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"Best Ever"? The State of the U.S.-Greece Bilateral Relationship

On Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 3:00 pm, Hellenic Link-Midwest will present Endy Zemenides, Executive Director of the Hellenic American Leadership Council, in a live lecture titled: "Best Ever?" *The State of the U.S.-Greece Bilateral Relationship*. The event will take place at the lecture hall of the Holy Taxiarchai and Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N Caldwell Ave, Niles, Illinois.

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On the heels of the latest round in the U.S.-Greece Strategic Dialogue on February 9 and the sale of F35s to Greece, the celebration of the U.S.-Greece relationship as "the best it has ever been" is certain to only grow louder. This leads to several questions: Is really the relationship at the best it has ever been? What challenges in the relationship still remain to be overcome? How does this relationship affect the Greco-Turkish relationship? Can we say "best ever" as long as Cyprus remains occupied?

We will be discussing all these questions and more with Endy Zemenides, Executive Director of the Hellenic American Leadership Council. This will be Endy's first public lecture since convening the 5th Annual Southeast Europe and Eastern Mediterranean Forum (co-hosted by HALC, Kathimerini and the Delphi Economic Forum) on February 12-13 following the Strategic Dialogue in Washington.

Endy Zemenides is the Executive Director of the Hellenic American Leadership Council (HALC), a national Greek-American advocacy organization. He oversees staff and fellows in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C., and leads the organizations advocacy efforts at the federal, state and local levels, as well as HALC's public education programs. Zemenides is in the Leadership Circles of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs (CCGA), where he also was one of the CCGA's Emerging Leaders Fellows.

He served as Senior Advisor to former Illinois State Treasurer and Democratic nominee for the United States Senate, Alexi Giannoulas; has served on the editorial board and board of advisors of the National Strategy Forum, as a participant in the Aspen Institute's Socrates Program, and has lectured in international relations and American foreign policy in DePaul University's political science department.

He received a BA from DePaul University, an MA from the University of Essex (UK), and his JD from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he served as a fellow for the Harrison Institute for Public Law and an Editor of the Georgetown Journal of International Law.

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