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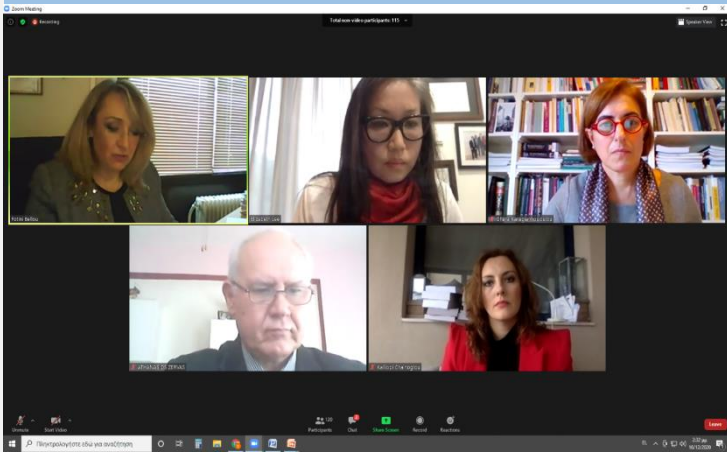
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Second Guest Lecture Event of the EU Security Watch Spot, 16 December 2020

"Women in Diplomacy"

The EU Security Watch Spot of the Jean Monnet Project "Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity", Department of International and European Studies - University of Macedonia, successfully organized its second online Guest Lecture Event entitled "Women in Diplomacy", on 16th of December 2020. The Event was conducted in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair "Women, Peace and Security: Building Opportunities and Resilience through Education and Research" of the University of Macedonia.



The Welcome Greeting was delivered by the Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts of the University of Macedonia, Professor Athanasios Zervas, Department of Music Science and Art, who not only stressed the importance of women in diplomacy but also emphasized on the attendance at the conference of distinguished guests who promote female representation.

The Keynote Speaker, Ms. Elizabeth K. Lee, U.S. Consul General in Thessaloniki,

elaborated on the role that women have portrayed in U.S. diplomacy over the years. The subject was thoroughly discussed by academics from the Departments of International, European and Area Studies of the Panteion University and International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia, at the roundtable discussion that followed. More specifically, Assistant Professor Chara Karagiannopoulou focused on the role of women as diplomatic partners, followed by Assistant Professor Kalliopi Chainoglou who presented the lack of extensive female representation in international organizations and law-making bodies. The concluding remarks were addressed by Assistant Professor Fotini Bellou, Head of the EU Security Watch Spot and Director of the UNESCO Chair, who highlighted the need of female mediators' representation in all stages of peacemaking procedures.

The successful event was attended by more than 130 university students, military personnel and subject matter experts who also had the opportunity to take part in the discussion that followed, in which subjects such as the importance of the continued efforts for more inclusivity to the foreign policy bodies and a more extensive female representation in all spheres of policymaking were highlighted; the significance of the promotion of the Women, Peace and Security Policy Agenda, in light of the 20th anniversary of the fundamental U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325 was equally emphasized during the aforementioned discussion with the audience.

Third Guest Lecture Event of the EU Security Watch Spot, 21 January 2021

"Aspects of Hybrid Security Threats Within the EU and its Wider Vicinity"

The EU Security Watch Spot, unit of the Jean Monnet Project "Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity", Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, organized its third online Guest Lecture Event entitled "Aspects of Hybrid Security Threats Within the EU and its Wider Vicinity" on the 21st of January 2021.

The Welcome Speech was delivered by Professor Ilias Kouskouvelis, Head of the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia, who stressed the importance of examining and discussing the different aspects of security and highlighted the need to critically evaluate ideas and concepts in order to enhance academic debate and clarity.



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left is a slide with the following content:

KING'S
College
LONDON

The Hybrid Nature of Threats in the European context

Adversaries' Grand Strategies in the context of Europe's Grand-Strategic Disorder

Adversaries' use of all available means – social, economic, political, informational, military, etc. – in a holistic and coordinated manner to position themselves within the international system by purposefully targeting the weaknesses created by Europe's Grand-Strategic Disorder.

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On the right side of the Zoom window, there are five video thumbnails of participants. The top thumbnail shows a man speaking, while the others are muted.

Dr. Ofer Fridman, Guest Speaker of the event, Lecturer in War Studies at King's College, London, UK, elaborated on the nature of hybrid threats in the European context while his critical perspective sparked considerable and much-needed debate among the online attendees. Academics and subject matter experts had the opportunity to analyze various aspects of security challenges facing the E.U. More specifically, Dr. Konstantinos Lambropoulos, Associate Fellow in

the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, focused on the regional perspective of hybrid threats in East Mediterranean, followed by Professor Dimitrios Triantaphyllou from Kadir Has University in Istanbul, who made an in depth analysis on the security considerations in the wider E.U. region, while Mr. Michalis Mathioulakis, Academic Director at the Greek Energy Forum and Ph.D. Candidate at the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia, addressed the energy sector as an area of security considerations for regional powers in East Mediterranean. The discussion was moderated by the Head of the EU Security Watch Spot, Assistant Professor Fotini Bellou.

The Guest Lecture Event was attended by more than 240 participants consisting of university students, military personnel, and subject matter experts from Greece and abroad. The active discussion that followed in the Q&A session revolved around the conviction, shared by speakers and participants, about the need for continued research not only on the character of events that challenge E.U. security, but also on the wider strategic context in which these events take place. Moreover, the importance of enhancing the response capabilities of E.U. Member States was stressed in the discussion. Speakers and participants shared the view that the multifaceted character of threats currently facing the E.U. requires well-coordinated responses as well as a unified purpose to address those threats effectively. Yet, it was acknowledged that such conditions are still pending from the E.U., which still struggles to defend its own strategic identity.

Stay tuned for

E- International Conference

*Social rights, “Social exclusion, vulnerable groups and the new
EU Social Rights Pillar”*

5-6 March, 2021

Sessions

- **Session 1: The EU Social Rights Pillar (05/03/2021, 17:00- 18:15)**
- **Session 2: Poverty and Social Exclusion in the EU (05/03/2021, 18:30- 20:30)**
- **Session 3: Empowering vulnerable groups: Roma and persons with disabilities (06/03/2021, 16:00-17:20)**
- **Session 4: Equality and positive discrimination (06/03/2021, 17:30-19:00)**
- **Session 5: The role of the Courts in interpreting social rights (06/03/2021, 19:15-20:30)**