



MANAGING COMPLEX REGIONAL SECURITY ISSUES: THE CASE OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION

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DARTMOUTH CENTRE FOR SEAPOWER AND STRATEGY (DCSS), PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Plymouth University's Dartmouth Centre for Seapower and Strategy (DCSS) was set up in 2014 to meet the clear and growing need to raise knowledge, awareness and understanding of strategic and defence issues as they relate to maritime affairs and the use of seapower in the 21st century.

Contemporary strategic challenges – including the resilience of global networks, food and water security and the rise in the global maritime trade, have highlighted the dependence of island nations, such as the UK and Ireland, on seapower to maintain open lines of communication, connectivity, and so economic prosperity and political stability.

The Centre has three unique selling points.

- **First**, Plymouth is Britain's 'Ocean City' with a proud maritime and military history and heritage and Dartmouth hosts the Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC), one of the world's most prestigious naval college.
- **Second**, the Centre's staff consists of BRNC's Dartmouth Strategic and Security Group with an established history of excellence and success at delivering educational opportunities to naval officer and NCO professional training, and staff from Plymouth University's Faculty of Arts and Humanities and Faculty of Business with expertise in maritime affairs, strategic and defence studies as well as professional military education.

- **Third**, through innovative teaching (such as the new blended MA degree in Applied Strategy and Maritime Security as well as the MA programme in Applied Strategy and International Security with the Hellenic National Defence College), research and dialogue activities, the DCSS will provide and develop thought leadership abilities of professional staff officers and practitioners enabling them to more efficiently and effectively navigate an increasingly complex and ambiguous strategic context. DCSS educational opportunities will be high quality, accessible and represent value for money.



Above: The Hellenic National Defence College (HNDC)

Below: Plymouth University's Dartmouth Centre for Seapower and Strategy (DCSS)

HELLENIC NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE (HNDC)



The HNDC was founded in 1950 in Thessaloniki, where it remained until 1952. The College then moved to Athens within the complex of the Military Academy where it operated until 1978, and then moved again to the premises of the Camp Saketa in "Nea Helvetia" until 1984.

The HNDC has operated in its present premises since 1984 in the Averofian Mansion at "Pedion Areos" in Athens. HNDC's mission is to educate and train officers of the Armed Forces, the security bodies, the fire brigade and the coastguard, as well as employees of ministries, organisations and public or private law companies, so they become capable of handling national defence issues in the field of their responsibilities. Moreover, the College functions as a scientific body in the Armed Forces' area on issues of defence policy and national strategy.

The philosophy of education adopted by the College is based on intellectual and academic freedom in the context of military ethics and aims to provide the necessary and essential

knowledge that will trigger the interest and desire for further study and research.

The HNDC is attended by students who are enrolled on a full-time basis as well as through distance learning. The HNDC has for seven consecutive years, offered the MA in Applied Strategy and International Security degree in collaboration with Plymouth University. Also, the College has, for the second consecutive year, offered the MA in Strategic Security Studies with Panteion University. Since the start of the current academic year (2015), the HNDC has delivered a three month, English speaking, International Senior Course on Defence Studies.

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AGENDA

Moderator: Dr Georgios Mourtos (HNDC)

- 09.00 – 09.05 **Welcome**, Commandant of HNDC, [Vice Admiral Nikolaos Tsounis](#), HN
- 09.05 – 09.15 **Opening Remarks**, Admiral Evangelos Apostolakis HN, Chief of Hellenic National Defence General Staff
- 09.15 – 09.40 **Responding to the Arc of Instability in the Mediterranean Littoral**, [Dr James Bergeron](#), Chief Political Advisor, Allied Maritime Command North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
- 09.40 – 10.10 **Q&A**
- 10.10 – 10.40 **Coffee Break** (Refreshments, light food)

Moderator: Dr Fotios Moustakis (Plymouth University)

- 10.40 – 11.05 **Putin's Strategy in Syria**, [Dr Graeme P. Herd](#), Professor of Transnational Security Studies, [George C. Marshall](#) European Center for Security Studies and Associate Director at DCSS.
- 11.05 – 11.30 **Energy, Economics and Security in the Mediterranean: Challenges and Opportunities**, [Mr Mathios Rigas](#) (Energean Oil and Gas CEO)
- 11.30 – 11.55 **Towards a New Geopolitical Equilibrium in the Eastern Mediterranean** [Major General Yaakov Amidror](#), Anne and Greg Rosshandler Senior Fellow, Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel and the Head of the National Security Council
- 11.55 – 13.10 **Q&A**
- 13.20 **Lunch**



PROFESSOR JIM BERGERON

Professor Bergeron assumed duties as Political Advisor to Commander, Allied Maritime Command in Northwood, UK on 1 September 2013.

