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Climate Change, Extreme Events and Impacts for Greece in the Near and Distant Future

On Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 2:00 pm, Hellenic Link-Midwest presents Dr. Christos Giannakopoulos in an online lecture titled: "*Climate Change, Extreme Events and Impacts For Greece in the Near and Distant Future*". **Please note that this lecture will start at 2:00 pm U.S. Central Time.** This lecture is supported by the Hellenic Foundation, Chicago. The support of the Foundation is greatly appreciated.

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The Mediterranean basin is considered a hotspot for climate change with changes occurring more rapidly than in other parts of the world. Especially the East Mediterranean, where Greece is located, is going to be severely affected by changes in mean and extreme weather events with heatwaves becoming more frequent and severe and precipitation becoming more infrequent and less abundant. These changes will affect other significant sectors such as population health and comfort, agriculture, energy demand, forest fire risk. More specifically, mortality is expected to rise due to population exposure to warmer temperatures, heatwaves and air pollution events. Agricultural productivity will also be affected since many crops will not be able to cope with the new climatic conditions and forest fire risk and fire season length will strongly increase. Energy demand for cooling will also rise. This lecture will investigate climatic changes, extreme events and associated impacts on these sectors for the country of Greece.

Dr. Giannakopoulos is Research Director at the National Observatory of Athens (NOA). His research focuses on climate change modeling of extremes and impacts on various sectors such as energy demand, health, agriculture, tourism, forest fires. He was a lead author of UNEP's IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) 4th Assessment Report (2007) on Climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability. He is NOA's Principal Investigator in several major climate change related EU projects, He also has experience in the field of global chemical transport models and has participated in the World Climate Research Program. He is Member of the Climate Change Impacts Study Committee* formed by the Bank of Greece to study the environmental, economic and social consequences of climate change in Greece and has co-authored the national adaptation strategy for Greece. He is the IPCC National Focal point since 2018 as well as representative of the Mission on Adaptation Sub-Group of the Horizon Europe Shadow Program Committee since 2019. He is the author of over 80 peer-reviewed papers and over 90 publications in conference proceedings.

(* <http://www.bankofgreece.gr/Pages/en/klima/default.aspx>)

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B. Click "Open Link"

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at the scheduled time of the event and scroll down as needed until you see the live broadcast underway (it may be at the very top). In order to ask questions on Facebook enter them as a comment in the Comments section underneath or next to the live screen.