

AGENDA

Albania and Greece relations – What do citizens think

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Bios of the panelists

Mr. Andi Dobrushi is Executive Director of Open Society Foundation for Albania and Regional Coordinator for Open Society Foundation in Western Balkans. Mr. Dobrush is well known and highly respected figure in Albania and the region, including among the civil society and the diplomatic circles. Besides managing and leading the philanthropy activity, Mr. Dobrush has a rich national and international experience also as attorney. He has worked in European Roma Rights Centre in Budapest, European Court of Human Rights and Minority Rights, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Norwegian Center for Human Rights, OSCE, and so on.

Professor George Pagoulatos, General Director, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP). Mr. Pagoulatos has been a member of the ELIAMEP Board of Directors since 2013, Vice-President in 2019, before being appointed Director General of ELIAMEP in November 2019. He is a Professor of European Politics and Economy at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. He was Senior Advisor and Director of Strategy at the PM Office under Prime Ministers Lucas Papademos and P. Pikrammenos in 2011-12. Mr. Pagoulatos is a member of the Governing Board of the European Policy Centre (EPC) in Brussels since 2015. He served as member of the High Council of the European University Institute in Florence (2010-13), and President of ECSA-Greece (2013-14). He is a regular columnist in the Sunday edition of the main centrist newspaper *Kathimerini* since 2007. Mr. Pagoulatos holds degrees from the University of Athens (LLB) and the University of Oxford (MSc and DPhil), where he was a Rhodes scholar. His research and publications focus on the EMU and the EU, Southern European and Greek political economy, economic governance, political economy of banking and finance, political economy of reform. He has extensive experience in providing advice and analysis on the Greek and the Eurozone political economy.

Mr. Maklen Misha is Advisor to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, covering political issues and economic diplomacy, with a wide expertise both in the public and private sectors.

Mr. Alexandros Bouzis is currently serving as Head of the Public Diplomacy Office of the Embassy of Greece in Tirana. Has served as Head of the Press Office of the Ministry for Migration in Athens. Has served as a Public Diplomacy Officer at the Embassies of Greece in Nicosia and Paris. Has served as member of the Department monitoring the Cyprus Issue in Athens. Mr. Bouzis obtained a bachelor's degree in Communication and Mass Media from the University of Athens; Master's Degree in European and

International Affairs from the University of Athens; and is a Graduate of the National School of Public Administration of Greece.

Ms. Alketa Berzani has 15 years of research experience, currently holding the position of Senior Research Consultant at Savanta UK. Till Feb'21 she was the Managing Director of Data Centrum and the project leader for implementing this study in Albania.

Mr. Ioannis Armakolas is Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics of Southeast Europe at the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki) and 'Stavros Costopoulos' Senior Research Fellow and Head of the South-East European Programme at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP). He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the scientific journal 'Southeast European and Black Sea Studies'; the 'Political Trends & Dynamics in Southeast Europe', the magazine of the regional office of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES, Sarajevo). His previous affiliations include: Economic & Social Research Council Fellow at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford; Director of the South-East Europe Programme at the Hellenic Centre for European Studies (EKEM, think tank of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs); Director of Research at the US-Greece Task Force: Transforming the Balkans (Joint Research Programme of EKEM and the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC); Region Head for South-East Europe at the strategic consulting company 'Oxford Analytica', UK; Tip O'Neill Fellow in Peace and Conflict Studies at the Initiative on Conflict Resolution & Ethnicity (joint program of Ulster University & United Nations University) in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Blendi Kajsiu is Assistant Professor at the University of Antioquia, Colombia. He received an MA degree in International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, USA as well as an MA and a PhD degree in Ideology and Discourse Analysis from the University of Essex, UK. He has published two books "A Discourse Analysis of Corruption" (London and New York: Routledge 2016) and *Corrupcion Publica o Privada* (Bogota: Tirant lo Blanch 2020). His research on Albanian and Colombian politics has appeared in journals such as *East European Politics and Societies*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, *Canadian Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Analisis Politico* and *Colombia Internacional*.

Mr. Kajsiu is going to talk about the results of the study focusing on the Greek media coverage in the Albanian media.

Mr. Angelos Athanasopoulos is Editor in Chief, Politics, Newspaper "To Vima". He writes on diplomatic affairs, defense issues, EU affairs and geopolitics of energy. He is Senior Diplomatic, Defense and EU affairs Editor writing on: EU affairs, Middle East, Balkans, Turkey, Cyprus, energy, defense. He has worked as analyst at 'International and European Politics', quarterly journal writing articles and essays on international politics. He has been researcher at European Parliament. He has Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts and Degree on Communication and Mass Media from the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.