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On the Verge of War?

On Sunday, November 10, 2019, Hellenic Link–Midwest presents Endy Zemenides, in a lecture titled "On the Verge of War?" The event will take place at 3:00 pm in Room 1604, at the Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Admission will be free.

Please park at the Faculty/Staff parking lot C and enter through door entrance #37. Please arrive between 2:30-3:00 pm so we can start the lecture promptly at 3:00 pm, as we have the room reserved until 5:00 pm only.

The Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean have perpetually been flashpoints between Greece and Turkey. The international law is on the side of Greece and Cyprus. In recent years, a number of diplomatic developments have raised the international standing of Greece and Cyprus. Turkey has responded with unprecedented levels of peacetime military provocations, violating Greek airspace and territorial waters thousands of times and infringing on the Republic of Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone.

US Ambassador to Athens Geoffrey Pyatt repeatedly declares his concern over the possibility of an "accident" happening between Greece and Turkey in the Aegean, and Turkey consistently threatens to use force against Greece and Cyprus.

How real is the prospect of war in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean? How do the improved bilateral relations between the US and Greece and souring relationship between Washington and Ankara shape the equation? How does Turkey's turn away from the West affect the prospects for the reunification of Cyprus?

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 Giannoulis; 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.

Immediately after the lecture, the Hellenic Link–Midwest members are requested to remain in the lecture room for a brief membership meeting. Since we have to leave the room at 5:00 pm, in order to have more time for the membership meeting, we will start the lecture exactly at 3:00 pm.