



PRESS RELEASE

CAPITAL LINK GREECE WEBINAR SERIES

On the occasion of the establishment of the
"Miltiadis Marinakis Endowed Professorship for Modern Greek Language and Culture"
at The Ohio State University

&

of the appointment of the first Professor, Mr. Yiorgos Anagnostou

Capital Link Webinar discussion on the topic of:

"Culture and Education among Greek Americans"

April 7, 2021

12:00pm US ET - 19:00pm Athens time - 17:00pm London time

April 1st, 2021

Capital Link has initiated a series of webinars at regular intervals aimed to raise the profile of Greece as a cultural, business and investment destination in the global investment community. Capital Link Webinar discussion "[Culture and Education among Greek Americans](#)", will be held on **April 7, 2021 | 12:00pm US ET - 19:00pm Athens time - 17:00pm London time**.

The webinar is honored by the participation and speeches of:

- **His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America**
- **H.E. Mrs. Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of Greece in the US**

Academic departments in the humanities have been dwindling in the past decades worldwide, as part of a wider shift of interest from the arts and humanities to the sciences. This shift is more practically oriented, but can endanger knowledge of cultural diversity, language, and tradition both for individuals and societies.

This webinar is organised on the occasion of the establishment of the "**Miltiadis Marinakis Endowed Professorship for Modern Greek Language and Culture**" by The Board of Trustees of [The Ohio State University \('OSU'\)](#) on the 25th of March, 2020.

In order to preserve access to higher education about Modern Greece abroad, with **Mr. Evangelos Marinakis** as lead sponsor, **Ohio Hellenic Paideia ('OHP', [Columbus Ohio, USA](#))** initiated and completed a new round of fundraising between 2015-2020, in order to safeguard the continuing operation of the Modern Greek Studies Program at The Ohio State University (Columbus Ohio, USA).

The chair of the program has been named after Mr. Marinakis' late father, Miltiadis Marinakis, a well-respected philanthropist, who instilled in Mr. Marinakis a sense of duty toward his fellow man and pride in his Greek heritage.

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Mr. Evangelos M. Marinakis, Chairman of **Capital Maritime & Trading Corp.** actively supports the "**Miltiadis Marinakis Endowed Professorship for Modern Greek Language and Culture**" and a number of other charitable and cultural causes both in Greece and around the world, such as UNICEF, the Kazantzakis Museum in Crete, a wide range of community and infrastructure projects across the port city of Piraeus, including most recently hospital equipment for the alleviation of the Covid-19 pandemic, actions to commemorate the victims of the genocide of the Greeks of Pontus, multilateral actions in collaboration with the Municipality and the Metropolis of Piraeus and initiatives to sustain the refugee crisis with Harvard University and others.

This webinar will highlight modern Greek language and culture, in the wider context of the Greek-American experience, preserving tradition throughout history, while absorbing and reshaping enriching influences, and evolving with global popular culture.

The following academics will present the topic from different angles, as they teach modern Greek language and culture in US Universities. They conduct and publish research and travel to Greece and worldwide in order to participate in international fora and kindle enthusiasm for Greek culture in an international community across the continents, while maintaining a close-knit collaboration with the local Greek community of Columbus, Ohio, strengthening Greek diaspora ties.

- **Mr. Yiorgos Anagnostou**, Miltiadis Marinakis Professor of Modern Greek Language and Culture - **The Ohio State University**
- **Mr. Gregory Jurdanis**, Modern Greek Humanities Distinguished Professor - **The Ohio State University**
- **Mrs. Artemis Leontis**, C.P. Cavafy Professor of Modern Greek and Comparative Literature Department of Classical Studies - **University of Michigan**

Important cultural initiatives will be presented by:

