations about the visible and invisible wounds of war. He is also the co-founder and Artistic Director of Outside the Wire, a social impact company that uses theater and a variety of other media to address pressing public health and social issues. His book, The Theater of War: What Ancient Greek Tragedies Can Teach Us Today, was published by Alfred A. Knopf in September of 2015, along with a volume of his translations of ancient Greek tragedies, entitled All That You've Seen Here is God. His graphic novel, The Odyssey of Sergeant Jack Brennan, an adaptation of Homer's Odyssey as told by an infantry Marine to his squad, was published by Pantheon in April of 2016. Bryan lectures on his work at cultural venues throughout the world and, in recent years, has taught courses at Princeton University, the Stella Adler School of Acting, and the Bard Prison Initiative. He is a proud board member of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Arts in the Armed Forces, and Friends of the Young Writers Workshop.

Andreas Dracopoulos - Co-President and Director of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation

Andreas Dracopoulos is the Co-President and Director of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, an international philanthropic organization established in 1996 by his great-uncle, the late Stavros Niarchos.

Mr. Dracopoulos is a Trustee of The Rockefeller University and Johns Hopkins University, where he is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Berman Institute of Bioethics. He is a member of the Board of the Peterson Institute for International Economics and the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Dracopoulos is also a member of the Board of the Dalton School in NYC. In addition, he is an Honorary Trustee of the New York Public Library (NYPL), where he served as a Trustee from 2003 to 2010. In 2012, the NYPL honored him for his contributions to the Library's educational programs. In 2015, the Child Mind Institute honored him for his commitment to supporting children's mental health during their Child Mind Institute Child Advocacy Award Dinner.

In 2016, Andreas Dracopoulos was awarded the rank of the Officer of the Legion of Honor of the Republic of France. In 2012, the Greek State awarded him with the Grand Commander of the Order of the Phoenix. In 2015, Mr. Dracopoulos was honored during the 100th Anniversary celebration of The National Herald for his contributions towards supporting Greek education, and he received the Person of the Year award from the Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Dracopoulos was born and raised in Athens, Greece. He graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. He resides in New York City

Ruth R. Faden – Andreas C. Dracopoulos Director of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics and the Philip Franklin Wagley Professor of Biomedical Ethics

Ruth R. Faden, Ph.D., M.P.H., is the Andreas C. Dracopoulos Director of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics and the Philip Franklin Wagley Professor of Biomedical Ethics. Dr. Faden is the author and editor of many books and articles on biomedical ethics and health policy including Social Justice: The Moral Foundations of Public Health and Health Policy (with Madison Powers), A History and Theory of Informed Consent (with Tom L. Beauchamp), AIDS, Women and the Next Generation (Ruth Faden, Gail Geller and Madison Powers, eds.), and HIV, AIDS and Childbearing: Public Policy, Private Lives (Ruth Faden and Nancy Kass, eds.). Dr. Faden is a member of the Institute of Medicine and a Fellow of the Hastings Center and the American Psychological Association. She has served on numerous national advisory committees and commissions, including President Clinton's Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments, which she chaired. Dr. Faden is a co-founder of the Hinxton Group, a global community committed to advancing ethical and policy challenges in stem cell science, and the Second Wave project, an effort to ensure that the health interests of pregnant women are fairly represented in biomedical research and drug and device policies. In 2011, Dr. Faden was the recipient of Lifetime Achievement Awards from the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) and Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIMR).

Dr. Faden's current research focuses on justice theory and on national and global challenges in learning health care systems, health systems design and priority setting, and access to the benefits of global investments in biomedical research. Dr. Faden also works on ethical challenges in biomedical science and in women's health.

Adnen el Ghali - Architect

Adnen el Ghali is a Tunisian architect and urban planner. He studied in Paris, Rome and Buenos Aires where he worked on local and regional projects dealing with tangible and intangible heritage. Mr. El Ghali advocates for the promotion of diversity and multiculturalism in the Mediterranean cities through shared histories and diverse, tolerant communities. He considers the city a mirror reflecting human diversity through heritage.

Adnen el Ghali currently teaches urban history and theories in the Architecture school of the Ibn Khaldoun University (Tunis) and collaborate as advisor to the Association de Sauvegarde de la Médina de Tunis (ASM) "Association of Safeguard of the Medina" and is the author of several studies on the subject. His last publication is "La Route des consuls : Les territoires de la diplomatie à Tunis" (The consuls' road : The territories of diplomacy in Tunis) was published in October 2015.

Constantine Giannaris - Filmmaker

Constantine Giannaris made his first independent films while living in London. He moved to Greece in 2000. His movies have showcased in international film festivals and forums. His first feature film in English, 3 Steps to Heaven, showcased in the Quizaine des Realisateurs/Camera D'or Cannes 1995. His second feature Apo tin Akri tis Polis / From the Edge of the City was shot in Athens and showcased in the Panorama section of the Berlin Film Festival 1999. This was followed by Dekapenaugoustos / One Day in August (in competition Berlin Film Festival 2002), and Omiros / Hostage (Panorama Special Berlin Film Festival 2005). His recent feature film Man At Sea premiered in Berlinale 2011. His latest film is Spring Awakening (2015). At present he lives and works in Athens.

His current film projects include 'Sylvie's Dream', the story of Sylvia Ageloff, the lover of Leon Trotsky's assassin Ramon Mercader, and 'The Space in Between', a documentary essay/exploration of the life and work of Lafcadio Hearn, the 19th century writer and traveler.

Jason Glaser - President and CEO of La Isla Foundation

Jason Glaser's work blends scientific research, advocacy, publicity, business innovation and community development to address the widespread consequences in Central America and elsewhere of chronic kidney disease of non-traditional causes (CKDnT). The Foundation is an international research and policy NGO working at the intersection of public health and human rights to address the fatal epidemic of CKDnT (also known as CKDu) globally.

