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SPEAKERS' BIOS



Matthew LODGE
Ambassador of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland

Matthew Lodge has a BA (Hons) in Modern Languages (French and Russian) from the University of Birmingham. Matthew was an officer in the Royal Marines from 1986–1996. He joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1996.

Matthew's first posting was to the British Embassy in Athens. His early diplomatic career also included work on the Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean, service in Georgia and Armenia, and postings to Paris and the UK Permanent Representation to the EU.

He later served as Private Secretary to the Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service, Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy Baghdad, Head of the FCO's Afghanistan Group, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Finland, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Minister at the British Embassy Paris, serving concurrently as Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO. He was appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic in August 2021. Matthew is married to Alexia and they have twin boys.



Apostolis DIMITROPOULOS
Greek Ministry of Education and
Religious Affairs

Apostolis Dimitropoulos studied social sciences at the University of Crete (BA) and education policy at the London School of Economics (PhD).

Besides his teaching and research experience, he has worked for the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs as an advisor, as well as for the European Commission, UNESCO and the Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research (IOBE) as an expert on education policies. Since July 2019, he has been Secretary General for Higher Education at the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs



Anastasia ANDRITSOU
British Council Greece

Anastasia Andritsou is Director British Council Greece, contributing to the education policy agenda in Greece and at international level, developing an innovative and forward-thinking skills agenda for youth and underprivileged communities, and strengthening bilateral collaborations between the UK and Greece. She has private sector experience in wireless networks, smart automation technologies and in forming large international partnerships in research and innovation. She joined the British Council in 2004 as Science Manager and implemented a major science communication programme for general audiences and schools. In 2007 she was appointed Head of Partnerships and Programmes, with responsibility for designing and implementing innovative science, arts and education projects through strategic co-operation with partners in Greece and globally. She studied Electrical Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens, holds a master's degree from the Polytechnic School of Toulouse in France and an Executive MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business.



Meletios DIMOPOULOS
National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens

Meletios A. Dimopoulos, MD is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Clinical Therapeutics at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens School of Medicine, Athens, Greece. He has been elected Vice Dean of the Medical School for the academic years 2007-2011 and Dean for the academic years 2011-2015. In February 2015 he was elected Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens for a 4-year term. He obtained his medical degree from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in 1985, completed a residency in internal medicine at the Royal Victoria Hospital, McGill University, Montreal, Canada and a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, USA.

He is a member of numerous scientific societies and has authored more than 1200 publications (October 2021) in peer-reviewed journals, as well as numerous abstracts and several textbook chapters primarily focusing on plasma cell dyscrasias and genitourinary and gynecologic cancers. He has more than 79000 citations and his h-index is 125 (Scopus) and more than 68000 citations and an h-index 115 (ISI). He has also more than 100000 citations and an h-index: 141 (Google Scholar).

He is a journal reviewer for several journals including New England Journal of Medicine, Blood, Journal of Clinical Oncology, Haematologica, Leukemia, Cancer, European Journal of Haematology, Leukemia and Lymphoma etc. Dr. Dimopoulos was Associate Editor of the European Journal of Internal Medicine (2001-2007), is an Associate Editor of Current Hematologic Malignancy Reports and is an Editorial Board Member of the Journal of Clinical Oncology (2005-2008), of Haematologica, of Leukemia and Lymphoma, of Clinical Lymphoma, Myeloma and Leukemia (2018), of Expert Review of Hematology and of Blood Advances. Dr. Dimopoulos was an elected member of the Board of the International Myeloma Society (2013-2017). He serves on the Scientific Advisory Boards of the International Myeloma Foundation, of the International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation and he is a member of the Board of the European Myeloma Network. Dr Dimopoulos organized the XIth International Myeloma Workshop and the IVrth International Workshop on Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia (Kos Island, Greece June 2007). In March 2013 Dr. Dimopoulos was elected as a member of the Board of the International Myeloma Society. Currently he is the chairman of the Greek Myeloma Study Group and of the Balkan Myeloma Study Group.