Previously the POLAD to Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO from July 2005 as a member of the US Government Service, he is considered to be one of NATO's most experienced foreign policy advisors in the fields of maritime and joint expeditionary operations.

He has served as POLAD in 18 US and NATO exercises; as POLAD to the NATO Response Force exercise Steadfast Jaguar in Cape Verde and NATO Riga Summit mission in 2006; in a national capacity as POLAD to EUCOM Commander Joint Task Force Lebanon during the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah Conflict; to Commander US Naval Forces Europe during the August 2008 Russia-Georgia Conflict and as POLAD to STRIKFORNATO for four Baltic Host and two BALTOPs exercises to reassure Allies of NATO solidarity. From March until July 2011 he served as the Political Advisor to NATO's CJTF Operation Unified Protector in support of UNSCR 1973 operations in Libya. He is regularly consulted on NATO maritime strategy, transformational issues and NATO-EU relations, and was one of the drafters of the Alliance Maritime Strategy. Prior to his appointment in Naples, Professor Bergeron served as EUINATO Policy Advisor on the Staff of Commander, US Naval Forces Europe, London.

Professor Bergeron entered the US Government Service following a career in academia. He holds a BA in History and

English Literature from the University of the State of New York, MA in Political Science from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, Juris Doctor magna cum laude from the College of Law at Syracuse University and Master of Laws in European Union Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, as a British Foreign and Commonwealth Scholar. Following completion of the LL.M. in 1991, Professor Bergeron joined the Faculty of Law at University College Dublin, Ireland, where he specialised in European Union law, European affairs, comparative antitrust, international law and jurisprudence. From 1991–2000 he held visiting appointments at the Nicolas Copernicus University, Torun, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Riga Graduate School of Law; Onati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Spain and S1. John's University College of Law, New York.

In 1993 he developed the draft Estonian Code of Military Justice under the US European Command's military-to-military contacts program. Under the auspices of the European Commission he assisted in the revision of the Latvian Constitution from 1998-9 and training of Hungarian public prosecutors in EU law from 1999–2000. He served briefly on the Forward Studies Unit of the President of the European Commission.

His connections to the naval life are of long standing. Professor Bergeron entered the United States Navy in 1976. After two years of nuclear propulsion training, he served as a reactor operator onboard *USS ULYSSES S. GRANT* (SSBN 631) and *USS HOUSTON* (SSN 713) in Newport News, Virginia. In July 1982 he reported to Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. Upon commissioning as an officer and completion of submarine and Poseidon missile schools, he served on *USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL* (SSBN 654) as Assistant Weapons Officer.

This was followed by 21 years in the US Navy Reserve, supporting US Naval Forces Europe, US Embassy Dublin and Allied Forces Southern Command in the areas of politico-military analysis and advice, partnership engagement and security cooperation. He retired from the Navy Reserve in October 2007.

Jim Bergeron has published several articles and book chapters on legal, political and international security topics, and is the editor, with Peter Fitzpatrick, of *Europe's Other: European Law from Modernity to Post-Modernity* (Ashgate 1998). He has spoken at numerous institutions, defence colleges, universities and think tanks including the Centre for Naval Analysis, Naval Postgraduate School Monterey, Chatham House, NATO Defense College, Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth, RUSI, Institute for International Affairs (IA!) Rome, National Defense University, Wilton Park and the Maritime Warfare School Halifax. He has had a long involvement with the American Bar Association, and currently serves as the ABA liaison to NATO, the International Maritime Organization and the International Committee of the Red Cross. Personal decorations include the Meritorious and Superior Civilian Service Medals, Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, NATO Libya Medal and the Golden Badge of the Estonian Ministry of Defence. Interests include naval history, art, early music, political theory, and military strategy.

MAJOR GENERAL (RES) YAAKOV AMIDROR

Anne and Greg
Rosshandler Senior Fellow,
Begin-Sadat Centre for
Strategic Studies.

Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel and the Head of the National Security Council. Served 36 years in senior IDF posts, including Commander of the Military Colleges, Military Secretary to the Minister of Defense, Director of the Intelligence Analysis Division in Military Intelligence, and Chief intelligence officer of the Northern Command. Author of three books on intelligence and military strategy.

MR MATHIOS RIGAS

Mr Rigas is founding shareholder of Energean Oil and Gas and since 2007 has served as the company's Chairman and CEO.