Allan E. Goodman - President and CEO of the Institute of International Education

Dr. Allan E. Goodman is the sixth President of IIE, the leading not-for-profit organization in the field of international educational exchange and development training. IIE conducts research on international academic mobility and administers the Fulbright program sponsored by the United States Department of State, as well as over 250 other corporate, government and privately-sponsored programs. Previously, he was Executive Dean of the School of Foreign Service and Professor at Georgetown University. He is the author of books on international affairs published by Harvard, Princeton and Yale University Presses. Dr. Goodman served as Presidential Briefing Coordinator for the Director of Central Intelligence and as Special Assistant to the Director of the National Foreign Assessment Center in the Carter Administration. Subsequently, he was the first American professor to lecture at the Foreign Affairs College of Beijing, helped create the first U.S. academic exchange program with the Moscow Diplomatic Academy for the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs, and developed the diplomatic training program of the Foreign Ministry of Vietnam. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a founding member of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), Co-President of the Partner University Fund (PUF) Grant Review Committee, and a member of the Jefferson Scholarship selection panel. He also serves on the Council for Higher Education Accreditation International Quality Group Advisory Council and the Board of Trustees of the Education Above All Foundation.

Dr. Goodman has a Ph.D. in Government from Harvard, an M.P.A. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and a B.S. from Northwestern University. He was awarded the inaugural Gilbert Medal for Internationalization by Universitas 21.

Robert M. Goodman - Executive Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Executive Dean of Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Executive Director of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and Distinguished Professor of Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resources at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Dr. Goodman is a native of Ithaca, New York, and a graduate of two public schools in New York State, Canton Grammar School and Trumansburg High School. He studied at the Johns Hopkins University, and then transferred to Cornell University, where he earned the B.S. degree in 1967. After two years of civilian service he completed the Ph.D. at Cornell University in 1973. He was awarded a NATO postdoctoral fellowship by the US National Science Foundation for study in molecular virology at the John Innes Institute in the UK. In 1974 he was appointed Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1978 and Professor in 1981. In 1982, he was named Vice President, and thereafter Executive Vice President, for Research and Development at Calgene, Inc., an early plant biotechnology company and one of the pioneers in the genetic engineering of crop species, notably Round-up resistance and the use of anti-sense RNA to modify crop traits. He joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1991, where his laboratory carried out pioneering work on the diversity of soil microorganisms refractory to cultivation and co-developed the approach for microbial biology studies now widely called metagenomics. Since 2005 he has served as Executive Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources and led both the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University. He is widely published in scientific journals such as Science, Nature, Virology, and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences on topics including soil metagenomics, the discovery of the geminiviruses, and characterization of unexpected Archeal and Eubacterial clades in soil. He has served in several senior leadership positions, including the Board of Trustees of the International Center for Maize and Wheat Improvement (CIMMYT), founder and chair of the McKnight Foundation's Collaborative Crop Research Program, and chair of the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources section of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS). He is an elected Fellow of the AAAS and of the American Academy of Microbiology.

Gordana Grujicic - Legal Analyst and Researcher at Group 484's Center for Migration

Gordana Grujicic graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade with an LL.B. in International Law. She began to address the issue of refugee law during her undergraduate studies by participating in the Legal Clinic in Refugee Law (one year program), organized at the Faculty of Law in cooperation with UNHCR. She started working for Group 484 in 2014, on issues relating to the status and treatment of migrants and asylum seekers. In June 2015 she participated in the Odysseus Network Summer School on "European Union Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum". During her studies she spent a year in professional training at University of Texas at Austin in the USA, as a scholar of the Open Society Institute.

Jeffrey Kahn - Robert Henry Levi and Ryda Hecht Levi Professor of Bioethics and Public Policy at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics

Jeffrey Kahn is the Robert Henry Levi and Ryda Hecht Levi Professor of Bioethics and Public Policy in the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics. He is also Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management in the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Prior to joining the faculty at Johns Hopkins, Prof. Kahn was Director and Maas Family Endowed Chair in Bioethics in the University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics. His research interests include the ethics of research, ethics and public health, and ethics and emerging biomedical technologies; he speaks widely both in the U.S. and abroad, and has published four books and over 125 articles in the bioethics and medical literature. He is an elected Fellow of the Hastings Center, and has chaired or served on committees and panels for the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Institute of Medicine.

Eleni Kakalou - Vice President of Médecins Sans Frontières

Eleni Kakalou is the Vice President of Médecins Sans Frontières in Greece. She works at the Evangelismos General Hospital in the HIV & Travel Medicine Clinic. She received an M.D. from The Medical School-Aristoteleian University of Thessaloniki in 2000.

Demetres Karavellas - Executive Director of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Greece

Demetres Karavellas holds a B.Sc. (Hon) in Marine Biology from QMC, London University and a M.Sc. in Fisheries Biology & Management from the University College of North Wales, Bangor. He is the Executive Director of WWF Greece, a position he has held since 1998. He has worked for many years on key policy issues linked to natural resources, climate change and energy issues and sustainable development, at both the national and European level, and has served on a series of national and international committees dealing with these issues. He is presently also chairing the WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative, a regional concerted effort to conserve the valuable marine and coastal ecosystems of the region. He has a passion for the sea and has explored many marine sites around the planet, but feels most at home in the waters of the Aegean Sea.

Jacob Funk Kirkegaard - Senior Fellow of Peterson Institute for International Economics

Jacob Funk Kirkegaard, PIIE senior fellow, has been associated with the Institute since 2002. Before joining the Institute, he worked with the Danish Ministry of Defense, the United Nations in Iraq, and in the private financial sector. He is a graduate of the Danish Army's Special School of Intelligence and Linguistics with the rank of first lieutenant; the University of Aarhus in Aarhus, Denmark; the Columbia University in New York; and received his PhD from Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies. He is an internationally recognized authority on European political and economic issues and has for several years been the most quoted PIIE scholar in the international quality media. He is the author, co-author or co-editor of the following books published by the PIIE: Transatlantic Economic Challenges in an Era of Growing Multipolarity (2012), US Pension Reform: Lessons from Other Countries (2009), The Accelerating Decline in America's High-Skilled Workforce: Implications for Immigration Policy (2007), Accelerating the Globalization of America: The Role for Information Technology (2006), and Transforming the European Economy (2004). His current research focuses on European economies and reform, migration, demographics, foreign direct investment trends and estimations, pension systems, offshoring, and the productivity impact of information technology.

Mounir Kheirallah - Ministry of Transport, Equipment and Logistics of the Kingdom of Morocco

Mounir Kheirallah is a Moroccan civil society activist and Young Arab Analysts Network International (YANNI) program alumni. He has B.A.s in English literature and urban sociology, and is currently completing a masters degree in the education and inclusion of youth in difficult situations. In 2014, he published an article entitled "The In-Service Training for Blind Teachers and its Role in Promoting Education for Blind Students".

