



Convention Schedule

Friday, November 11th, 2011

Event Held at **Student Organization Center at Hilles 59 Shepard St, Cambridge, MA 02138**

7:00pm– 10:00pm **Welcome Meeting by Harvard University Hellenic Society**
Orientation, Opening Remarks, and Dinner

Saturday, November 12th, 2011

All Events held at **Boston University Photonics Center, Colloquium Room 9th floor**
Address: 8 Saint Mary's Street, Boston, MA 02215

8:00am **Meet in Hotel lobby for transportation to BU**

9:00am– 10:30am **Introductions & Welcome**
Hon. Fotopoulos, Governor Dukakis, Mr. Nicholas F. Kourtis , Esq.

10:30am– 12:00pm **Economics Workshop: Greece Dialogues: the Way forward**
Panelists: Prof Psalidopoulos, Dimitris Ioannides, Esq., Mr. Thanos Dimadis

12:00pm– 1:30pm **Luncheon with Mentors *Sponsored by Mr. George Danis***

1:30pm– 3:00pm **Academic Workshop: Comparing U.S and Greek/Euro Educational Paradigms**
Panelists: Prof. Zachopoulos, Prof. Serafim, Prof. Gounari, Prof. Rapti

3:00pm– 4:30pm **Greece in the World Stage**
Panelists: Prof. Henrikson, Prof. Prodromou, Dr. Efthymiopoulos, Andreas Akaras, Esq.

9:00pm **Night Social Event: Vlora Boston Mediterranean Restaurant**
DJ's playing all night, 21 and up- to drink, 18 and up- to enter

Sunday, November 13th, 2011

All Events held at **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Eastman Laboratories**
Building 6: Auditorium 6-120, 182 Memorial Drive (rear), Cambridge, MA 02139

09:30am **Meet in Hotel lobby for transportation to MIT**

10:30am– 11:30pm **NHSA Convention Presentation: Proposal guidelines for bid to host Spring Convention**

11:30pm– 1:00pm **Internal Meetings: Discussion of NHSA Projects, Presentation by Hellenic Associations and their initiatives: the benefits of synergy, NHSA Regional Structure progress**

1:00pm– 2:00pm **Lunch**

2:00pm– 3:00pm **Closing Meetings: Closing remarks, the next steps of the NHSA, Take home outcomes**

Panel Descriptions

Greece Dialogues: The Way Forward

The current and severe economic crisis in Greece is making international news headlines daily. Possible outcomes have been expressed by many professors, politicians, professionals and spectators. There is no longer much flexibility and the question in everyone's mind is, "Where do we go next?". The Goal of this panel is to constructively contribute to the factual dialogue surrounding Greece and the Euro-zone crisis, by identifying the factors responsible for the crisis and ways to prevent it from escalating to even further unprecedented proportions.

The discussion will focus around the opportunity for change that exists within Greece, and present possible solutions, their benefits and repercussions, that will set Greece in a path of recovery and prosperity. Further, reference will be made to the possible, yet subtle, tools that the Euro-Atlantic institutions have available to deal with the problems of Sovereign Debt many of the EU member-countries are facing.

The Advance of Education: Comparing Educational Paradigms

The Educational Systems of the U.S. and Europe (specifically Greece) are very different in aspects of financial availability, framework of studies, and teaching methods. Though this panel will examine the benefits of both systems, we would like to focus on expanding our horizons with new and creative ways to improve our educational systems. The focus of the panel will also be intertwined with our Info-Sessions project which aims to inform Greek students on which opportunities and incentives exist for students to complete graduate studies at an American university. The practical application and implementation of these studies in the framework of global markets will also be presented and examined.

Finally, we will discuss the importance of Greek Studies in the US focusing on their history and their future, as well as their role as a promoter of Hellenism.

Greece on the World Stage

The goal is for students to gain an understanding of the old issues (i.e. Cyprus Issue), the new challenges faced in economic, energy and environmental diplomacy, its implications for the balance of power that exists between Greece, Cyprus, & Turkey, and the role the U.S. foreign policy both in the past and prospects for the future.

