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Colloque International

Relations entre la Grèce et l'Afrique : aspects politiques, stratégiques et économiques dans un monde en mutation »

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM PROGRAMME DU COLLOQUE



March 12, 2025 / 12 mars 2025
2:00 PM/14h00 – Opening Ceremony/Cérémonie d’ouverture
Laskaridis Foundation (2nd Merarchias 36 & Aktis Moutsopoulou 185 35 Piraeus)

1:30 PM/13h30 **Arrival / Accueil**

2:00 PM/14h00 **Welcome Addresses/Allocutions**

Michael Sfakianakis, Professor, Rector of the University of Piraeus

Dimitris Skalkos, Secretary General for International Economic Relations and Extroversion, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (online)

Vassilis Takas, President of the Hellenic-African Chamber of Commerce

Aristotle Tziampiris, Professor, Chair of the department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus

3:00 PM/15h00 **Session A: Greek-African Relations: Insides from Diplomats I.**

Moderator/Modérateur: Aristotle Tziampiris, Professor, University of Piraeus

3:00 PM/15h00 **H.E. Efthymios Costopoulos**, Deputy Permanent Representative to the EU, Brussels

3:15 PM/15h15 **H.E. Omar Amer Youssef**, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt

3:30 PM/15h30 **H.E. Mohamed Sbihi**, Ambassador of Morocco (in French)

3:45 PM/15h45 **H.E. Souad Trabelsi**, Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia

4:00 PM/16h00 **H.E. Ayo Luther-Ogbomode**, Ambassador of the Republic of Nigeria

4:15 PM/16h15 **Session B: Greek-African Relations: Insides from Diplomats II.**

Moderator/Modérateur: Aristotle Tziampiris, Professor, University of Piraeus

4:15 PM/16h15 **Efthymios Aravantinos-Koutsouvis**, General Counselor for Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

4:30 PM/16h30 **Vicky Pantazopoulou**, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kenya in Greece

4:45 PM/16h45 **Georgios Pratikakis**, Honorary Consul of Senegal in Greece

5:00 PM/17h00 **Georgios Bikas**, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia in Greece

5:15 AM/17h15 Africa in a “troubled” world. Geopolitical challenges and opportunities I.

Moderator/Modératrice: Eirini Cheila, Professor, University of Piraeus

Keynote speaker/Conférence

Asteris Huliaras, Professor, University of the Peloponnese

From Athens to Cape Town: Can Greece Shape the Future of Sub-Saharan Africa?

D’Athènes au Cap : la Grèce peut-elle façonner l’avenir de l’Afrique subsaharienne ?

5:30 PM/17h30 **Vangelis Kamaris**, Member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic-African Chamber of Commerce (Metlen Energy & Metals).

The Role of China and Russia in Africa

Le rôle de la Chine et de la Russie en Afrique

5:45 PM/17h45 **Spyridon Litsas**, Professor, University of Macedonia.

The Turkish Presence in Africa (online)

La présence turque en Afrique (en ligne)

6:00 PM/18h00 **Nikolaos Raptopoulos**, Associate Professor, University of Piraeus.

The Political and Military Strategies of Turkey and Russia in Africa: A Comparative Study of Influence-Seeking by Revisionist Powers

Les stratégies politiques et militaires de la Turquie et de la Russie en Afrique : une étude comparative de la recherche d'influence par les puissances révisionnistes.

6:30 PM/18h30

Buffet



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Working Sessions/Travaux du colloque

University of Piraeus (Conference Room) / Université du Pirée (Salle de conférences)
Karaoli & Dimitriou 80, Piraeus, 185 34

10:00 AM/10h00 Africa in a “troubled” world. Geopolitical challenges and opportunities II.

Moderator/Modérateur: Georgios Galanos, Associate Professor, University of Piraeus.

10:00 AM/10h00 Konstantinos Magliveras, Professor, University of the Aegean.
The Effort for Continental and Regional Economic Cooperation in Africa: Current Challenges.

L’effort de coopération économique continentale et régionale en Afrique : les défis actuels.

10:15 AM/10h15 Sotirios Roussos, Professor, University of the Peloponnese.
Revolutions and “Restoration” in North Africa: The Cases of Tunisia and Algeria.

Révolutions et « restaurations » en Afrique du Nord : le cas de la Tunisie et de l’Algérie.

