RHODES ACADEMY
OF OCEANS LAW AND POLICY

PROMOTING THE RULE OF LAW IN THE WORLD’S OCEANS
Rhodian ship (trireme) of the 3rd–2nd century B. C. carved on the rock of the Acropolis of Lindos, Rhodes. Triremes are named after the three lines of rowers arranged down the length of each side of the ship. The dense forests of Rhodes provided building materials for these effective warships.
“Believing that the codification and progressive development of the law of the sea achieved in this Convention will contribute to the strengthening of peace, security, cooperation and friendly relations among all nations in conformity with the principles of justice and equal rights and will promote the economic and social advancement of all people of the world, in accordance with the Purpose and Principles of the United Nations as set forth in the Charter...”

“The Virginia Commentary…is a remarkable accomplishment. The Commentary is an indispensable scholarly contribution. It memorializes the achievements of UNCLOS III and subsequent efforts to build a rule of law for the oceans....Although the Virginia Commentary cannot eliminate disputes over interpretation of the Law of the Sea Convention, it contributes vitally to the process of interpretation.”

—Professor John E. Noyes, California Western School of Law in Peaceful Order in the World’s Oceans: Essays in Honor of Satya N. Nandan (2014)

“[T]he most comprehensive and authoritative commentary on the Convention [is] the so-called ‘Virginia Commentary.’”

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The Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy is an international collegial institution that offers a three-week summer course in Rhodes, Greece. The basic object of the Rhodes Academy is to promote the rule of law in the world’s oceans. The Academy provides an educational forum for discussion of the principles of modern oceans law and policy, thereby fostering a broader common understanding of and adherence to the rule of law as set out in international agreements and state practice. The foundations of ancient maritime law are linked to the development of the Rhodian Sea Code (*Lex Rhodia*), dating to around the 8th century A.D. The roots of modern oceans law are often traced to the early 17th-century treatise by Hugo Grotius titled *Mare Liberum* (“Freedom of the Seas”). As maritime relations evolved, the concept of the freedom of the seas became the guiding principle under which nations conducted their activities in the oceans’ commons.

The basic principles of oceans law underwent a transformation in the 20th century, beginning in 1930 when the subject of the law of the sea was taken up by the League of Nations as part of its codification work on international law. A proliferation of expanded and conflicting maritime claims over ocean space then emerged in the period following World War II.

This led to the First United Nations Conference on the law of the sea in 1958 that produced four keystone conventions but left unresolved the breadth of the territorial sea and extent of fisheries jurisdiction. These controversial issues were addressed again without success at a Second Conference in 1960. Thereafter, the unresolved territorial sea and fishery conflicts were compounded by newer issues, such as the legal regime for minerals resources of the deep ocean beyond national jurisdiction and an increasing global awareness of the need to protect the marine environment. The triggering event for the Third Conference was an inspiring speech by Ambassador Arvid Pardo of Malta made to the U.N. General Assembly in 1967 calling for the deep seabed resources to be declared the “common heritage of mankind.” Thereafter, the United Nations General Assembly convened the Third Conference with...
a comprehensive agenda that was negotiated from 1973 to 1982 by virtually every nation on earth. The culmination of this largest negotiation in history was the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982.

The 1982 Convention establishes a “Constitution” for contemporary oceans law by setting out rules governing the rights and jurisdiction of nations in various maritime zones. These include rights over living and nonliving resources, and the critical rights of freedom of navigation enjoyed by the entire international community.

Built around existing international agreements and state practice, the 1982 Convention governs virtually all activities in the oceans. At the same time, it provides the framework for the progressive development of international law dealing with oceans and their uses.

The 1982 Convention has been ratified by 168 Parties as of early 2021, and is widely considered as reflective of customary international law in almost all respects. Near universal acceptance of the Convention places a premium on a widely accepted common understanding of the legal content in the Convention. A more uniform adherence to the rule of law in the oceans is based on the Convention, confirming state practice and a growing number of implementing agreements.
The mission of the Rhodes Academy is to promote a common understanding of the rules of law governing humanity’s activities in the oceans thereby contributing to world peace and stability. The Academy achieves its goal each year by bringing together a distinguished faculty and a carefully selected student body for three weeks of concentrated study of modern oceans law.