Specific reference will be made to recent developments around the off-shore drilling in the Exclusive Economic Zone between Cyprus and Turkey and the re-shuffling of alliances in the region such as the new cooperation between Israel and Greece.

SPEAKER PROFILES

Welcoming Remarks

Consul General Ilias Fotopoulos, Consul General of Greece in Boston.



A Political Science and Law graduate, Mr. Fotopoulos, joined the diplomatic service in 1988, after successfully attending the Hellenic National School of Public Administration.

Mr. Fotopoulos has served as Consul in Durban Africa – he was actually commissioned by the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs to establish the Consulate in Durban, and as Consul General in Hannover Germany. He was also appointed as Deputy Head of Mission in the Embassy of Greece in Kiev, Ukraine and as a Minister Counselor in the Embassy of Greece in Madrid, Spain.

Prior to his appointment as Consul General of Greece in Boston, Mr. Fotopoulos was the Head of the Directorate for Human Rights in the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the Ministry, Mr. Fotopoulos has in various high ranking positions: in the Directorate of Economic Relations between Greece and Balkan Affairs and in the Directorate of Political Relations between Greece and the Balkan countries, while he was the Head of the Diplomatic Office of the Secretary General, competent for the Administration and the Organization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Keynote Speaker

Governor Michael Dukakis, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Northeastern University, Governor of Massachusetts (1975-1979, 1983-1991), 1988 Democratic Nominee for President of the US



Michael Stanley Dukakis was born in Brookline, Massachusetts on November 3, 1933. Dukakis graduated from Brookline High School (1951), Swarthmore College (1955), and Harvard Law School (1960).

Dukakis won his party's nomination for Governor in 1974 and beat Sargent decisively in November of that year. He inherited a record deficit and record high unemployment and is generally credited with digging Massachusetts out of one of its worst financial and economic crises in history. But the effort took its toll, and Dukakis was defeated in the Democratic primary in 1978 by Edward King. Dukakis came back to defeat King in 1982 and was reelected to an unprecedented third four-year term in 1986 by one of the largest margins in history. In 1986, his colleagues in the National Governors' Association voted him the most effective governor in the nation. Dukakis won the Democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States in 1988 but was defeated by George Bush.

Dukakis has taught at the University of Hawaii and UCLA. Since June 1991, Dukakis has been a Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Northeastern University His research has focused on national health care policy reform and the lessons that national policy makers can learn from state reform efforts. Recently, he and former U.S. Senator Paul Simon authored a book entitled *How to Get Into Politics-and Why* which is designed to encourage young people to think seriously about politics and public service as a career.

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Dukakis was nominated by President Clinton for a five-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of Amtrak, The National Railroad Passenger Corporation on May 21, 1998 and was confirmed by the Senate on June 25, 1998. He served a full five-year term on the Amtrak Board as Vice-Chairman.

Mike and Kitty Dukakis have three children: John, Andrea, and Kara, and are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

SPEAKER PROFILES (cont'd)

Nicholas F. Kourtis, Esq., Chief Operating Officer, TwinStrata; President of Alpha Omega Council



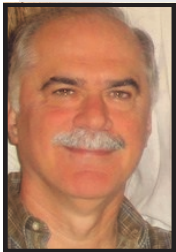
Nick is a corporate attorney and business executive. He is currently the COO of TwinStrata, a venture capital-backed developer of cloud storage software solutions, where he is responsible for all finance, legal, and operational matters.

Nick has held executive positions at several venture capital-backed companies, including: RightPath Payments, a developer of bank-branded business-to-business trade credit finance solutions; Coradiant, a web infrastructure performance management company; and CO Space, a builder and operator of collocation/data centers and provider of mission-critical telecom and Internet managed services. Previously, Nick had practiced business law for 14 years in Boston at Goulston & Storrs and Rich, May, where he advised companies on domestic and international commercial and finance matters.

