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Greece, Turkey and the Great Powers. National and International Aspirations, 1918-1922

On Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 2:00 pm US Central Time (10:00 pm Athens time), Hellenic Link-Midwest presents Dr. Nikos Nikoloudis, in an online lecture titled: “Greece, Turkey and the Great Powers. National and International Aspirations, 1918-1922”. This is a lecture supported by the [Hellenic Foundation, Chicago](#).

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The end of WWI presented the Entente with a complex situation vis-à-vis the Ottoman Empire. According to article 12 of President Woodrow Wilson’s 14 Points, “*The Turkish portion of the present Ottoman Empire should be assured a secure sovereignty, but the other nationalities which are now under Ottoman rule should be assured an undoubted security of life and an absolutely unmolested opportunity of autonomous development*”. This statement was prompted largely by the commotion caused during the war by the Armenian genocide, but its phraseology allowed every Power with an interest in the Ottoman Empire to expect something different out of it. Thus, soon the Allies faced a variety of problems: conflicting economic interests in the area of the Empire; a diminishing American interest in promoting Armenian self-determination; serious difficulties in drawing borders between regions inhabited by ethnically mixed populations, etc. In this context of these complications, the treaty with the Ottomans (Treaty of Sevres) took longer than any other one related to the defeated Central Powers, and was only signed in August 1920, nearly two years after the end of the War. Moreover, the Treaty instead of opting for self-determination of non-Turkish minorities (as in the case of Austria Hungary), it resulted in a partition of the Empire among the Allies, involving the Dardanelles, Western and southern Asia Minor, as well as mandates over Syria, Palestine and Mesopotamia.

Greece appeared as one of the treaty’s main beneficiaries. However, its policies were restricted by the constantly shifting priorities of Great Britain, France and Italy in Anatolia. Moreover, the Greek mandate over the sanjak (district) of Smyrna prompted a renewed nationalistic Turkish response, focused around Mustafa Kemal, a hero of WWI. Kemal’s regime managed to defeat its internal opponents, come to terms with France and Italy, and continue with the genocide of Greeks and Armenians in the Pontus and Western Anatolia, while at the same time successive governments in Greece proved unable to both defeat the Turks on the battlefield and reach an understanding with the Great Powers about the future of the Greek presence in Asia Minor.

Doctor Nicholas Nikoloudis received his Doctoral degree at the Department (currently Center) of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, at King’s College, London. Subsequently taught history courses at the CYA (College Year in Athens), the Athens School for Tourist Guides and the YWCA, as well at postgraduate seminars at ATINER (Athens Institute for Education and Research). His areas of research interest include, geographically, Greece (medieval and modern), Southeastern Europe, the Middle East and the Mediterranean, and thematically, military and sociopolitical history. He has served as Editor-in-Chief of *Historica Themata* (*Historical Themes*), has co-authored two textbooks for the Hellenic Open University, and has published thirteen books and many articles.

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