Markos Komondouros - Co-Founder of Vector Partners and Board Member of METAdrasi

Markos Komondouros is a board member of METAdrasi, a Greek NGO that has been active in the processing and integration of refugees and immigrants in Greece since 2010. METAdrasi's three main axes of involvement are interpretation, the protection of unaccompanied minors and various activities for the integration of refugees and immigrants into Greek society. At METAdrasi, Markos is particularly involved with strategic, organizational and financing matters. He is an investment banking professional with a long career at UBS in London, Paris and Istanbul. Since 2006, he has been based in Athens, where he is a co-founder and partner in Vector Partners, a corporate finance advisory firm. He was also a shareholder and manager of Enexon, one of Greece's largest photovoltaic companies, later sold to Enel of Italy. Markos currently also sits on the boards of TANEO, a venture capital find-of-funds and Nireas, Greece's largest fish farming company. He holds an undergraduate degree in Mathematics, and master's degrees in Business Administration and Applied Linguistics, all from the University of London.

Karima Korayem - Professor of Economics at Al-Azhar University and Fellow at the Comparative Research Program on Poverty

Karima Korayem is currently a professor of economics at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt and a fellow at the Comparative Research Program on Poverty in Norway. She obtained a Ph.D. in Economics from McMaster University in Canada.

She has worked as a consultant to several international, regional, and national organizations including the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the United Nations Sub-Regional Resource Facility for the Arab States (UNSURF-AS), United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the Social Commission for West Asia (UN-ESCWA), UNICEF, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Bank, the International Development Research Center (IDRC), the Arab Organization for Human Rights (AOHR), the League of Arab States, the Minister of Finance (Egypt), and the National Bank of Egypt. She has also served as a Visiting Professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2014), Rutgers University (2010), and the University of California, Los Angles (2003 and 1995). In 2012 she was included in the Arabian Business Power 500 as one of the influential Arabs in Education.

Her recent publications include Challenges of Arab Food Security: Food versus Oil (co-author Gouda Abdel-Khalek, 2015), "Poverty Assessment in Low-, Medium- and High-Income Arab Countries (Yemen, Egypt and Bahrain)" (2014), "Poverty in Secular and Islamic Economics" (co-author Neemat Mashhour, 2014), "Food Subsidy and the Social Assistance Program in Egypt; Targeting and Efficiency Assessment" (2013), "Poverty of Bahraini Females; Identification and Assessment" (2012), and "Poverty in Yemen: Evolution, Causes and Poverty Reduction Policy" (2012).

Christina Lambropoulou - Chief Financial Officer, Stavros Niarchos Foundation

Christina Lambropoulou is the Foundation's CFO, responsible for the oversight of the all financial activities and reporting. She has been with the Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation since 2009. Prior to joining, Mrs. Lambropoulou was employed in the retail banking division of Citibank in Greece where she has served for 24 years. During her period of employment with Citibank she has served in a number of capacities in the areas of Financial Control, Marketing, Product Development, Sales and Distribution Management. In her most recent role she was the Head of Wealth Management and Distribution, responsible for the development and sales of Deposit, Investment and Insurance products as well as the management of Citi's branch network and alternative sales channels. Mrs. Lambropoulou holds a BA degree in Applied Mathematics and Operations Research from Harvard University.

Lina Liakou - Deputy Mayor for Urban Resilience and Development Planning

Lina Liakou is Deputy Mayor for Urban Resilience and Development Planning and is an elected local council member of Thessaloniki since 2014. Lina is leading the development of the city's first resilience strategy and is also responsible for the design and implementation of the Strategic and Operational plans of the municipality.

Lina Liakou is also chairman of the 'Metropolitan Development Agency of Thessaloniki,' an intermunicipal legal entity that coordinates national and international research projects. Prior to this, Lina Liakou was head of the research team of the "REACTIVATE ATHENS / 101 IDEAS" program, an initiative of the ETH Zurich and the municipality of Athens. Her previous professional experience includes being an associate at the nonprofit organization "School of ARCHitecture for All" and co-founder of the architectural studio "URBAN3" in Athens. She is an architect and urban designer from the Bartlett School of Architecture in London.

Amy Lockwood - Chief of Staff at UC San Francisco's Global Health Sciences

Amy Lockwood has a background spanning the business, non-profit and academic sectors. Her work often involves deep partnerships with Ministries of Health and health system managers to develop tools and processes, implement programs, and draft policies to improve the quality of and access to health care. As the Chief of Staff at UCSF's Global Health Sciences, Amy leads strategy, business development, and operations for the AIDS Research Institute and the Institute of Global Health Delivery and Diplomacy. She is a technical advisor to Born Free Africa, working with a team in Kenya to

eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS. Prior to work in global health, she worked in the private sector as a strategy consultant with a specialty in branding and communication. In addition to receiving her M.B.A. from the Stanford, Amy holds a B.S. and M.S. in Communications from Northwestern University and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Global Health Sciences at UCSF, with a research focus on identifying the components of management and leadership that have the greatest impact on health outcomes.

Leonidas Makris - Special Advisor to the Mayor of Thessaloniki

Leonidas Makris has been working as an advisor to the Mayor of Thessaloniki since 2012. His tasks include working on the political agenda of the mayor as well as addressing issues of political strategy and administrational change. Since February 2012, he is also teaching at the Democritus University of Thrace (Greece), Department of Social Policy and Political Science on Political Communication, Comparative Politics, State and Society, Democracy and Dictatorship, Social Movements, History of Political Ideas.

Prior that he taught as a Lecturer in the BSc programme in Politics and International Relations at the DEI COLLEGE (University of London, Registered Centre). Leonidas holds a PhD in Political Science from London School of Economics, an MA in Mass Media and Communication (University of Leicester), and an MSc in Social and Political Theory (University of Edinburgh). Leonidas is also a certified psychologist from the University of Crete.

Myrsini Malakou - Managing Director of the Society for the Protection of Prespa (SPP)

Myrsini Malakou is a biologist working on biodiversity and conservation issues. In particular, her professional interests concern: research on the biology and ecology of rare bird and endemic fish species; management and restoration of protected, or priority, wetland and forest habitats; promotion of a socio-ecological approach to conservation practices; planning and promotion of sustainable development initiatives; the inclusion of traditional ecological knowledge in adaptive management schemes; and the establishment of adaptive governance structures among stakeholders.

