

SEMINAR PROGRAMME:

'Weaponising Migration: Challenges For Europe'

Wednesday 22nd June 2022

10.30am – 12 noon

(Coffee, tea and breakfast refreshments will be served from 10.00am)

venue:

The National Liberal Club
(David Lloyd George Room)
Whitehall Place
London SW1A 2HE

Chair: **Sir David Madden KCMG**

Convenor: **Lord Lothian PC QC DL**

Chairman of Global Strategy Forum

SPEAKERS

(in alphabetical order)

Dr Othon Anastasakis

*Director of South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX), St Antony's College,
University of Oxford*

Dr Başak Kale

*Associate Professor of International Relations & Chair of European Studies Program,
Middle East Technical University, Ankara*

Dr Mehmet Karli

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WELCOMING REMARKS

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10.40am-11.20am

PRESENTATIONS

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11.20am-11.55am

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND Q&A

11.55am-12 noon

Chair's concluding remarks and close

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

DR OTHON ANASTASAKIS is Director of South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX), and from July 1st Director of the European Studies Centre of the University of Oxford; he is Senior Research Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford; Visiting Professor at the Prague School of Economics and Business; Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada; Region Head of Europe in Oxford Analytica. He is the Principal Investigator of the Greek Diaspora Project at the University of Oxford and of the Oxford-Berlin partnership project on Migration Diplomacy: EU-Turkey relations. He is the author and co-editor of several books including more recently *Diaspora engagement in times of severe economic crisis: Greece and beyond* (Palgrave Macmillan 2022); *The Greek Military Dictatorship: Revisiting a troubled past* (with Lagos, Berghahn 2021); *The Legacy of Yugoslavia: Politics, economy and society* (I.B. Tauris/Bloomsbury, 2020). *Balkan legacies of the Great War: The past is never dead* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016). His research interests include: Populism, illiberalism and far right; Comparative European politics; Migration and diaspora studies; Balkan party politics; South East European geopolitics; Greek and Turkish foreign policies; Greek political economy; Russia and the Balkans. He received his BA in Economics from the University of Athens, his MA in Comparative Politics and International Relations from Columbia University, New York and his PhD in Comparative Government from the London School of Economics.



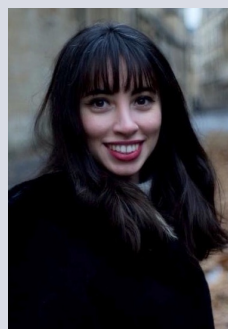
DR. BAŞAK KALE is the Chair of European Studies and an Associate Professor of International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Ankara. She is also the coordinator of the Migration Research Program (METUMIR) of the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence Center for European Studies, METU. She holds affiliated positions at the Institute of European Studies, University of British Columbia (UBC) and the UBC Migration Research Excellence Cluster, Vancouver. In addition to these positions, she is an independent ethics expert working for the European Commission at the Ethics and Research Integrity Sector, DG Research and Innovation. Dr. Kale is a specialist on European integration, Turkey-EU relations, politics of international migration, and research ethics. She taught and conducted research at various institutions including Harvard University, UC Berkeley, Boğaziçi University, Simon Fraser University and Hitotsubashi University (Tokyo). She has extended experience in project initiation, management and overall project assessment focusing on European integration, migration studies and Turkey-EU relations. Most recently, she has completed the GMF Alumni Leadership Action Project on 'Inclusive Entrepreneurship: Bringing Together Refugee, Migrant and Host Communities' in collaboration with METUMIR, TOBB and EntreComp Europe, which was funded by the German Marshall Fund of the US.



MEHMET KARLI is the Co-ordinator of the Programme on Contemporary Turkey at St Antony's College, University of Oxford and a principal investigator of the Migration Diplomacy and Turkey- EU Relations research project within the framework of the Oxford-Berlin Research Partnership. Previously, he was an Assistant Professor of International Law at Galatasaray University Law Faculty, Director of the European Studies Centre at Galatasaray University, a Visiting Academic at SEESOX, and a research associate of Centre for International Studies of the DPIR, University of Oxford. He teaches international law, international economic law (international trade and investment) and international human rights law. At Oxford, he taught the course on International law and the Middle East. Karli holds D.Phil, M.Phil and M.Jur degrees from the University of Oxford, Faculty of Law, and an LL.B. degree from the Faculty of Law of Galatasaray University. Karli is also a practising lawyer focusing mainly on the resolution of international disputes and application of international law.



ASLI TÖRE is a Research Assistant at SEESOX at the University of Oxford, working on the Oxford-Berlin Research Partnership's 'Migration Diplomacy and Turkey-EU relations' project. She graduated from the American Robert College High School in Istanbul in 2014. She received her BA from Koç University in Istanbul, completing the double major program in Sociology and Psychology, and the track certificate programme on Film & Video in 2018. During her undergraduate studies, she worked as a research assistant in various projects on sociology of education and social cognitive psychology, and completed an exchange program at UCLA. In 2019, she attended the 'Visual Ethnography of Cityscapes' programme in Athens, Greece organised in collaboration with the University of Leiden, the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and the VU University of Amsterdam. She also worked as a Turkish teacher and art-therapy assistant at a community centre dedicated to helping displaced Syrian families in Istanbul. She completed her MSc in Social Anthropology at St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford in 2020. Her MSc dissertation focused on an anthropological rethinking of the literature on refugee children's play behaviour and play-therapy. Currently, she also works as an interpreter at counselling sessions of refugees and asylum-seekers at Refugee Resource, Oxford.



SIR DAVID MADDEN (Chair) joined the UK Diplomatic Service in 1970, and has extensive experience of working in places on the brink of break-up (Yugoslavia in the 1980s), those divided (Berlin in the 1970s, Cyprus, Bosnia and Herzegovina), and those where there are regional tensions. As British High Commissioner in Cyprus (1994-1999), he played a full role in negotiations on a Cyprus settlement and EU accession. As British Ambassador in Greece (1999-2004), he helped the Greek government achieve a breakthrough against terrorism. He has a degree in the History of Art from the Courtauld Institute and is a published author (*The Mystery Of Edwin Drood*, Unthank Books, 2011; and *Balkan Legacies Of The Great War: The Past Is Never Dead* (with Othon Anastasakis and Elizabeth Roberts, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016). He is Trustee of Compass.



LORD LOTHIAN PC QC DL (Convenor) was first elected to the UK Parliament in 1974 (as Michael Ancram MP) and served as a Conservative Member of Parliament until his retirement at the May 2010 General Election. He was subsequently appointed to the House of Lords as a Life Peer. He has held the posts of Chairman of the Conservative Party, Deputy Leader, Shadow Foreign Secretary and Shadow Secretary of State for Defence. On stepping down from the Front Bench in 2005, Lord Lothian was appointed to the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament, to which he was reappointed in 2010, in 2015 and in 2017. In 1993, he was appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office, and in January 1994 was appointed Minister of State at the same office. As such, he was responsible for the negotiations leading to the Northern Ireland Peace Process, and was the first British minister to meet with Sinn Féin and the IRA for 25 years. He has been Vice President of the Anglo-Jordanian Society since 2016. He maintains a keen interest in international affairs and he is the Chairman of Global Strategy Forum, an independent, non-party political forum, dedicated to the promotion of fresh thinking and active debate on foreign affairs, defence and international security issues, which he founded in May 2006.

