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# New Realities in the Eastern Mediterranean

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at the Konrad Adenauer Conference Center,  
Mishkenot Shaananim, Jerusalem, Israel

*in English, with  
simultaneous translation  
into Hebrew*

9:30 am

## Challenges and Opportunities in the Eastern Mediterranean

Chair: Prof. Efraim Inbar, JISS President

Greetings: Mr. Daniel Mariaschin, BBI Executive Vice President  
George E. Loucas, AHEPA Supreme President

**Why the Mediterranean Matters?** – Prof. Dimitris Keridis, Panteion University of Athens

**A Strategic Assessment** – Maj. Gen. (res.) Yair Golan, former IDF Deputy Chief of Staff

10:45 am

## Threats to Eastern Mediterranean Security

Chair: Dr. Haim V. Katz, Chairman, B'nai B'rith World Center, Jerusalem

**The Syrian Tragedy** – Dr. Jonathan Spyer, JISS

**The Rise of the Iranian Threat** – Orna Mizrahi, former deputy director of Israel's National Security Council

**A Turkish Perspective** – Ambassador Ünal Çeviköz MP

**Egypt's Concerns** – Ambassador Dr. Haim Koren, former Israeli envoy to Egypt

1:30 pm

## Extra-Regional Actors

Chair: Dr. Joshua Krasna, JISS

**Russian Perspectives** – Micky Aharonson, JISS

**American Perspectives** – Michael Eisenstadt, Washington Institute for Near East Policy

**Chinese Perspectives: The Mediterranean and the BRI** – Alexander Pevzner, Rishon LeZion College of Management

**The Role of the Greek Diaspora** – Nicholas Larigakis, AHI

3:15 pm

## A Mediterranean Architecture

Chair: Uzi Rubin, JISS

**European Perspectives** – Emmanuel Cohen-Hadria, European Institute of the Mediterranean, (IEMed), Barcelona

**Israeli Perspectives** – Dr. Emmanuel Navon, JISS

**Greek Perspectives** – Dr. Thanos Dokos, ELIAMEP

**Promoting Mediterranean Awareness in the US** – Basil Mossaidis, AHEPA

5:00 pm

## Energy Cooperation: Strategic and Political Implications

Chair: David Weinberg, JISS Vice President

**East Mediterranean Energy Options** – Dr. Amit Mor, Eco Energy and IDC

**Greek Perspectives** – Antonia Dimou, Institute for Security and Defense Analyses, Athens

**Turkish Perspectives** – Dr. Hay Eytan Cohen Yanarocak, JISS

**Cypriot Perspectives** – Prof. Andreas Theophanous, University of Nicosia

6:45 pm

## Closing Session

Chair: Charles O. Kaufman, President, B'nai B'rith International

**Cypriot Perspectives on Regional Cooperation** – Former Cypriot Foreign Minister, Ioannis Kasoulidis

**Israeli Perspectives** – Tsachi Hanegbi, Israel's Minister of Regional Cooperation

**Concluding Remarks** – Dr. Eran Lerman, JISS Vice President

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