10:30 AM/10h30 Bayram Balci, chercheur au CNRS, CERI, Sciences Po Paris.
Quelle place de l’islam dans la politique turque en Afrique ?

What role for Islam play in Turkish policy in Africa?

10.45 AM/10h45 Kostas Zarras, Assistant Professor, University of Macedonia.
The Strategic Penetration of Gulf Arab Monarchies in the African Continent

La pénétration stratégique des monarchies arabes du Golfe sur le continent africain

11:00 AM/11h00

Coffee/pause-café



11:15 AM/11h15 Greece – Africa: Political, Economic, and Contemporary aspects.

Moderator/Modérateur: Spyridon Roukanas, Professor, University of Piraeus

Keynote speaker/Conférence

Andreas Diamanteas, Member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic-African Chamber of Commerce (IT Fintech).

Experiences and Challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa

Expériences et défis en Afrique subsaharienne

11:30 AM/11h30 Konstantinos Floros, Honorary Chief of the Hellenic National Defense General Staff

Greece and Africa: Aspects of Military Diplomacy.

La Grèce et l’Afrique : Aspects de la diplomatie militaire.

- 11:45 AM/11h45** **Aikaterina Oikonomou**, Associate Professor, University of Piraeus.
Challenges of the African Continent for Greek Enterprises.
Les défis du continent africain pour les entreprises grecques
- 12.00 PM/12h00** **Eleftheria Ftaklaki**, Advisor for Strategic Foresight at Presidency for Greek Government.
Greece as a Strategic Partner for Strengthening Euro-African Relations in the 21st Century
La Grèce, partenaire stratégique pour le renforcement des relations euro-africaines au XXIe siècle
- 12:15 PM/12h15** **Christos Nikou**, Membre titulaire du personnel enseignant spécialisé, Université du Pirée/Enseignant contractuel à l'UOH.
La visite officielle de L. S. Senghor en Grèce et les relations diplomatiques gréco-sénégalaises (Caramanlis, Tsatsos)
L. S. Senghor's official visit to Greece and Greek-Senegalese diplomatic relations (Caramanlis, Tsatsos)

12:30 PM/12h30

Coffee/pause-café



1:00 PM/13h00 **Greece and Africa in International Organizations I.**

Moderator/Modératrice: Foteini Asderaki, Professor, University of Piraeus

Keynote speaker/Conférence

Georgios Koumoutsakos, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Greece to UNESCO (tbc).

The Role of UNESCO and Greece-Africa Relations

Le rôle de l'UNESCO et les relations entre la Grèce et l'Afrique

- 1:15 PM/13h15** **Henri Monceau**, Permanent Representative of the OIF to the United Nations in Geneva
Aspects of Francophonie in Africa: The Role of France and Greece.
Aspects de la Francophonie en Afrique : le rôle de la France et de la Grèce
- 1:30 PM/13h30** **Sotiris Mousouris**, Founder and President of the Hellenic-African Chamber 1999-2024.
Wins and Losses: West Africa and South Africa. My Experiences.
Victoires et défaites : Afrique de l'Ouest et Afrique du Sud. Mes expériences.
- 1:45 PM/13h45** **Fotini Bellou**, Associate Professor, University of Macedonia.
The Role of Greece in EU CSDP Missions in Africa.
Le rôle de la Grèce dans les missions PSDC de l'UE en Afrique.



2:30 PM/14h30 Greece and Africa in International Organizations II.

Moderator/Modératrice: Nikolaos Raptopoulos, Associate Professor, University of Piraeus.

2:30 PM/14h30 Aigli Zafeirakou, Senior Education Technical Advisor-Consultant, World Bank.

Human Capital and Education in Africa and Their Impact on Development: Challenges, Successes, and Opportunities for EU-Greece-Africa Partnerships. (online)

Le capital humain et l'éducation en Afrique et leur impact sur le développement : défis, réussites et opportunités pour les partenariats UE-Grèce-Afrique. (en ligne)

2:45 PM/14h45 Georgios Galanos, Associate Professor, University of Piraeus.

Economic Cooperation between Africa and Europe

Coopération économique entre l'Afrique et l'Europe

3:00 PM/15h00 Charalampos Goussios, Professor, University of Piraeus.

La participation de la Grèce à l'OIF et son rôle en Afrique

Greece's Participation in the IOF and Its Role in Africa.

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

3:00 PM/15h00

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