Since 1991, Myrsini has been the Managing Director of the Society for the Protection of Prespa (SPP), an umbrella organization consisting of seven Greek and three international environmental NGOs. The Society is based in the Prespa National Park in northwestern Greece and works to safeguard the natural and cultural heritage of the Prespa basin and its sustainable development. In 2000, the SPP initiated the establishment of the Prespa Transboundary Park in the three countries that share the Prespa region. The Society continues to promote transboundary co-operation for conservation and development, creating an international NGO network of local and European partners to pursue these aims.

While the work of the Society is deeply rooted in its local community, it has also garnered widespread international recognition, twice winning the EU LIFE Best of the Best award for its wetland and species conservation projects. The SPP was also awarded the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award in 1999 for its pioneering approach to sustainable wetland management and co-operation at local, national and international levels. In 2001, Myrsini, together with biologist Giorgos Catsadorakis, was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize, acknowledging their contribution to the conservation of the Prespa wetlands, using their research and conservation approach to help local communities seek alternative paths of development, and the establishment of the Prespa Transboundary Park.

Mark Mazower - Ira D. Wallach Professor of History at Columbia University

Mark Mazower, Ira D. Wallach Professor of History, specializes in modern Greece, 20th-century Europe, and international history. Current interests include the history of international norms and institutions, the history of Greek independence, and the historical evolution of the Greek islands in the very long run.

His books include Inside Hitler's Greece: The Experience of Occupation, 1941-44 (1993); Dark Continent: Europe's 20th Century (1998); The Balkans (2000); and After the War was Over: Reconstructing the Family, Nation and State in Greece, 1943-1960 (2000). His Salonica City of Ghosts: Christians, Muslims and Jews, 1430-1950 (2004) was awarded the Duff Cooper Prize. In 2008 he published Hitler's Empire: Nazi Rule in Occupied Europe which won that year's LA Times Book Prize for History. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he is also the director of the Center for International History at Columbia University and his articles and reviews on history and current affairs appear regularly in the Financial Times, the Guardian, London Review of Books, The Nation and The New Republic.

Dr. Mazower holds a B.A. and D. Phil. from Oxford University, as well as an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University.

Niccolo Milanese - Chair, European Alternatives

Niccolo Milanese is co-president of European Alternatives, where he chairs the transnational and advisory boards. He is also part of the elected steering committees of the Cultural Innovators Network – a trans- Mediterranean network of

cultural activists and hybridizers - and the Europe+ campaign for a more democratic European Union.

He represents the organization in public, fundraises, is in dialogue with members, and works on organizational development and strategic partnerships.

Ahmed Naguib - Corporate Social Responsibility Director at FinBi

Ahmed has worked at the Near East Foundation, the Peace and Social Justice Program of the Ford Foundation's Cairo in the Peace and the US Embassy in Cairo as Cultural Affairs Assistant. Ahmed served as a Regional Outreach Manager for Africa and the Middle East at the Institute of International Education (IIE) for the King Abdullah University for Science & Technology (KAUST) and as Implementation Manager for IIE's youth initiatives.

Ahmed joined AMIDEAST in 2008, serving as the Advising and Exchanges Director till July 2011. Ahmed directed and managed the EducationUSA Center, the cultural and professional exchanges portfolio, and the scholarships portfolio. Ahmed directed the Ford Foundation International Fellowship Program, as well as the outreach and recruitment process for the Goldman Sachs Women Entrepreneurship Scholarship Program in collaboration with the American university in Cairo in 2009 and 2010.

Currently Ahmed is working as a CSR Director for a leading financial consultancy firm in Egypt (FINBI) focusing on socioeconomic empowerment of Egyptian and Arab youth.

Ahmed mobilized youth in the Tahrir square demonstrations into the organizing committee of the demonstrations, which later formed a council for the revolution under the name of the "Trustees Council of the Revolution". In close cooperation with five other coalitions, Ahmed launched the Coordination Committee of the Masses, a joint committee for the most influential coalitions since the ousting of Mubarak. In late 2011, Ahmed became a member of the Supreme Committee for National Dialogue which organized the National Dialogue Conference, co-chairing the Foreign Policy sessions with veteran diplomat Ambassador Mohamed Shakir.

In late 2011 Ahmed joined the Parliamentary elections race for the seat of the 9th district in Cairo. Ahmed also served as the External Affairs Coordinator and spokesperson for the Egyptian Current Party "ElTayyar ElMasry Party" between 2012 and 2014. Ahmed is a founding member and spokesperson of the "No to the militarization of the constitution" campaign in 2012 and 2013.

In the summer of 2013 Ahmed was one of the founding members of The Way of the Revolution Front, a broad coalition of activists, revolutionary youth movements, and political parties at the front line of social and political change in Egypt. Ahmed continues to empower young people and marginalized groups through his work as a board member of the National Committee for the Defense of Civil Liberties.

In 2012 Ahmed was a 2012 U.S. State Department Legislative Fellow and a 2013 William Hague Future International Leaders Fellow. Since 2012 Ahmed has been a steering committee member for the Multi-Party Platform with the Danish Egyptian Dialogue Institute -DEDI.

Robin Niblett - Director of Chatham House

Robin Niblett became the Director of Chatham House (the Royal Institute of International Affairs) in January 2007. Before joining Chatham House, from 2001 to 2006, Dr Niblett was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). During his last two years at CSIS, he also served as Director of the CSIS Europe Programme and its Initiative for a Renewed Transatlantic Partnership.

Dr. Niblett's commentary and analysis have appeared in the Financial Times, Washington Post, Daily Telegraph, Guardian and Reuters. He is the author of the Chatham House Reports Britain, Europe and the World: Rethinking the UK's Circles of Influence (Chatham House, 2015) and Playing to its Strengths: Rethinking the UK's Role in a Changing World (Chatham House, 2010), and editor and contributing author to America and a Changed World: A Question of Leadership (Chatham House/Wiley-Blackwell, 2010). He is also the author and contributor to a number of Chatham House and CSIS reports on transatlantic relations, is contributing author and co-editor with William Wallace of Rethinking European Order (Palgrave, 2001), and a contributor to Influencing Tomorrow: Future Challenges for British Foreign Policy (Guardian Books, 2013) by Douglas Alexander MP and Dr. Ian Kearns.

Dr. Niblett is a frequent panelist at conferences on Europe and transatlantic relations. He has testified on a number of occasions to the House of Commons Defence Select Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee as well as the US Senate and House Committees on European Affairs.