The main source of this law is found in the 320 detailed articles plus nine annexes contained in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The original deep seabed mining regime in the 1982 Convention was updated in 1994 just before the 1982 Convention entered into force on November 16, 1994. Since the revised Convention is now universally followed, the focus has shifted to reaching a common interpretation of its complex terms and teaching actual as well as potential law of the sea practitioners from throughout the world on its application, implementation, and enforcement.

The Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy provides a concentrated scholarly setting whereby sophisticated students from diverse backgrounds can receive contemporary rule of law instruction from distinguished faculty.
JOHN NORTON MOORE
Rhodes Director John Norton Moore is Professor Emeritus, University of Virginia School of Law. He is also former Director of the Center for Oceans Law and Policy. He was the US Ambassador and Deputy Special Representative of the President to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

University of Virginia School of Law
The Center for Oceans Law and Policy operated at the University of Virginia School of Law from 1976 until its closure in 2020. The University of Virginia is located in Charlottesville, Virginia and was founded by Thomas Jefferson.

NIKOS SKOURTOS
Rhodes Director Nikos Skourtos is Director of the Institute and Member of the Bar Association of Rhodes.

Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea Maritime Law
The Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law is located in the heart of the “Medieval Town” of Rhodes. It was founded in 1991 and began its activities in 1994. As an independent public institution affiliated with the University of the Aegean and supervised by the Ministry of Justice, its Board of Directors is composed of Law professors representing the University of Athens, the University of Thessaloniki, the University of Thrace, the Panteion University, the University of Piraeus and the University of the Aegean, as well as representative members of the Bar Association of Rhodes and Piraeus. The Institute’s main objectives are the realization of research projects; the publication of scientific reports and announcements; the organization of lectures, seminars and congresses; the collaboration with Greek and international academic institutions and scholars; and the issuance of opinions and consultations.

RÜDIGER WOLFRUM
Rhodes Director Rüdiger Wolfrum is Director Emeritus of the Heidelberg Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, a Professor at the University of Heidelberg Faculty of Law and Managing Director at the Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law. He is a former President and Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg.

Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law
The Foundation provides assistance to the reconstruction or restructuring of the internal organization to States which have experienced radical change in relation to their constitutional law. Beneficiaries and stakeholders of the Foundation’s expertise include States which are trying to re-establish public order following civil wars, States undergoing a change of direction (e.g., Afghanistan, Sudan or Somalia), new States which come into existence after having seceded from other States and States which are trying to realign their legal systems in the aftermath of the Arab Spring.

ROBERT BECKMAN
Rhodes Director Robert Beckman is the Head of the Ocean Law and Policy programme and the former Director of the Centre for International Law,
National University of Singapore (NUS). He is also an Associate Professor at the NUS Faculty of Law; an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University; and a member of the National Executive Committee of CSCAP Singapore.

Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore
The Centre for International Law (CIL) was established in 2009 at the National University of Singapore's Bukit Timah Campus in response to the growing need for international law expertise and capacity building in the Asia-Pacific region. CIL is a university-wide research centre that focuses on multidisciplinary research and works with other NUS or external centres of research of academic excellence. CIL collaborates very closely with the NUS Faculty of Law. In 2012, the QS World University Ranking ranked the NUS Faculty of Law as 10th in world and the top in Asia. The current director of CIL is Nilüfer Oral.

http://cil.nus.edu.sg/

Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland
The Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland was founded in 1999 as a cooperative undertaking initiated by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Fisheries and the Faculty of Law, University of Iceland. The main objective of the Icelandic Institute is to promote understanding of the law of the sea at both the national and international level. The Institute hosts conferences, supports programs and grants scholarships to Rhodes Academy students.

TOMAS HEIDAR
Rhodes Director Tomas Heidar is Director of the Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland and a Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. He is currently President of the Chamber for Fisheries Disputes. He lectures at the University of Iceland and many other universities and institutions around the world.