Nick is a graduate of Harvard Law School, UMass-Amherst (BA-Classical Languages), and Boston Latin School. While at Harvard Law, Nick co-authored "The Consent of the United States Senate to Ratification of the United Nations Genocide Convention," Harvard Human Rights Yearbook (Vol.1, Spring, 1988) for that journal's inaugural issue. While in law school Nick served as a law clerk for U.S. Attorney William F. Weld and was a U.S. Senate staff intern for the late U.S. Senator Paul E. Tsongas.

Greece Dialogues: the Way forward

Dr. Michalis M. Psalidopoulos, Chairholder of Constantine G. Karamanlis Chair in Hellenic and Southeastern European Studies, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, and Professor, Department of Economics, University of Athens.



Michalis Psalidopoulos is the holder of the Constantine Karamanlis Chair in Hellenic and Southeastern European Studies at The Fletcher School of Diplomacy for the academic year 2010 - 2011. Prior to joining Fletcher and Tufts University, Psalidopoulos was a professor of the History of Economic Thought at the Department of Economics, University of Athens, Greece. He earned his first degree in Economics from the University of Athens and pursued postgraduate studies in politics, sociology, and economics at the Free University of Berlin, Germany.

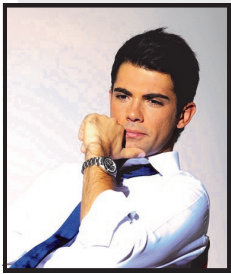
He was a Fulbright Fellow at Duke University in 1993, a Stanley J. Seeger Fellow at Princeton University in 1996, and a Visiting Research Professor at King's College, London in 1998. His research focuses on national traditions in the History of Economics and the relation between economic thought, economic policy, and good governance, especially in Southeastern Europe. Psalidopoulos has written extensively in his academic field of expertise.

His books include "The crisis of 1929 and the Greek Economists, Keynesian Theory and Greek Economic Policy," "Economic Theories and Social Policy" and "Xenophon Zolotas and the Greek Economy" (in Greek). He edited "The Canon in the History of Economics" and "Economic Thought and policy in Europe's Less Developed Countries" for Routledge in 1999 and 2002 respectively and was awarded the prize for the best economic treatise by the Academy of Athens in 2007 for his International conflict and economic thought (in Greek). His most recent book is "Economists and Economic Policy in Modern Greece" (in Greek, 2010). He has also published articles in "History of Political Economy," in "The European Journal for the History of Economic Thought," and in "History of Economic Ideas." He is currently involved in a comparative project of economic experiences and policies in Europe's less industrialized countries during the Great Depression. He speaks English, German, and French fluently, as well as Greek.

SPEAKER PROFILES (cont'd)

Greece Dialogues: the Way Forward (cont'd)

Thanos Dimadis, Washington D.C. Correspondent/Reporter Greek SKY TV Channel & Radio / Huffington Post/ Protagon.gr



Athanasios was born in Greece and grew up in Brussels. He is an experienced journalist and political analyst.

He lives between Washington DC and New York City, working as a Correspondent for the renowned Greek TV and Radio Station "SKAI". His opinions have been published in many Greek as well as international printed and online media. Currently, he is a contributor writer on Huffington Post. Many of his articles refer to the necessity of a real political change in Greece based on a broader consensus among the parties. Over the last ten years, he worked as a political consultant for some Greek politicians and he served as a press officer in the Media Department of the Democratic Party in Washington DC.

As an distinguished scholar of the Alexander Onassis Benefit Foundation, he holds three Masters Degrees- one in Political Affairs and Management from George Washington University, one in Media from London's City University, and one in European Administration and Public Policy from Panteion University of Athens.

Additionally, he was distinguished as a participant in the Executive Educational Program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government on reforming a new Political Leadership for the 21st Century.