He is a recipient of the Robert A. Kyle Award for outstanding contributions to Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia (May 2003), a recipient of Waldenstrom's award for Myeloma Research of the International Myeloma Society (March 2017), recipient of the CoMy Excellence Award (May 2017) and of the Robert Kyle Life Achievement Award (June 2019). In August 2017 he was given the title "Officier dans l' Ordre des Palmes academiques" (Republique Francaise, Ministere de l' Education Nationale). In May 2018 he was elected as membre associe etranger of the National Academy of Medecine of France. In January 2020 he received the MD Anderson Distinguished Alumnus Award. In February 2020 he was awarded by the President of the Hellenic Republic with the medal of the Grand Commander of the Order of the Phoenix. He served as a Minister of Health in the transitional government of the Prime Minister Vassiliki Thanou (July and August 2015). Currently he is the Chairman of the Board of the Foundation of "Julia and Alexander N. Diomedes Botanic Garden" and he is a member of the Board of the National Greek Committee for UNESCO.



Caroline BAYLON
University of Bristol

Caroline Baylon is the Director International at the University of Bristol and, as such, has an overall responsibility for the leadership and management of the International Office, as well as strategic and operational responsibility for the definition and delivery of the University of Bristol's international priorities.

Caroline joined the University of Bristol in January 2017. Prior to working at the University, she was the Director of International Partnerships and Head of the International Relations Office at the University of Bath.

Caroline has also held a number of other senior positions including as Head of International Development at the University of the Arts London (UAL) and Head of International Strategy at the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Earlier in her career, Caroline worked at the University of Bristol within the Research and Enterprise division as Project Manager. She also worked for the Ministry of Defence as Financial Analyst.

Caroline holds a BA in Public Policy and Management from the Institut d'Études Politiques ('Science Po' - Grenoble, France) and gained an MA in European Studies (Euromasters) from the University of Bath in 2004. She has also completed a Doctorate in Business Administration (Higher education Management) at the University of Bath in 2021.



Triantafyllos ALBANIS
University of Ioannina

Dr Triantafyllos ALBANIS (ALMPANIS) is Professor at the Department of Chemistry, University of Ioannina (Greece) in Technologies of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry. He is the Rector of the University of Ioannina (2018-2022), Head of Epirus Regional Council for Research and Innovation and Director of the Post-graduate programme on "Environment and Agrifood".

His studies and background include a) Diploma in Chemistry from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1979), b) Diploma from the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (Energy exploitation of agricultural wastes) at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (Spain, 1983), c) Ph.D. in Chemistry, (April 1987) from the Department of Chemistry, University of Ioannina. He was a) post-doc at the Department of Biochemistry, in the State University of Texas at San Antonio, USA. (1989) and at the Department of Earth and Physical Sciences, in the State University of Texas at San Antonio, USA and c) associated researcher (fellowship in Environmental Toxicology (1990) on "Biomonitoring methods in environment" -awarded by European Science Foundation (ESF), at the University of Kuopio, Finland (1995).

His scientific and research focus is on: a) Fate and behavior of pesticides and related emerging pollutants in environment, b) Development of analytical methods and monitoring of organic micropollutants as pesticides, pharmaceuticals and their metabolites in environment and food products, c) Safety and Risk assessment from emerging pollutants in environment, d) Photolytic and Photocatalytic techniques for organic micropollutants removal from wastewater, surface and ground waters.

In 2013, he awarded the Doctorate Honoris Causa, for his outstanding scientific work, by the University of Alba Iulia and in 2017 by the University Vlora. His expertise is documented by the number of original publications over 238 papers, an H-index 56, over 12,500 ISI citations and supervision of 41 PhD Thesis (October 2022).

He has, also, organised over 40 International Conferences in Greece and Europe and he is active member of the following academic associations:

"American Chemical Society" since 1989 and "Division of Agrichemicals", since 1990.

"International Association of Water Pollution Research and Control", since 1992.

"International Association of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry", since 1993.

Chairman of the "European- Mediterranean Association of Environmental Education, Assessment and Protection- ENEAP", since 2004.