University of Utrecht

ALEX G. OUBE ELFERINK
Rhodes Director Alex G. Oude Elferink is Director of the Netherlands Institute and a Professor of Law of the Sea at the K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea, University of Tromso, Norway.

Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea, Utrecht University
The Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS) was established in September 1984. It operates within the framework of the Department of International and European Law and the Utrecht Centre for Water, Oceans and Sustainability Law, School of Law, Utrecht University. The Netherlands Institute’s general research emphasis is on oceans governance, dispute settlement, the polar regions and assistance to in particular developing countries in dealing with law of the sea issues.


Korea Maritime Institute
The Korea Maritime Institute (KMI) was founded in 1984. It is Korea’s flagship research institute on maritime affairs, marine industry, and fisheries.
Currently, Chang Young-Tae is the president of KMI. The Institute is committed to play a part in national economic development as well as national policy establishment through comprehensive analysis of international trends and research in these fields.

https://www.kmi.re.kr/eng

RESEARCH CENTER OF THE SEA AND MARITIME LAW AND POLICY, ANKARA UNIVERSITY (ASSOCIATE SPONSOR)

The Research Center of the Sea and Maritime Law (DEHUKAM) was established at Ankara University in order to bring together all the academics and other interests engaged in the sea and maritime law and policies in Turkey. The regulation regarding the operation of the center was published in 2015.

The purpose of the Center is to carry out scientific research in the field of the sea and maritime law and policies, to train expert personnel in this field, to contribute to the development of Turkish sea and maritime law and policies through cooperation with the related public institutions, organizations, and real and legal persons. Currently, Hakan Karan is the director of DEHUKAM.

A distinguished faculty has taught at the Rhodes Academy since its inception. The faculty has been drawn from over two dozen different nationalities with expertise from many diverse fields. The faculty has included several judges from the International Court of Justice, over a dozen judges from the International Tribunal on Law of the Sea in Hamburg and officials from United Nations Headquarters, Food and Agriculture Organization, International Maritime Organization, United Nations Economic and Social Council, World Bank and United Nations Environment Program. Many have been ambassadors, senior officials and noted scholars from famous universities. Recent faculty (2009–2019) are listed below.

*Individuals marked with an asterisk taught at the 2019 Academy

**World Class Faculty**

**Professor Danae Azaria**  
Lecturer in Law, University College London

**Ambassador David Balton (Ret.)**  
Senior Fellow, Wilson Center Polar Initiative

**Professor Robert Beckman**  
Head, Ocean Law and Policy Programme, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

**Kent Bressie, Esq.**  
Partner at Harris, Wilshire & Grannis LLP, Washington, DC

**Douglas R. Burnett, Esq.**  
Former Chief Counsel of the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD)

**H.E. Jean-Pierre Cot**  
Former Judge (France), International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

**Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice**  
Queen Mary University of London

**Professor Maria Gavouneli**  
International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Athens

**H.E. Vladimir Golitsyn**  
Former President and Judge (Russian Federation), International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

**H.E. Tomas H. Heidar**  
Vice President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea; Director, Law of the Sea Institute, Iceland

**H.E. Albert J. Hoffmann**  
President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

**Dr. Nong Hong**  
Executive Director, Institute for China-America Studies

**H.E. Andrew J. Jacovides**  
Former Ambassador, Cyprus

**Professor Hakan Karan**  
Director, Research Center of Sea and Maritime Law, Ankara University

**Professor James Kraska**  
Chairman and Howard S. Levie Professor, Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College

**H.E. Michael Lodge**  
Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority

**Ms. Youna Lyons**  
Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

**Professor Nele Matz-Lück**  
Co-Director, Walther Schücking Institute for International Law, University of Kiel

**Lawrence Martin, Esq.**  
Partner at Foley Hoag LLP, Deputy Chair, International Litigation and Arbitration Department
*Dr. Larry Mayer  
Director, Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping/Joint Hydrographic Center University of New Hampshire

H.E. Thomas Mensah  
Former President and Judge (Ghana), International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

*Minister Counsellor Fernanda Millicay  
Second Class Minister, Foreign Service of Argentina