He is a Non-Executive Director of Fidelity European Values Investment Trust. He is a Special Adviser to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee (since 2015). He was Chairman of the Experts Group for the 2014 NATO Summit. He was Chairman of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Europe (2012-13) and Chair of the British Academy Steering Committee of Languages for Security Project (2013). He became a Companion of St. Michael and St. George (CMG) in 2015.

He received his B.A. in Modern Languages and M.Phil. and D.Phil. from New College, Oxford.

Stefanos Papanastasiou – Research Associate at the Observatory of Social and Economic Developments, INE/GSEE and Lecturer at the Democritus University of Thrace

Mr. Papanastasiou is a research associate at the Observatory of Social and Economic Developments, INE/GSEE and an adjunct lecturer in the Department of Social Administration and Political Science at the Democritus University of Thrace. He was formerly a research associate at CESSDA ERIC and Education Program of Muslim Children. His publications include Children at socioeconomic risk in Greece, Athens (Hellenic National Committee of UNICEF, 2016), Family of origin and poverty in the EU: The role of social protection systems (forthcoming), Child poverty and intergenerational transmission of poverty in the EU: What is the impact of social protection policies and institutions? (CROP International Poverty Studies Vol.1, New York: Columbia University Press, 2016), Health and long-term care in Greece (INE/GSEE, 2015), Intergenerational mobility in the EU (INE/GSEE, 2014), his Ph.D. thesis Intergenerational deprivation and mobility in Greece and the EU: Theoretical and empirical analysis (Democritus University of Thrace, 2012), Intergenerational transmission of poverty and social protection in the EU: Theoretical and empirical analysis, Athens (INE/GSEE, 2010), and Trajectories of labor market deregulation in Europe: Towards convergence or divergence of regulatory systems? (CEPS/INSTEAD, 2008).

Thymio Papayannis – Director of Med-INA, the Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos and President of WWF Greece

Thymio Papayannis is the Director of Med-INA, the Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos. He studied architecture and planning at MIT and in the early 1960s founded TPA Inc., a consulting firm on spatial planning and design. In 1991 he founded the MedWet Initiative of the Convention on Wetlands, coordinating the initiative from inception until 2001. He is now Senior Advisor to the initiative and responsible for cultural aspects. He is also founder and President of WWF Greece and of the Society for the Protection of Prespa, and a member of the IUCN Task Force on Cultural and Spiritual Values. He has written 5 books and 265 articles.

Panos Papoulias - Assistant Director of Programs & Strategic Initiatives at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation

Panos Papoulias is Assistant Director of Programs & Strategic Initiatives at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. He holds a BA in Politics, Economics and Philosophy (major in Economics) from the University of York, UK, an MSc. in Political Theory from the London School of Economics, UK and an MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece. In 2007 he completed his PhD in Government at the London School of Economics on the subject of the relationship between Ethical Pluralism and Liberal political doctrines. He has taught various undergraduate political theory courses before working as Head of Investment at a leading Greek aluminum heavy industry. In 2013, he worked as Management Advisor and then as Operations Manager at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, which will host the National Library of Greece (NLG), the Greek National Opera (GNO) and the 170,000 m² Stavros Niarchos Park.

Spiros Pengas - Deputy Mayor for Tourism and International Relations

Spiros Pengas is Deputy Mayor for Tourism and International Relations and an elected local council member of Thessaloniki since 2010.

During his leadership he helped change the cultural and tourism profile of Thessaloniki, turning it into a cosmopolitan, multicultural city that is more open to the world. Under his tenure, the city hosted a number of international events for the first time, including the "15th Mediterranean Biennale of Young Artists" and "Womex- World Music Expo." He implemented innovative actions and programs embraced by residents and visitors of the city, such as the Thessaloniki Food Festival, the institution of children's sleepover events in museums, and the renovation of four children's libraries, in collaboration with the Stavros Niarchos Foundation.

Spiros was born and raised in Thessaloniki. He graduated from the German School of Thessaloniki and studied Political Science and International Relations at the Universities of Freiburg and Munich. He then worked in the office of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Brussels. Returning to the city, he took over his family's business, the Galerie Dora Penga, expanding it from a local business selling imported handmade carpets from the Middle East and Central Asia into a national company. In 2003, he founded the nonprofit "Eastern Paths" to promote cultural education activities, including guided trips to the countries of Asia.

Alessandro Politi - Director, NATO Defense College Foundation

Alessandro Politi is a global political and strategic analyst with 30 years of experience. Director of the NATO Defense College Foundation, the only NATO-affiliated NGO think tank. He is senior researcher for the Italian MoD (CeMiSS-Centre for Military and Strategic Studies) regarding the strategic monitoring of Latin America. He also created and leads the Global Outlook project within CeMiSS, recently published in Italian and English (third edition, 2015). He teaches conflict management, crisis, peace-making and analysis at different governmental centres. He has contributed to the Italian Defence White Paper and currently advises the IT MFA. He has directed the CEMRES research on CBMs in the framework of the 5+5 Defence Initiative, presenting the conclusions to the Ministers in Granada. He teaches geopolitics and intelligence at the SIOI. He has been acting director of the School of Intelligence Analysis at a private university in Rome. He has been adviser to several senior Italian and foreign decision makers.

Marietta Provopoulou - General Director of Doctors Without Borders (MSF), Greece

Marietta Provopoulou is the General Director of MSF in Greece. Her humanitarian experience started with MSF in 2001 and since then she has worked in different contexts. Her longer postings include missions in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Malawi, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Peru and Greece. She has acquired experience in various long term and emergency projects from HIV/AIDS, cholera, malnutrition, primary and secondary care in different settings; war affected, refugee and IDP camps, emergencies (natural disasters and epidemics).

Since 2011 she has been based in Greece. She has supervised a portfolio of migrant and refugee MSF programs (Morocco, Greece, Turkey, Niger) and has been responsible for Programs in Greece before assuming the position of the General Director in 2014.

She holds a M.Sc. in Public Health, and a B.A. in Business Administration.

Henry Reese - Co-Founder and Chairman of City of Asylum

Henry Reese directs City of Asylum, which he co-founded in 2004 to provide sanctuary in Pittsburgh to writers exiled under threat of persecution. He has led the growth of the organization and the evolution of its mission, which now includes numerous literary-based programs and place-based economic and community development through the arts. City of Asylum is also the U.S. hub for the International Cities of Refuge Network, and its online magazine SampsoniaWay.org is the publishing platform for the Network.