- **Mr. John P. Calamos, Sr.**, Founder, Chairman & Global Chief Investment Officer - **Calamos Investments**; Chairman - **National Hellenic Museum**, Mr. Calamos actively supports educational institutions and Hellenic organizations, serving as a member of NHS, Leadership 100, THI and Friends of St. Nicholas. Additionally, he founded and is Chairman of the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago with the mission to share the legacy of Hellenism, preserve the rich stories of Greek heritage and honor the many contributions of Greek immigrants to other cultures.
- **Mr. Drake Behrakis**, **The Behrakis Foundation**; Board Chairman - **National Hellenic Society Organization**; President - **Marwick Associates**. The Behrakis Foundation is a private family foundation established in Massachusetts in 1996 by George and Margo Behrakis. During his lifetime, Mr Behrakis has concentrated a majority of his philanthropy in the areas of Arts, Education, HealthCare, Hellenic Causes and the Eastern Orthodox Faith. Carrying on the work of Mr Behrakis, the Foundation seeks to help the community to prepare for its new economic opportunities, and its new national and international leadership roles.
- **Mr. Robert Buhler**, Chairman - **PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation**; President and Chief Executive Officer - **Open Pantry Food Marts of Wisconsin, Inc.**- The Vision of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is to build a better America through Education and Hellenism and its Mission is to promote education by providing scholarships and programs to Greek American students who, guided by the values of their Hellenic upbringing, have the potential to become life-long significant achievers and contribute meaningfully to society.
- **Mr. George G. Horiates**, Supreme President - **Order of AHEPA**. Founded in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia, on the principles that undergirded its fight for civil rights and against discrimination, bigotry, and hatred felt at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan, AHEPA is the largest and oldest grassroots association of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes with more than 400 chapters across the United States, Canada, and Europe. AHEPA's mission is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism.
- **Mr. Nick Larigakis**, President & Chief Executive Officer, **American Hellenic Institute**. AHI's members care deeply about the United States' relationship with Greece and her neighbors. Following Pericles's admonition that good citizenship requires involvement in public affairs, we recognize the important role

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played in a vibrant democracy by alert, engaged citizens. AHI's mission is as clear today as it was when AHI was founded in 1974: Upholding the rule of law in matters of U.S. foreign policy, particularly in our nation's dealings with Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey. In 1974, when Turkey invaded and occupied Cyprus, AHI advocated a profoundly simple response—enforce U.S. law. At the time, the Executive Branch refused to enforce federal laws that prohibited Turkey's aggressive use of U.S.-supplied arms and equipment. AHI has become the leading forum for addressing important issues that affect the U.S.'s relationship with Greece, Cyprus, and Southeastern Europe. It is a well-respected lobby, think-tank, and educational foundation that informs and influences leaders, policymakers and citizens alike. We invite you to join and help us fulfill our mission.

WEBINAR STRUCTURE

The webinar will consist of a 90-minute expert discussion, which will be followed by a live Q&A session lasting for 15 minutes. This webinar will be archived and available for replay on demand upon registration.

Registration is complimentary at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xc8CUe9cT6aCebmJheHuMA

Q&A SESSION SUBMITTING QUESTIONS

Participants can submit questions to the panelists live during the event through the special feature on the event page (Q&A button), or they can email them prior or during the event to Capital Link at questions@capitallink.com

PROGRAMME

12:00–12:05pm US ET - 19:00–19:05pm Athens Time - 17:00–17:05pm London Time

Welcome Remarks: **Mr. Nicolas Bornozi**, President & CEO – **Capital Link Inc.**

Introductory Remarks:

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- **H.E. Mrs. Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of Greece in the US**
- **Mr. Evangelos M. Marinakis**, Chairman - **Capital Maritime & Trading Corp.**
- **Mr. Yiorgos Anagnostou**, Miltiadis Marinakis Professor of Modern Greek Language and Culture - **The Ohio State University**

Panel discussion:

Moderator: **Mr. Gregory Jusdanis**, Modern Greek Humanities Distinguished Professor - **The Ohio State University**

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