Paul INMAN
University of Reading

As Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International) at University of Reading, Paul leads on global engagement and international student recruitment, developing strategies to strengthen the University's international profile and expand its global connections. He is also actively leading on local Community Engagement, championing cross-team partnership project working to ensure the University takes appropriate local actions informed by its global thinking. He is a member of the University's Executive Board reporting directly to the Vice-Chancellor.

Previously, as Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean at Oxford Brookes University Paul served as a member of the University's senior management team, leading on International Student Recruitment. He established a Confucius Institute in Oxford in partnership with the Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press (FLTRP), one of China's largest academic publishers. He was also the founding Director and Chair of the Board of Governors at University Technical College Swindon, a £12M specialist engineering academy for 14–19-year-olds. He also led on the University's Public Art strategy, which saw the commissioning of £1.35M of public artworks, and the establishment of the Glass Tank art gallery on campus.

Prior to working in higher education, Paul had a successful career in the film and television industry, specialising in producing television programmes and films about arts and social issues. His work has been broadcast on all the UK's terrestrial channels. He has also managed various international initiatives, including Storylines, a documentary filmmaking project in West Africa for the British Council, and The Mental Health Testimony Project, a filmed oral history of long-term psychiatric patients for the British Library.

Paul currently holds several non-executive positions. Board Director at Henley Africa; Chair of Board of Directors at University of Reading, Malaysia; Vice President of the International Association of Meteorological Education and Sciences, Nanjing, China; and Chair of Trustees at Photography Oxford.



Christos MICHALAKELIS
Harokopio University / Study in Greece

Christos Michalakelis is an Associate Professor at the Department of Informatics and Telematics, of the Harokopio University of Athens.

His field of expertise is the assessment of investments in the ICT area and the techno-economic analysis of the emerging technologies. He is the project manager of Study in Greece (<https://studyinggreece.edu.gr/>), the official project of Greece to support the internationalization and extroversion of the Greek Universities, acting as an educational and cultural bridge between the Greek and the international academic communities.



Nikolaos PAPAIOANNOU
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Nikolaos G. Papaioannou studied at the Veterinary School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Then he started the PhD thesis, which he supported in 1991. In 1995 he was elected lecturer at the laboratory of Pathology of the Department of Veterinary Medicine. In 2012 he was elected professor of first grade. From 2013 to today, he is the Director of the Laboratory of pathology, while from 2017 until 31st August 2019, Chairman of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Deputy Dean of the School of Health Sciences. From 1st September 2019 he is the Rector of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He has been trained in the laboratories of pathology of the veterinary schools of Zurich, Utrecht and Wisconsin of the United States of America. His educational work is related to the subject of pathology, while his scientific-research work focuses on histopathological and immunohistopathological study of disease lesions with emphasis on neuropathology, particularly dealing with the study of the pathogenicity of cognitive dysfunction and tumor pathogenesis.

Prof. Papaioannou is a project coordinator in several Greek and international competitive research programs, as well as he has published numerous scientific publications in distinguished international scientific journals.



Ioannis Kokkoris
Queen Mary University London

Professor Ioannis Kokkoris holds a Chair in Competition Law and Economics at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, UK. He is also the Dean for International for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Professor Kokkoris is an expert on competition law and economics as well as on issues of national security concerns and FDI in US, UK and EU. Professor Kokkoris has formerly served at the UK Competition and Markets Authority, DG Competition, European Commission and US Federal Trade Commission and has led and worked on funded projects by the European Commission, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank, the OECD, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe and other international institutions.

Professor Kokkoris has more than 100 publications including more than 20 authored/co-authored books, more than 70 articles and 25 chapters in edited volumes. Professor Kokkoris holds a BSc Economics (Essex), MPhil Economics (Cantab), LLM (Warwick) and PhD in Competition Law (Kings College London) and has conducted research at Harvard Law School.