Athanasios is also a member of various official bodies and associations, including among others, the American Association of Political Consultants, the International Federation of Journalists and the Union of Journalists at the Athens daily newspapers. Follow Thanos on Twitter @[thanosdimadis](#)

Dimitris Ioannides, Esq



Dimitrios Ioannides is a partner of the law firm of Roach, Ioannidis & Megaloudis LLC., in Boston, Massachusetts and counsel to the Consulate General of Greece in Boston, Massachusetts. He practices primarily in the areas of international business transactions and civil litigation and has extensive due diligence experience involving matters in Greece. He has worked on many cases as an expert witness and/or consultant, including a case that involved the death of a passenger who fell overboard from a cruise ship off the Coast of Greece. He was a consultant to U.S. security firms on projects including the Athens 2004 Olympic Games and other security matters and has acted as an expert witness on several

cases, including a case for the U.S. Attorney's office and a large U.K. banking institution, where he testified in the Supreme Court of Judicature, Queens Bench Division of London, U.K.

Over the years he has represented the Greek Government, the Hellenic Navy, Harvard University, the University of Thrace in Greece, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and other multinational companies on international business matters. He is the author of many articles on the Greek Tax Code and Investments in Greece and a regular Columnist of a Greek legal magazine, Sinigoros in Athens, Greece.

He recently authored two articles on the Greek economic crisis and the need for regulation of financial institutions and on International Corporate Corruption.

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The Advance of Education: Comparing Educational Paradigms

Christos Zahopoulos, Associate Professor at Northeastern University, a joint appointment in the College of Engineering and the Department of Education



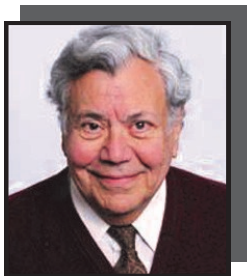
Prof. Zahopoulos is also the *Founder and Executive Director of Northeastern University's Center for STEM Education (www.stem.neu.edu)*, a university-wide Center, which aspires to improve STEM Teaching and Learning in K-20 and beyond, both locally and nationally.

For more than 20 years, Professor Christos Zahopoulos has been actively involved in STEM Education at the national and state levels, playing a key role in initiating and implementing numerous STEM Education programs and partnerships, which have received over \$28 million in grants and gifts from many prestigious foundations, school districts, corporations and individuals. Most of these programs and partnerships focus on bringing about STEM education reform, especially in the area of teaching and learning.

Professor Zahopoulos has received numerous honors and awards, including being *appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts to serve in his STEM Advisory Council (2010)*, co-chairing the state's "K-12 STEM Education Frameworks/Standards, Curriculum and Assessment" Subcommittee. He is also the *recipient of IEEE's 2010 Professional Achievement Award for Individuals* and has been selected as a *2011 Massachusetts Academy of Sciences Fellow*. Furthermore, he serves in the *Advisory Board of the National Science Resources Center*, an organization of the National Academies and the Smithsonian Institution, the *statewide STEM Operations Board* and in the *Next Generation Science Standards State Advisory Group*.

Professor Zahopoulos received his Ph.D. degree in Physics from Northeastern University and was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Division of Applied Sciences at Harvard University.

Dr. Philip E. Serafim, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Northeastern University



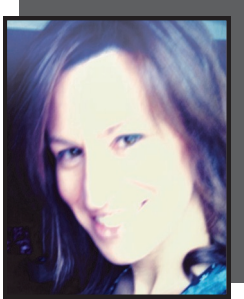
Prof. Serafim obtained his Diploma in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens in 1959. He continued his studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he obtained his MS and ScD in Electrical Engineering in 1960 and 1963 respectively.

Philip Serafim was a Professor at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens, where he is still considered as a major driving force that shaped the curriculum and research program of the University in the area of Electromagnetic waves. He later moved to Northeastern University, where he is a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Professor Serafim has worked on various areas of Electromagnetism and Applied Physics, including Electron beams and plasma systems, plasma turbulence, ionospheric scintillations, space physics and gaseous lasers. His current research activities can be divided in two major categories. He studies wave propagation through random media, volume scattering, radar clutter and microwave remote sensing. He is also working on the fields of electronic devices, gyrotron, free electron lasers, plasma physics and nonlinear interactions.