*Professor Alina Miron  
Professor of International Law, University of Angers (France)

Professor Erik J. Molenaar  
Dep. Dir., NILOS, Utrecht Univ. and Prof., K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea, University of Tromsø

Ms. Barbara S. Moore  
(Ret.) ECS Interagency Task Force, U.S. Dept. of State

Professor (Emeritus) John Norton Moore  
Former Director, Center for Oceans Law & Policy, University of Virginia School of Law

*Professor Myron H. Nordquist  
Former Associate Director, Center for Oceans Law & Policy, University of Virginia; Adviser, US Naval War College

*H.E. Arif Havas Oegroseno  
Indonesian Ambassador to Germany

Professor Nilüfer Oral  
Director, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

*Professor Oya Özçayır  
University of Exeter Law School

Dr. Alex G. Oude Elferink  
Director, NILOS, Utrecht University and Professor, K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea, University of Tromsø

H.E. Jin-Hyun Paik  
Judge (Republic of Korea) and former President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Graduation ceremony, 2018
Dr. Sven Petersen  
GEOMAR, Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research, Kiel

Mr. Jean-François Pulvenis de Séligny  
Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Economics and Policy Division, Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, Italy

Paul Reichler, Esq.  
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*Capt. J. Ashley Roach  
JAGC, US Navy (Ret.); Visiting Senior Principal Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

Professor Emmanuel C. Roucounas  
School of Law, Economics and Political Science, University of Athens

*Professor Clive Schofield  
Head of Research, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, World Maritime University

Keith Schofield, Esq.  
International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC)

Professor (Emeritus) Steve Scott  
Dept. of Geology, University of Toronto

H.E. Bernardo Sepúlveda-Amor  
Judge, International Court of Justice

Professor Alexander Skaridov  
Director, Russian Academy of Liberal Arts Education, St. Petersburg, Russia

*Dr. Nikos Skourtos  
Director, Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law, Rhodes

Dr. Robert W. Smith  
Geographer (Ret.), Office of Oceans Affairs, US Dept. of State; Geographic Consultant

Professor Alfred H.A. Soons  
Former Director, Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea

Dr. Kaiser Gonçalves de Souza  
Chief of the Division of Marine Geology at the Geological Survey of Brazil

*Minister Counsellor Maria Telalian  
Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

*H.E. Tullio Treves  
Former Judge (Italy), International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea; Professor, Universita di Milano, Milan

Professor Seline Trevisanut  
Research Fellow and Assistant Professor in international law at the University of Utrecht (Netherlands)

Dr. Philomène Verlaan  
Oceanographer and attorney-at-law

*H.E. Rüdiger Wolfrum  
Managing Director, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, Heidelberg; former President and Judge (Germany), International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea; Dir. Em., Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law

Our Lady of the Castle, Old Town
ACADEMIC SESSION

Each academic session of the Rhodes Academy comprises an intensive three-week course of lectures and seminars leading to a Certificate for all students who attend classes regularly. Students who elect to take and who are successful in passing a final examination are awarded a Diploma. While the curriculum varies somewhat from year to year, a general pattern for the academic program at the Academy is established. Week one is devoted to an introduction, history and overview of the conventional and customary law and practices concerning the modern law of the sea. Week two typically focuses in greater detail on specific topics such as marine resources and delimitation. Week three centers around topics such as navigation and the marine environment. Emphasis is placed on student participation in seminars or workshops dealing with particular cases or topical issues in oceans law and policy.

Three lectures are typically held daily from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Seminars or workshops are given on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. An examination for Diploma candidates is usually offered on Friday afternoons of the second and third weeks.

An illustrative schedule of classes would be as follows:

Week 1

BACKGROUND AND SCIENCE

During the first week, emphasis is placed on bringing the students, who come from diverse backgrounds, to a common understanding of the historic role of the law of the sea and its fundamental contribution to public international law. The results of the First and Second Conferences on the law of the sea are discussed and the background on the negotiations at the Third U. N. Conference is covered. The lectures are often given by scholars or diplomats who actually participated in negotiating the terms of the 1982 Convention. The Convention is often characterized as a “constitution for the oceans” as its 320 articles and nine annexes deal with virtually every maritime activity. Ironically, the
regime for the mining of hard minerals in the deep seabed that had precipitated the negotiations for the Third Conference was not acceptable to many industrialized nations. This defect was recognized and in 1994 an implementing agreement was concluded under the leadership of the U. N. Under Secretary General for the Law of the Sea, Satya N. Nandan. The 1994 agreement successfully revised the deep seabed regime so that there are now 168 Parties including the European Commission.

