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Has the Opportunity for Reunification Passed Cyprus By?

On Sunday, February 18, 2018, Hellenic Link–Midwest presents Endy Zemenides in a lecture titled: “*Has the Opportunity for Reunification Passed Cyprus By?*” The event will take place at 3:00 pm in Room 1610, at the Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Admission will be free.

Please park in 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.

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The latest round of reunification negotiations in Cyprus progressed far enough for diplomats and commentators to declare that more was achieved in this round of negotiations than in any previous attempt. Yet the international Conference on Cyprus came to an abrupt and contentious end this past July.

Why did the conference at Crans-Montana end the way it did? Why was there such great hope that last August was the time for the solution of the Cyprus problem? Was this round of negotiations doomed from the start?

Endy Zemenides will review this last round of reunification negotiations – from the February 2014 joint statement to Crans-Montana – and give first-hand accounts of what was occurring in Nicosia, Athens, Washington D.C. and New York during that period. Zemenides will argue that the way Crans-Montana ended, combined with the political situation in Turkey and the shift in American diplomacy makes the present framework for a solution of the Cyprus problem unlikely to succeed. A new strategy is required in Cyprus, in Greece, and in the diaspora.

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 organization's 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.