SPEAKER PROFILES (cont'd)

The Advance of Education (cont'd)



Dr. Panayota Gounari , Associate Professor, Dept. of Applied Linguistics, University of Massachusetts Boston

Panayota Gounari is Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She holds a Ph.D. in Language and Literacy Education/Cultural Studies in Education from Pennsylvania State University. She has earned a BA in Classics with a concentration in Historical and Comparative linguistics from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and an MA in Applied Linguistics from UMass Boston. Her research focus is on the role of language and discourse in education, in human agency and in social transformation, and the implications for critical pedagogy. She has co-authored "The Hegemony of English" (in 2003) and co-edited "The Globalization of Racism" (in 2005) with D. Macedo. Both books have been translated into many languages. More recently she has co-edited "Critical Pedagogy: A Reader" (in Greece with G. Grollios). She has published numerous articles and book chapters.

Dr. Vasiliki Rapti, Preceptor in Modern Greek, Harvard University



Vasiliki Rapti received her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature with an Emphasis in Drama from Washington University in St. Louis in 2006. She joined Harvard University in fall 2008 as Preceptor in Modern Greek. She studied Greek language and literature (classical, medieval, and modern) at the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (BA, 1988) and the University of Paris IV-Sorbonne (D.E.A.,1993). She also holds a M.A. in English (2000).

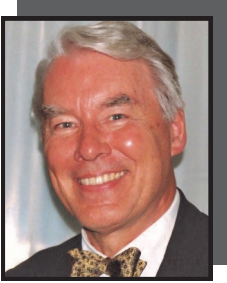
Dr. Rapti's publications and research interests center upon Modern Greek literature, avant-garde theatre and performance, especially surrealist drama and the poetics of play and games. Her current book-length projects are a study of ludics in surrealist and postmodern theatre and a monograph on the theatrical work of the Greek author Nanos Valaoritis. She founded the Washington University journal *Theatron*, of which she was co-editor (2003-2006). She also conducts research on Modern Greek language pedagogy with a focus on teaching with technology. She also extensively teaches on topics relevant to Greek literature, the reception of Greek tragedy, Greek mythology, Modern Greek poetry, comparative drama, literary theory, world drama and literature, and the Olympic Games as a major civilizing agent.

For her research and teaching she has received, among other grants and awards, the Derek Bok Award for Excellence in Teaching at Harvard (Spring 2009), The Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation grant for her position as an Assistant Professor at UMSL (2004-2008), the Greek State Scholarship Foundation (IKY) and the Mellon Dissertation Fellowship from Washington University where she also received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 2007 she was included in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

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Greece on the World Stage

Alan Henrikson, Director of Diplomatic Studies at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University



Alan Henrikson is the Lee E. Dirks Professor of Diplomatic History and the Director of Diplomatic Studies at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, where he teaches American diplomatic history, contemporary U.S.-European relations, global political geography, and the history, theory, and practice of diplomacy. During the academic year 2010-2011 he was Fulbright Schuman Professor of US-EU Relations at the College of Europe in Bruges. In 2005 he was Visiting Professor at the European Commission in Brussels where he taught a course for Commission officials on “American Foreign Policy Making.” In 2003 he was Fulbright/Diplomatic Academy Professor of International Relations at the Diplomatische Akademie in Vienna. He has taught as well at the U.S. Department of State, the National Institute for Defense Studies in Tokyo, and the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing. He also has been an Associate and a Visiting Scholar at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University.

In February 2011, during his time as Fulbright Schuman Professor at the College of Europe, he visited Greece and lectured at Piraeus University and at ELIAMEP and, in Thessaloniki, at the Hellenic Supreme Joint War College. He there also addressed the conference, “Global Challenges: NATO, UN, EU in the New Security Environment,” sponsored by Strategy International.

Professor Elizabeth Prodromou, Assistant Professor of International Relations.



Dr. Prodromou teaches in the Department of International Relations at Boston University, where she directs the M.A. degree program in International Relations and Religion. She is also now serving her fourth term as Commissioner on the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) since her appointment in 2004; she sits as Vice Chair of the USCIRF.

