

Short Bio of Petros Liacouras

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A policy-oriented academic, expert and advisor of international law.

A graduate of Yale, Temple and Athens Universities and of Harvard's Program on Negotiation.

Teaches International Law, Law of the Sea, International Institutions, Negotiation, Mediation, International Energy Law and Greek Foreign Policy, at the Department of International and European Studies of Piraeus University (2001-...).

Director of the Post-Graduate Program on "International and European Studies" (2020-...), Director of the Research Center on "Negotiation and Mediation" (2015-...), formerly Deputy Head (2015-2020), at Department of International and European Studies of Piraeus University.

Member of the National Council of Foreign Policy, Hellenic Republic. Director of Research at the Policy Planning Center, Member of the Legal Advisory Council, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2015-2019). Member of the Naturalization Committee, Hellenic Ministry of the Interior (2013-...).

Member of the Greek delegation in bilateral negotiations on maritime delimitation with Italy, Egypt, Albania. Member of the legal team for the exploratory contacts (since 2002) with Turkey. Member of Greek delegation in the International Conference on Cyprus, held in 2017 under UN/SG in Geneva, Mont Pelerin and Crans Montana. Legal team drafting the Prespa Agreement of 2018.

In the past worked at the Hellenic Foreign Ministry, as a policy advisor (1996-2004), as a member (rapporteur and secretary) of the Legal Advisory Council (2000-2008), and as a staff member of the Policy Planning Centre (2000-2004). Also worked as a legal officer at the (former) European Commission (now merged with the European Court) of Human Rights of the Council of Europe, in Strasburg.

Vice President of the Board of the Hellenic Association of International Law and International Relations (2007-2017), member of the Board of International Law Association (ILA, Hellenic Branch 2019-...), member of the Board of the Institute of Law of the Sea and Maritime Law, Rhodes (2016-...). Member of the Greek Turkish Forum (GTF, 2019-...).

Author of books and articles on the law of the sea, the law of treaties, the Cyprus question, the cyber warfare, the regulation of military means, use of force and self-defense, and the national and collective security in the international arena, the contemporary self-determination, secession, human rights, the legal dimensions of Greek-Turkish relations, and on the policy oriented (legal realism) approach in International Law.