From 1974-2002, Henry was a co-founder and principal in Reese Brothers, the largest privately owned call center company in the U.S. at the time of its purchase by a public company in 2002. The firm specialized in direct marketing for nonprofits and created the largest and most successful fundraising-educational telemarketing campaign in the U.S. from 1984-1996 for Mothers Against Drunk Driving as well as award-winning campaigns for numerous mainstream social change charities. He is a graduate of The Johns Hopkins University and did graduate work at SUNY Buffalo in English literature and cognitive linguistics. He is a 2011 Purpose Prize Fellow and has honorary degrees from Seton Hill University and Chatham University.

Curt Rhodes - Founder and International Director of Questscope

Dr. Curt Rhodes is the Founder/International Director of Questscope, a non-profit, non-governmental organization established in 1988 for youth mentorship, alternative education, juvenile justice, community-building and humanitarian aid programs in partnership with marginalized and refugee communities in the Middle East.

Curt was recognized in 2011 as Social Entrepreneur of the Year in the Middle East by the Schwab Foundation/World Economic Forum for visionary, pragmatic and courageous contributions that significantly improve the state of the world. In 2014, he was awarded the Tufts University/Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award for his dedication to solving the most pressing problems facing the world. He has lived continuously in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan or Egypt since 1981 and is a fluent Arabic speaker.

Dr. Rhodes holds an M.P.H. degree (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees (University of Wisconsin, Madison).

Joel H. Rosenthal - President of Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs

Joel H. Rosenthal is president of the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. He is also an adjunct professor at New York University and chairman of the Bard College Globalization and International Affairs (BGIA) program in New York City.

Carnegie Council has developed its Ethics Studio during his tenure as president, producing multimedia programs for television, radio, and Internet audiences worldwide. The Council has also established its Global Ethics Network of fellows

located in two dozen countries in Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, and the Middle East.

Carnegie Council's national and international outreach is led by television broadcasts on MHz Networks (with access to over 40 million households), C-Span Book TV, and CUNY TV (reaching the entire New York City metro area). The Council's flagship publication, Ethics & International Affairs journal, is published by Cambridge University Press. Its articles appear thousands of times on hundreds of university syllabi in more than 25 countries.

As a scholar and teacher, Dr. Rosenthal focuses on ethics in U.S. foreign policy, with special emphasis on issues of war and peace, human rights, and pluralism. His first book, Righteous Realists (1991) is a study of Hans Morgenthau, George Kennan, and Reinhold Niebuhr, among other American realists. His edited volume Ethics & International Affairs: A Reader (Georgetown University Press; 3rd edition, co-edited by Christian Barry) is a compilation of essays from major figures in the field and is widely used in college and university courses.

Dr. Rosenthal's recent writing reflects on the moral dimensions of globalization, including essays on patriotism, the "global ethic," and the role of religion in democratic societies.

He received his Ph.D. from Yale University and B.A. from Harvard University. In addition to his ongoing teaching duties, he lectures frequently at universities and public venues across the United States and around the world.

Gerry Salole - Chief Executive of the European Foundation Centre (EFC)

Gerry Salole was appointed Chief Executive of the European Foundation Centre (EFC) in 2005. The EFC is an association of over 230 public-benefit foundations and corporate funders active in philanthropy in Europe and elsewhere.

His previous posts have included serving as representative of the Ford Foundation's Southern Africa office, based in Johannesburg, and director of the Department of Programme Documentation and Communication of the Bernard van Leer Foundation, based in The Hague. He has also worked for Save the Children Federation (USA) in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, and Redd Barna (Norwegian Save the Children), OXFAM UK, and the UNHCR in Ethiopia.

He was the founding Chair of TrustAfrica, an independent private foundation set up in Dakar, Senegal in 2006 to promote peace, economic prosperity, and social justice throughout the continent.

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Elenia Saloutsi - Senior Public Affairs Officer, Stavros Niarchos Foundation

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Michael J. Scoullos- Chairman of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture & Sustainable Development

Michael J. Scoullos is Professor of Environmental Chemistry at the University of Athens and Director of the Laboratory of Environmental Chemistry. He has acted as scientific advisor to the EU, UNEP, UNESCO, IFAD, IUCN and several governments and is now the Team Leader of the Capacity Building Component of the EU Programme Horizon 2020, as well as Chairman of the International panel of experts for the World Bank on the Red Sea – Dead Sea Conveyor.

He has worked for years on issues of environmental policy, environmental diplomacy, environmental education and education for sustainable development. He represents, as an expert, the European Parliament on the Management Board and the Executive Bureau of the European Environmental Agency (EEA).

Dr. Scoullos has been president for many years of many scientific and environmental organizations, as well as bodies such as the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE), the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med), the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), Hellenic Society for the Protection of the Environment and the Cultural Heritage (Elliniki Etairia), the Greek National Committees of MAB/ UNESCO and of UNEP. He is also member of the European Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Scoullos holds an M.S. and Ph.D. in environmental chemistry from the University of Athens, and a Ph.D. in oceanography from the University of Liverpool. He is the author of many books and major reports on environmental issues, as well as more than 400 articles. He has organized and chaired a large number of international conferences and has received numerous international distinctions, including the Gold Medal of the City of Paris (Honorary Citizen), the Simon Bolivar medal of UNESCO, the Environmental Award of the Academy of Athens, Knight of St. John of Jerusalem, Knight Officer of the 'National Order of Cedars' of Lebanon, and papal medals by Pope Paul VI.

Rasha Shaaban - Project Manager, National Museums of World Culture

Rasha Shaaban is from Alexandria, Egypt and is currently based in Gothenburg. She did her M.A. in Leadership for Sustainability at Malmö University. Right now, she is working at Världskulturmuseet (National Museums of World Culture) as the coordinator of the Anna Lindh Foundation Network in Sweden. The Anna Lindh Foundation Network brings together more than 4000 members of civil society in 42 countries who work for the promotion of intercultural dialogue with their counterparts in 42 Euro-Med countries. Also, Rasha is the leader of the regional project WoMidan (WoMen of the Square) which aims at empowering women activism for social change. She has been engaged in development work with civil society in the Euro-Med Region since 2005.

Claire Spencer - Senior Research Fellow, Middle East and North Africa Programme & Second Century Initiative

Claire Spencer is senior research fellow for the Middle East and North Africa Programme and Second Century Initiative at Chatham House.