Dr. Prodromou has published widely on issues of religion and security, and democracy, human rights, and religious freedom. Her publications have appeared in scholarly and policy journals, such as *European Journal of Political Research*, *Social Compass*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Orbis*, *Survival*, and *Journal of Faith & International Affairs*, as well as in numerous edited volumes dealing with the comparative issues of human rights and religious freedom, religion and US foreign policy, and politics and culture in Southeastern Europe. She has published an edited volume on topics in religion and modernity, entitled *Thinking through Faith: Perspectives from Orthodox Christian Scholars*, and has a forthcoming book dealing with religion and politics (a monograph on *Church-State Relations in Greece: Pluralism, Democracy and European Integration*). Her work has also appeared in numerous media outlets, including *The Washington Post*, *The Huffington Post*, *the Voice of America*, and *The Hill*.

A regional expert on Southeastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean, she has been an invited policy consultant to many US government agencies in the diplomatic, defense, and intelligence communities, as well as to international organization, such as NATO and the United Nations, and to governmental and non-governmental organizations in various EU member-states.

SPEAKER PROFILES (cont'd)

Greece on the World Stage (cont'd)

Marios Efthymiopoulos, Visiting Scholar at the Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University SAIS; President of the Institute Strategy International in Greece



Dr. Efthymiopoulos is the President of the institute Strategy International in Greece. He is also a visiting professor at the Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC. Previously held positions as a visiting senior research scholar at George Washington University, Business School, EU Center for Excellence, Washington DC. He also held positions as Southeast Europe Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC USA, and visiting Lecturer at the Department of Social and Political Sciences, University Of Cyprus, Nicosia Cyprus.

Dr. Efthymiopoulos is a continuously invited Guest at the Joint War College of Greece, the NATO Maritime Interdiction Operation and Training Center. He is a graduate from the NATO Defence College (NADEFCOL) senior course 105, 2004-2005, Rome, Italy. He was appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece at NATO in Rome, worked at the UN Industrial Development Organization in the Biotechnology and Biosafety issues and as a Political/Financial Analyst at the Cook County's Treasurer's Office in Chicago Illinois USA. He holds a PhD from the University of Crete, Greece, a senior civilian and officers diploma by the NATO Defence College, Rome Italy, a Masters Degree from the University of Vienna -The Diplomatic Academy of Vienna- in Advanced International Relations (MAIS) (2002-2003), Vienna Austria & MSc in Russian and Post-Soviet Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, UK, (2001-2002), and BA (Hons) in International Relations and Politics by the University of Lincolnshire and Humberside, (1998-2001), Lincoln, UK.

Andreas Akaras, foreign affairs advisor to Congressman John Sarbanes (MD-3).

Andreas N. Akaras is an advisor to Congressman John Sarbanes (MD-3). He holds a B.A. in Economics & Political Science from the University of Maryland, and a JD from the University of Baltimore's Angelos School of Law, where he was a member of the Center for International and Comparative Law.

As a lawyer he has defended the human and civil rights of individuals seeking political asylum and immigration privileges in the United States, Holocaust survivors seeking compensation for the loss of their liberty interests, victims of war seeking redress to the European Court of Human Rights, victims of predatory consumer practices, and laborers denied their civil rights in the workplace. He has also represented emerging and medium sized businesses and global maritime interests.

Andreas' involvement in Democratic Party grassroots politics spans all levels of government from campaigns for Baltimore City Council to serving on the Obama Campaign's National Greek American Coordinating Committee. He was a member of Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley's transition team, serving on the Planning and Smart Growth Transition Workgroup.

He has been published in journals and newspapers in the US and has co-authored numerous articles and editorials appearing in national and international media. His activities have been covered, and he has been interviewed or served as a guest commentator, in Bloomberg Business Week, FOX News Baltimore, The Baltimore Business Journal, Antenna Television, The Baltimore Sun, The Daily Record, Spanish Language media, and as well, television, print, radio, and internet mediums in Greece and Cyprus.