



**UNIVERSITY OF PIRAEUS**  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL  
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International Conference  
**Women and Diplomacy**  
**23-24 May 2024**

Under the patronage of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic  
**Ms. Katerina Sakellariopoulou**

Venue: Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation,  
2nd Merarchias Avenue and Moutsopoulou Coast, 18535 Piraeus

**Program**

**12.00-13.00 Welcome addresses/Greetings:**

**Michael Sfakianakis**, Professor, Rector of the University of Piraeus

**Giannis Moralis**, Mayor of Piraeus

**Konstantina Botsiou**, Professor, Dean of the School of Business, Economics and International Studies, University of Piraeus

**May Zanni**, President and Co-founder of Women Act

**Maria Olson**, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy, Athens

**Aristotle Tziampiris**, Professor, Chair of the Department of International and European Studies, Director MSc in “American Studies”, University of Piraeus



**13.00-13.30 Keynote Speech**

*Women in international relations: examining the role of women in shaping and influencing international relations and diplomacy.*

**H.E. Ambassador Teresa – Paraskevi Angelatou**, Secretary General,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

**13.30-15.00 Panel Discussion “Women and Leadership”**

Moderator: **Aristotle Tziampiris**, Professor, Chair of the Department  
of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus

Discussants:

**Sofia Zacharaki**, Minister of Social Cohesion and Family, Greece

**Konstantinos Kyranakis**, Deputy Minister of Digital Governance, Greece

**H.E. Julie LyMBEROPULOS**, Ambassador and General Consul of Panama to  
Greece

**Kristin Roberts**, Counselor of Public Affairs, US Embassy, Athens

**Dr Peggy Pelonis**, President, ACS Athens (American Community Schools)

**15.00-16.00 Session 1**

Moderator: **Foteini Asderaki**, Professor, Vice Chair of the department  
of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus, Chair of  
the Doctoral School of the ESDC



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*For a feminist diplomacy*

**H.E. Laurence Auer**, Ambassador of France to Greece

*Gender Mainstreaming in Foreign Policies: The need of Women in Diplomacy – The Cyprus Case*

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

*Who is the diplomat? Making feminist sense of diplomacy*

**Chara Karagianopoulou**, Professor, Panteion University

*The “mothers” of the European integration*

**Foteini Asderaki**, Professor, University of Piraeus

## **16.00-17.00 Session 2**

Moderator: **Irene Cheila**, Professor, Department of International & European Studies, University of Piraeus

*Women’s empowerment & Peace building-Lessons from South Africa*

**H.E. Lindiwe Gail Msengana-Ndlela**, Ambassador of South Africa to Greece

*Women in International Relations*

**H.E. Gerda Volga**, Ambassador of Austria to Greece

*The story and advantages of women in diplomacy*

**Alexander Gennimatas**, Consul General of Greece in Geneva

*Women leaders in diplomacy - with a special focus in South -East Asia countries*

**Katerina Tsapikidou**, Director of International Relations Service  
Thessaloniki, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

## **17.00-18.00 Reception**



## Day 2

### 10.00-11.00 Session 1

Moderator: **Petros Liacouras**, Professor, Director MSc in “International and European Studies”, Department of International & European Studies, University of Piraeus

#### *Women in the International Legal Landscape*

**Maria Telalian**, Legal Adviser to the Prime Minister on public international law matters, f. Head of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece

#### *How Norway has supported women’s participation in peace efforts, effects and lessons learned*

**H.E. Lajla Brandt-Jakhelln**, Ambassador of Norway to Greece

#### *Women in International Relations: Examining the role of women in shaping and influencing international relations and diplomacy*

**H.E. Ana Vukadinovic**, Ambassador of Montenegro in Greece

### 11.00-12.00 Session 2

Moderator: **Christina Koulouri**, Professor, Rector of Panteion University

#### *Women and Diplomacy: the EU role*

**H.E. Iseult Fitzgerald**, Ambassador of Ireland in Greece

#### *The benefits of gender equality to the society*

**H.E. Lina Skerstonaitė**, Ambassador of Lithuania in Greece

#### *Visibility*

**Koula Sophianou**, Chief of State Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus



**12.00-12.30 Break**

**12.30-13.30 Panel discussion: Public Diplomacy**

Moderator: **Aikaterini Tsamouri**, Journalist, Diplomatic Correspondent, Anchor woman, Star Channel

**Aikaterini Koika**, Director General for Public diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

**Nancy Snow**, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Communications, California State University, Fullerton, USA, Fulbright Professor of Public Diplomacy at Panteion and a Visiting Scholar at IDIS

**Maria Gavouneli**, Professor of International Law, Director General of ELIAMEP

**13.30-14.30 Session 3**

Moderator: **Maria Mendrinou**, Professor, Director MSc in “Energy: Strategy, Law and Economics”, Department of International & European Studies, University of Piraeus, Greece

*Why women in Diplomacy*

**Dr Catherine Boura**, Ambassador ad h.

*Prominent Female Figures as Cultural Diplomats*

**Dr Irene Mamakou**, Senior Teaching Fellow, University of Piraeus, Greece

*Female Journalism and Diplomacy*

**Alexia Tasouli**, International diplomatic correspondent, accredited in the Hellenic Presidency, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Ministry of Defense, Greece

**End of Conference Day 2**