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The Migration Crisis in Europe: Perspectives and Strategies of the EU and Southern European States Special Seminar and Video Conference

Video Conference Discussion featuring

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Foreign Policy Analysis at the University of the Aegean

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About the Topic

This summer, the migration crisis in Europe hit a crescendo. The image of a drowned Syrian boy on the beach in Turkey shocked the international community. Many have attempted similar dangerous and sometimes fatal journeys. It is estimated that 2,500 refugees, many fleeing violence in Syria, have died this summer while trying to reach Europe. Those who are successful face additional challenges, highlighted early in September by the initial refusal of Hungarian officials to allow migrants to cross the border with Austria to reach to their destination in Germany. Why has migration exploded in the Mediterranean? How are the European Union and individual member states responding to this crisis?

During this special seminar and video conference, students will hear from Professor Panayotis J. Tsakonas, who will discuss how the EU and Southern European states are addressing the migrant crisis. Following his remarks, students will have the opportunity to ask questions during a moderated discussion.

Panayotis J. Tsakonas is a Professor of International Relations, Security Studies and Foreign Policy Analysis at the Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean in Rhodes, Greece. He studied political science, international relations, and security studies at the Panteion University of Athens and Reading University, Great Britain. He has been a Research Fellow at the Institute of International Relations (Athens, Greece), NATO Research Fellow, post-doctoral Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale University, and Academic Visitor at St Antony's College, Center for European Studies, University of Oxford. He has worked as Chief International Affairs Analyst for the weekly New Europe, as Advisor on defense and strategic issues at the Hellenic Ministry of National Defense, and as Special Advisor at the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs on security issues and on Greek-Turkish relations. Professor Tsakonas has published multiple books, monographs, and articles on topics in international relations, regional security, and foreign policy analysis.

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