Nikos LAGAROS
National Technical University of Athens

Dr Nikos D. LAGAROS is the Dean of the School of Civil Engineering at NTUA, Professor of Structural Optimization and Director of the Personal Computers Laboratory, at the School of Civil Engineering. Prior moving to NTUA, he was Assistant Professor at the Civil Engineering Department of the University of Thessaly, Greece. In the past he also served as Visiting Professor at Department of Biological Engineering, Laboratory for Computational Biology & Biophysics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, USA and the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

He obtained his BEng and PhD, both in Civil Engineering, from NTUA and he teaches classes on Structural Analysis, Optimization and Computer Programming. Dr LAGAROS has provided consulting, peer-review and expert-witness services to private companies and federal government agencies in Greece and Internationally. A focus of his consulting work is structural optimization consulting services and development of technical software for structural analysis and design. Recently he released the first, real-world, optimum design computing platform for civil structural systems. He also acts as NSF Panellist, for reviewing proposals on seismic performance of masonry, concrete, and other structures, Directorate for Engineering-Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation, in Washington DC, since 2010.

Dr LAGAROS is an active member of the computational mechanics research community, focusing on (a) nonlinear dynamic analysis of concrete and steel structures under seismic loading, (b) performance-based earthquake engineering, (c) structural design optimization of real-world structures, (d) seismic risk and reliability analysis, (e) soft-computing in structural engineering, (f) fragility evaluation of reinforced concrete and steel structures, (g) inverse problems in structural dynamics, (h) machine learning applications in healthcare, (i) evolutionary computations, (j) structural health monitoring and (k) nano-modelling. Among others, his publication track record includes more than 150 peer reviewed journal paper, 10 books and 25 book chapters while he has presented his work in numerous international venues



Vangelis TSILIGIRIS
Nottingham Trent University

Vangelis has 20 years' experience in leadership roles in higher education, including research, teaching, and faculty management. Alongside his leadership, research, and teaching experience, he has broad experience in internationalisation of higher education and particularly in transnational education collaborations.

Over a period of 20 years, Vangelis has developed and managed international collaborations involving several UK and other European universities. Also, he has extensive experience in online education as Head of Online Programmes for Roehampton University London, and Honorary Lecturer for the University of Liverpool.

Vangelis has broad experience in European transnational education (TNE) and internationalisation of higher education. In the past, he has acted as a higher education policy advisor to the Ministry of Education of Malta on the internationalisation of higher education policy. In 2020, he delivered professional development workshops to Rectors, Deans and Senior Managers of universities in Georgia. He has conducted confidential consultancy research for several UK and European universities and the findings have been used to inform the university internationalisation strategy. Also, he has conducted consultancy research on the internationalisation of higher education for international organisations such as the British Council, Universities UK, and the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

He is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (SFHEA), Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute (FCMI). He has studied Financial Technology at the University of Oxford; Economics at the University of East London; Management at the University of Leicester; and holds a PhD in cross-border higher education management by Birmingham City University.

Vangelis is the founder of the TNE Hub, an international network of researchers and practitioners in transnational education. The TNE Hub has more than 600 members from 25 countries



Maria MAVRI
University of the Aegean

Maria Mavri is a Professor of Quantitative Methods at the Department of Business Administration of the University of the Aegean, where she has been teaching since 2007. In 2018 she was elected Vice Rector for Research and Lifelong Learning and thereafter she also holds the position of Head of the Research Unit of the University of the Aegean. She is the Director of the Laboratory of Quantitative Methods (QMLab) and was also the Director of the Postgraduate Program for Business Executives - executive MBA. From 2016 until today, she is the Institutional Project Manager of "Internship in Higher Education of the University of the Aegean", and is also coordinating co-financed research programs with emphasis on the use of innovative technology in education.

She is a member of the Regional Scientific Board of Research and Innovation of North Aegean, member of the Technology Transfer Office of the European Organization of CERN. She has also been member of the Steering Committee of the HE Innovate project implemented by the Ministry of Education and Religions in collaboration with the European Commission, DG for Education, Youth Sport and Culture and the OECD Center for Entrepreneurship, SME, Cities and Regions, as well as member of the Committee of the Special Secretariat for the Information Society for the Digital Strategy of Greece 2006. She was a scientific consultant at the Greek Information Society Observatory and technical consultant in the "Operational Program for Digital Convergence 2006-2013".