Over the previous decade, she was head of the Middle East and North Africa Programme, which she expanded, having set up the Middle East and Central Asia Policy Unit at the development agency Christian Aid from 2003-05. She previously served as deputy director and head of the Mediterranean Security Programme which she established at the Centre for Defence Studies, King's College, University of London from 1995-2001.

She is currently a steering committee member of the EuroMeSCo network of 'Euro-Med' think tanks, and a core group member of the EU-Southern Neighbourhood Civil Society Dialogue initiative.

She received her B.Sc. in Politics from Bristol University and Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. She has provided commentary for television and radio including BBC, ITN, Channel 4, CNN, ABC, NPR, CBC, Al Jazeera.

Alan Stoga - Senior Advisor to Kissinger Associates, Founder and President of Zemi Communications, Chairman of the Tällberg Foundation, and Chairman of the Board of the Tinker Foundation

Alan Stoga is a strategist and entrepreneur with extensive experience in communications and public relations, corporate consulting, digital media, geopolitics, banking and government. Currently, he serves as Senior Adviser at Kissinger Associates, the international consulting firm chaired by Dr. Henry Kissinger, as well as president of Zemi Communications, L.L.C., a New York based firm providing communication counsel to clients based outside the United States.

Kissinger Associates is an international business consulting firm that provides advice to companies around the world. The firm helps companies understand and manage complex opportunities, issues and negotiations that have a significant potential to impact on their operating performance.

Zemi, organized in 1996, provides strategic communication advice and a wide range of services including leadership communications, media relations, investor relations, and internal corporate communication programs. Zemi's digital media practice evolved from FLYP, an online digital magazine published by Mr. Stoga from 2007 through 2009. The award-winning magazine leveraged the functionalities of the Internet to produce a new kind of online, multimedia experience. In that same context, he recently served four years as Secretary of the Jury for World Press Photo's inaugural Multimedia Awards.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Stoga founded a private equity firm (1995-96); was managing director of Kissinger Associates (1984-95); served as chief economist for the Bipartisan National Commission on Central America, created by President Reagan (1982-3); established and managed the country risk management activities for the First National Bank of Chicago (1977-84), a large global bank; and served as an international economist in the U.S. Treasury (1975-77). During the 1990's Mr. Stoga was also a director of the Alliance Capital international mutual funds.

Mr. Stoga is Chairman of the board of the Tällberg Foundation (based in Sweden) and of the Tinker Foundation, and Vice Chairman of the board of the Americas Society. Mr. Stoga is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and has economics and international relations degrees from Michigan State and Yale University, respectively.

He is a frequent lecturer and writer on international and U.S. politics and economics.

Robert Storr - Dean of the School of Art at Yale University

Artist, critic, and curator. Mr. Storr received a B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1972 and an M.F.A. from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1978. He was curator and then senior curator in the Department of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, from 1990 to 2002, where he organized thematic exhibitions such as Dislocations and Modern Art Despite Modernism as well as mongraphic shows on Elizabeth Murray, Gerhard Richter, Max Beckmann, Tony Smith, and Robert Ryman. In addition, he coordinated the Projects series from 1990 to 2000, mounting exhibitions with Art Spiegelman, Ann Hamilton, and Franz West, among others. In 2002 he was named the first Rosalie Solow Professor of Modern Art at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. Mr. Storr has also taught at the CUNY graduate center and the Bard Center for Curatorial Studies as well as the Rhode Island School of Design, Tyler School of Art, New York Studio School, and Harvard University, and has been a frequent lecturer in this country and abroad. He has been a contributing editor at Art in America since 1981 and writes frequently for Artforum, Parkett, Art Press (Paris), Frieze (London), and Corriere della Serra (Milan). He has also written numerous catalogs, articles, and books, including Philip Guston (Abbeville, 1986), Chuck Close (with Lisa Lyons, Rizzoli, 1987), and the forthcoming "Intimate Geometries: The Work and Life of Louise Bourgeois." Among his many honors he has received a Penny McCall Foundation Grant for painting, a Norton Family Foundation Curator Grant, and honorary doctorates from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Maine College of Art, as well as awards from the American Chapter of the International Association of Art Critics, a special AICA award for Distinguished Contribution to the Field of Art Criticism, an ICI Agnes Gund Curatorial Award, and the Lawrence A. Fleischman Award for Scholarly Excellence in the Field of American Art History from the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Art. In 2000 the French Ministry of Culture presented him with the medal of Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres and subsequently awarded him the status of Officier in the same order. From 2005 to 2007 he was visual arts director of the Venice Biennale, the first American invited to assume that position. Mr. Storr was appointed professor of painting/printmaking and dean of the School of Art in 2006 and was named the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Dean in 2014.

Stelios Vasilakis - Director of Programs & Strategic Initiatives at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation

Stelios Vasilakis is Director of Programs & Strategic Initiatives at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. He holds a Ph.D. in Classics and Modern Greek Studies from New York University. He has taught various undergraduate and graduate courses in classical literature, Byzantine culture and civilization, Modern Greek literature and Modern Greek language. In 1993, he received an Outstanding Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching from New York University, College of Arts and Science. From 2000 to 2009, he was the CEO of greekworks.com, a start-up multimedia cultural, educational and informational company in New York, and the premier publisher of Greek and Greek-related books in the United States.

Christina Velentza - Academy Stavros Niarchos Foundation Fellow at the Europe Programme & International Law Programme

Christina Velentza became an Academy Stavros Niarchos Foundation Fellow with the International Law Programme and Europe Programme in September 2015. She is an attorney at law and legal adviser with the Athens Bar Association, Greece. She has worked for the Greek Asylum Service (Ministry of Interior) in partnership with UNHCR on refugee status determination procedure and assessment of claims for international protection. She has previously worked for the EEAS, Legal Service in the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU and NGOs in the field of human rights.

Her research interests are international and European law, refugee law, internal displacement and international cooperation and she is currently researching the cooperation between Greece and Turkey through the Syrian refugee crisis in the Mediterranean. Christina is a Ph.D. candidate in international refugee law, holds her M.A. in European Studies (Law) from the University of Strasbourg and her B.A. in Law from the Demokriteion University of Komotini, Greece.