Mr Rigas is a Petroleum Engineer with a combination of oil & gas and investment banking experience. Prior to setting up Energean Oil & Gas, Mr Rigas spent 18 years in investment banking and private equity investments. Between 2001 and 2007, He was Managing Partner of Capital Connect Venture Managers, a Private Equity fund in Greece with investments in innovative enterprises in IT, Healthcare, Waste Management and Food Industries.

From 1999 until 2001 Mr Rigas was in charge of Piraeus Bank's Shipping Investment Banking division. Prior to that (1993–1999) he was Vice President of Energy & Project Finance at Chase Manhattan Bank in London where he arranged oil and gas financings in excess of \$5 billion. His career started at Arthur Andersen in 1991 as a consultant in the energy sector. He holds a Degree in Mining & Metallurgical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and a MSc / DIC degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Imperial College in London.

DR GRAEME P. HERD

Dr Herd is Professor of Transnational Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, which he joined in January 2015.

He supports the Seminar on Transatlantic Civil Security (STACS), Programme on Terrorism and Security Studies (PTSS), Countering Transnational Organized Crime course and Senior Executive Seminar (SES), European Security Seminars, and Programme on Applied Security Studies (PASS). Dr Herd is involved in GCMC outreach activities and mentors and advises GCMC participant research-based policy analysis papers. He is currently Senior Teaching and Research Fellow at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, a member of the editorial board of *Connections: the Quarterly Journal*, the Emerging Security Challenges Working Group on the PFP-Consortium, and the International Studies Association (ISA).

Before joining the GCMC Graeme Herd was a Professor of International Relations and founding Director of the School of Government, and Associate Dean, Faculty of Business, Plymouth University, UK (2013–14), where he set up the Centre for Seapower and Strategy at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

From 2005–13 Dr Herd was an international faculty member at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), where he served as Co-Director of its International Training Course in Security Policy and Master of Advanced Studies, accredited by the Institute of Global Studies, University of Geneva. From 2002–05 he was a Professor of Civil-Military Relations at the GCMC, Germany, serving as Deputy Director of its Senior Executive Seminar and a non-resident Associate Fellow of the International Security Programme, Chatham House (2004–07). Prior to this he was Lecturer in International Relations at both the University of Aberdeen (1997–2002), where he was Deputy Director of the Scottish Centre for International Security (formerly Centre for Defence Studies) and Staffordshire University (1994–97) and a Projects Officer, Department of War Studies, King's College London (1993–94). In all three posts he was involved in a number of EU PHARE and EU TACIS funded projects on democratic security building in the Balkans, Baltic and Black Sea regions. During his doctoral studies on 17th century Russian military and diplomatic history he studied at the Institute of Soviet/Russian History, Soviet/Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow as a British Council Scholar, 1991–92. He has an MA in History-Classical Studies University of Aberdeen (1989), and a PhD in Russian history, University of Aberdeen (1995).

His own teaching and research interests have focused on diverse aspects of international and transnational security studies, primarily focused on Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian space. During his 22-year academic career he has published nine books, written over 70 academic papers and has given over 100 academic and policy-related presentations in 46 countries. Recent major publications include: Graeme P. Herd and John Kriendler (eds.), *Understanding NATO in the 21st Century: Alliance Strategies, Security and Global Governance*. (London and New York: Routledge, 2013), pp. 256; Nayef Al-Rodhan, Graeme P. Herd and Lisa Watanabe, *Critical Turning Points in the Middle East, 1915-2015*. London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011, pp. 272; Graeme P. Herd (ed.), *Great Powers and Strategic Stability*



Britannia Royal Naval College, where Dr Graeme Herd set up the Centre for Seapower and Strategy

in the 21st Century: Competing Visions of World Order. London: Routledge, 2010, pp. 256; Paul Dukes, Graeme P. Herd, and Jarmo Kotilaine. *Stuarts and Romanovs: The Rise and Fall of a Special Relationship*. Dundee: Dundee University Press, 2009, pp. 262; Anne Aldis and Graeme P. Herd (eds.). *The Ideological War on Terror: Worldwide Strategies for Counter-Terrorism*. London: Routledge, 2007, pp. 285; Tuomas

Forsberg and Graeme P. Herd. *Divided West: European Security and the Transatlantic Relationship*. Chatham House papers. Oxford: Chatham House 2006, pp. 186.

DR FOTIOS MOUSTAKIS

Dr Moustakis is an Associate Professor of Strategic Studies, Plymouth University at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth and Director of the Dartmouth Centre for Sea Power and Strategy.

