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U.S.–Greece Relations and the Provocative and Aggressive Stance of Erdogan’s Turkey Against Greece and Cyprus

On Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 3:00 pm Central Standard Time, Hellenic Link–Midwest will present Endy Zemenides, Executive Director of the Hellenic American Leadership Council, in a lecture on the U.S.- Greece Relations in view of the war in Ukraine, the extremely provocative and aggressive stance of Erdogan’s Turkey against Greece and Cyprus and the growing alignment of Erdogan’s Turkey with Putin’s Russia.

The event will be held at the lecture hall of the Holy Taxiarchai and Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N Caldwell Ave, Niles, Illinois. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Erdogan, using as a pretext baseless claims about the militarization of Greek islands, has been repeatedly threatening to attack Greece and these threats are continuously repeated by other Turkish government officials. In September, Erdogan said: “*When the time comes, we will do what’s necessary, we say we may come suddenly one night,*”... “*We have only one word to tell Greece: Do not forget Izmir*” (Smyrna). In November, Erdogan claimed that a newly-tested Turkish ballistic missile has “*Athens within its range.*”

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 Giannoulias; 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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