Ilana Weiss - Director of Public Health and Policy at La Isla Foundation

Ilana Weiss learned of the epidemic of Chronic Kidney Disease of undetermined cause (CKDu) in 2008 as a first year Masters student at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health on a research trip to Nicaragua. The experience had such an impact on her that when she returned to New York she added another Masters degree to her course of study from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. After graduation she became the Director of Public Health and Policy at La Isla Foundation.

Ilana has been working in Latin America for over a decade. She has led some of the most important and insightful studies investigating the working conditions experienced by sugarcane workers in Central America. For the past two years Ilana has been the Director of the acclaimed Worker Health and Efficiency (WE) Program, the first evaluation of whether improving work practices can prevent the onset of CKDu. She has co-authored several scientific papers in leading medical journals and has collaborated extensively with an international network of stakeholders.

James Wright - Director of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens

Professor Wright is Professor and William R. Kenan Jr. Chair in the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology at Bryn Mawr College and a distinguished scholar specializing in the pre- and protohistory of the Aegean region and Greek architecture and urbanism.

Professor Wright is a fluent speaker of Greek, and has conducted archaeological research in Greece since 1973, at the American School's excavations at Ancient Corinth, the Sanctuary of Zeus at Nemea, Kommos on Crete, and since 1981 has been involved in several projects in the Nemea region. He is currently the Director of the Nemea Valley Archaeological Project. His association with the American School began in 1972-1973 as a Regular Member, and he also served as the Secretary of the School from 1975 to 1977.

Professor Wright holds a B.A. (1968) from Haverford College and an M.A. (1972) and Ph.D. (1978) from Bryn Mawr College.

Myrto Xanthopolou - Coordinator, Social Welfare at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation

Myrto Xanthopoulou is Coordinator of the Social Welfare team at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. Her professional experience, prior to joining the Foundation in 2007, includes work in the areas of strategic financial consulting in London, UK, as well as the business development of a pharmaceutical company, and communications and PR in Athens, Greece. She holds a B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford and an M.Sc. in Management from the London School of Economics. She is also an active volunteer and member of the Board at the organization for the protection of stray animals, Stray.gr.

Konstantinos L. Zachos - Curator Emeritus of Antiquities

Konstantinos Zachos is an archaeologist interested in various aspects of Aegean Prehistory and Roman archaeology, as well as the archaeology of Epirus. He holds a B.A. from the University of Thessaloniki, and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Boston University. During his graduate studies in the United States, he attended seminars at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Harvard University, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. After his graduate studies, he entered the Greek Archaeological Service, worked in several Ephorates of Antiquities and was promoted to Ephor/Director. He conducted post-graduate research as a Privat Dozent at the Institut für Ur und Frühgeschichte of the University of Heidelberg.

He has excavated widely in Epirus, the Peloponnesos, the Cyclades, and in Albania. He was director of the systematic excavations at the Zas Cave in Naxos, which contributed significantly to the prehistory of the Cyclades. He served as President of the Scientific Committee for the Promotion and Enhancement of the archaeological site of Dodona and he heads the Scientific Committee for the Promotion and Enhancement of the archaeological site of Nicopolis. He also supervised various projects of conservation at other archaeological sites in Epirus, Greece. He established new museums on the island of Leukas, in Nicopolis, and in Arta (ancient Ambracia), and he supervised the renovation of the Archaeological Museum of Ioannina. He was also responsible for several temporary exhibitions at the Archaeological Museum of Ioannina. He organized and participated as a member of several scientific committees for local and international conferences related to archaeology, and edited several of the proceedings together with other scholars.

He has given lectures widely at various institutions in Greece and abroad, including the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the British Museum, and the Louvre.

He taught at the University of Ioannina, and in 2002 he was elected Associate Professor at the University of Athens, an appointment he did not accept, preferring to devote his time to Nicopolis and its research, protection and enhancement. The transformation of the extensive archaeological site of Nicopolis into an exemplary Archaeological Park constitutes one of the main achievements of his career. For his contribution to the Conservation and Enhancement of Nicopolis, he was awarded the Europa Nostra Prize for 2009/European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage. In 2010, the Academy of Athens awarded him a Prize for his work of protection, conservation, enhancement and research of the Monuments of Nicopolis, especially the Victory Monument of Actium.

He is a Member of the Athens Archaeological Society and Corresponding Member of the Archaeological Institute of America.

His publications refer to the Aegean Prehistory and the archaeology of Epirus with special emphasis on Nicopolis.

Theoklis Zaoutis - Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Theoklis Zaoutis, M.D., M.S.C.E., Ph.D. is the Thomas Frederick McNair Scott Endowed Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Epidemiology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania (PENN) and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). He is also Senior Scholar in the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at PENN. He is the author of over 190 peer-reviewed publications, most of which are in pediatric infectious diseases with a focus on healthcare acquired infections, antimicrobial resistance, and antimicrobial use. Dr. Zaoutis is the director of the Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology degree program at PENN and also serves as the Director for the Center for Pediatric Clinical Effectiveness (CPCE) at the CHOP Research Institute. The mission of the CPCE is to discover, disseminate, and implement knowledge about best practices in pediatrics. He also serves on multiple advisory committees in the United States and Europe including for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the American Academy of Pediatrics, the European Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases and most recently was nominated to serve on Presidential Advisory Committee for Comabting Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria. Finally, he serves as the Editor in Chief of the Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society.

In 2011, Dr. Zaoutis founded the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Outcomes of Pediatric Diseases - "Stavros Niarchos Foundation" (CLEO). The Center aims to improve patient safety and quality of health services in Greek hospitals, with emphasis on infection prevention and appropriate use of antibiotics in hospitals and was founded in collaboration with the First and Second Pediatric Departments of the University of the Athens School of Medicine. To date, CLEO has been involved in multiple successful healthcare improvement initiatives in Greece. Dr. Zaoutis volunteers his time to lead the CLEO team in their efforts.

Amel Zen - Composer, Songwriter and Singer

Amel Zen is a composer, songwriter and singer. She started playing music at the age of 10 when she joined the Kaissaria of Cherchell (Association of Classic, Arab and Andalousian Music). In 2002, at the age of 17, Amel joined the Regional Orchestra of Algiers and then the National Orchestra of Algeria. In 2007, Amel participated in the 1st Edition of "Alhane Wa Chabab" (the Algerian Version of the X Factor), were she performed every week in front of millions of spectators. Her 1st album was released in 2013 to great commercial success, holding the top spot on the radio for more than 17 weeks.



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