He was awarded an MA honours degree in History and Politics from the University of Aberdeen and an MSc in European Policy, Law and Management. In 2000, he received his Doctorate in International Relations from the University of Aberdeen. At BRNC and the University, he teaches courses on European and International Security, International Terrorism (Module Convener), and Foreign Policy (Module Convenor) to Royal Navy Officer Cadets and the Royal Marines. He is also the Programme Manager for the MA degree in Applied Strategy and International Security at the Hellenic National Defence College, Athens. His research interests are in the areas of International & European security, with special emphasis on western interventions in the post Cold War era, international terrorism, and Balkan security. He has published widely in a number of refereed and policy practitioner journals such as *Defence Studies*, *Defence and Security Analysis*, *European Security*, *Mediterranean Quarterly*, *Central Asian Survey*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Jane's Intelligence Review*, *Conflict Security Research Series-Sandhurst*, and *Contemporary Review*. He is the author of a book entitled 'Greek-Turkish Relations and NATO' (Frank Cass-Routledge, 2003) and co-editor and author of a book entitled 'Russian Foreign Policy since the end of the Cold War', (Paraskinio, Athens, 2003) and a monograph on *Securing Europe: Western Interventions towards a Security Community* (Tauris Publishers, 2009).

DR GEORGIOS MOURTOS

Dr Georgios Mourtos is a graduate from the Police Academy for Non-Commissioned Officers in Athens, Greece.

He attended the Southampton Technical College-UK, where he was awarded the GCE in Politics, English Law and Economics. He holds a BA degree in Special Politics from Hull University, UK, an MA in War Studies from London University, King's College, UK, and a PhD from Ionian University, Corfu, Greece. His PhD examined the ideology and the strategic thought of the Turkish Armed Forces from Ottoman Years to the present day.

Georgios Mourtos was awarded a scholarship from the Norwegian government and attended a postgraduate course in "Peace Research" at Oslo University, Norway, and, twice, a Fulbright Scholarship to attend an intensive postgraduate course at the leading International School for promising professionals at Salzburg, Austria, on "The Methods and Techniques of Negotiation" and on "The Post-Cold War Order", respectively. He attended numerous postgraduate schools in Greece and abroad (Germany, Italy, Taiwan) on the structures of global governance and security. His professional career spans almost three decades. He served as a Secretary at a Police Station and Head of a Police Rural Unit in Central Greece (1973–76). Appointed Head of Public Relations Dept., Telecommunicatios-Signaling & Weapons Systems Co., Athens, Greece (1983). From 1984 until 1988 he served as Strategic Counselor at the Ministry to the Prime Minister's Office, and in 1989, joined the



Athens, Greece – a view across the city to the sea

Ministry of Defence, where he served on the Hellenic National Defence General Staff (1989–2002) as a Counselor on Strategy, Geopolitics and NATO issues, and on the Minister of Defence Office (2002–04) as a Counselor on Strategy, "military diplomacy" and a speech-writer. For three years (2004–06), he worked as a Special Adviser on International Relations and "ecclesiastical diplomacy" to the late Archbishop of Greece, Christodoulos. From 2007 he serves at the Hellenic National Defence College, Athens, Greece, as a Counselor of Studies, Lecturer and MA Co-ordinator.

Georgios Mourtos has researched and published widely in the fields of security, foreign policy, geopolitics and negotiation, with special interest on the Eastern Mediterranean.

He has published 12 books and monographs, and numerous articles in scholarly periodicals.

Indicative book titles:

NATO's Strategy
Defence and Foreign Policy of Romania
Greece and Turkey in the Post-Cold War Era

Turkey-Israel and the Eclipse of Greece from its Traditional Geopolitical Area
The Turkish Military and State from the Ottomans to the Present Day
Greece: an Un-orthodox Actor. A Geopolitical Analysis (one vol., 648 pp, 1025 footnotes)
The Art of Negotiation: The Cultural Factor (in two vol., unfinished).

Indicative article titles:

"Security in the Balkans. A Greek Perspective"
"The Geopolitical Anatomy of Eastern Mediterranean and the Position of Greece"
"The Geopolitical Character of the European Mediterranean Countries".

He has been an occasional lecturer at the Military Academies and Schools of the Greek Armed Forces, as well as in Greek universities, and a regular participant to conferences at home and abroad.

Dr Mourtos is currently an Honorary Professor at Plymouth University and the local co-ordinator for the MA program in Applied Strategy and International Security at the Hellenic National Defence College.



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