The most significant compromise in the 1982 Convention was to balance coastal State control over living and non-living resources in a 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone with the international community’s need for freedom of navigation. Many of the new provisions in the 1982 Convention were driven by advances in marine science and offshore technology. In the two workshops held, one might center on the conflicts that occur because nations have different ocean interests. The other might stress scientific or technical aspects of the oceans’ physical parameters as well as the relation to various zones of jurisdiction.

**Week 2**

**RESOURCES AND DELIMITATION**

During the second week, fishery regimes for coastal stocks as well as for straddling and highly migratory fish stocks are explained. Sitting judges on the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea offer revealing insights on the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Continental shelf boundaries are examined, including the emerging problem of locating the outer limit between national and international limits. The functions of the International Seabed Authority and the particular issues surrounding marine mammals or small islands are also discussed. The more practical seminars or workshops on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons may take up hypothetical cases with students playing various nations’ roles in boundary delimitations.

**Week 3**

**NAVIGATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

The 1982 Convention contains more enforceable provisions dealing with the environment than any other multilateral treaty. Specific agreements developed under the aegis of the International Maritime Organization apply to commercial shipping based on flag States and classic maritime rules. The interface between global environmental standards and their enforcement is explained, often by experts who are or were personally involved in setting up the regimes. The community interest in freedom of navigation through and over international straits and oceanic archipelagoes is discussed as is the sovereign immunity of military vessels. An environmental workshop and a navigation seminar may be given on the two afternoon sessions during which spirited debate is expected. An optional examination is offered at the end of the second and third week for students seeking a Diploma from the Academy.
Nearly 1,000 students from throughout the world have attended the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy since it started. Many of the students were already working as law of the sea officials in their governments, while others were graduate or postgraduate scholars specializing in oceans law or policy. Lifelong contacts and communication networks have evolved because of the common academic interest and the shared experience in a classical Greek setting. The curriculum has been demanding as it covers the entire spectrum of topics found in the 1982 Convention and more, such as a basic introduction to ocean science and complex real-world delimitation cases. The graduates of the Academy have received a highly concentrated mix of oceans law and policy that added value because of the distinguished level of faculty instruction. At the same time, however, many of the students have said the most rewarding aspect of attending the Rhodes Academy was the opportunity to meet fellow scholars from so many other nations. The following is a list of Rhodes Oceans Scholars:

RHODES ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS BY COUNTRY 1996–2019

**ALBANIA**
Tatjana Hema (2006)
Eris Hysi (2009)
Ledia Hysi (1998)
Suela S. Ibrahim (2000)
Evis Karandrea (1999)
Gentiana Mburimi (1999)
Inida Methoxha (2008)
Agustela Nini (2001)
Anila K. Premti (1996)

**ALGERIA**
Amor Abada (1999)
Ahmed Chemaa (1999)

**ARGENTINA**
Josefina Bunge (2007)
Jorge E. Cabrera-Torelli (1996)
Alejandro Canio (2008)
Guillermo Anibal Fonseca Arias (2018)
Juan Galindo Roldan (2019)
Silvia Gonzalez Napolitano (2001)
Erica Lucero (2010)
Rodolfo Lucero (2013)
Ariel Martins Mogo (2014)

**Fernanda Millicay (2004)**
Cynthia Mulville (2009)
Juan Pablo Paniego (2012)
Lucia Raffin (2016)
Nicolas Rantica (2008)
Paula Vernet (2009)
Alejandro Villaverde (2015)
Carla Yacomini (2009)

**ARMENIA**
Julieta Abgaryan (2013)
Anna Khachatryan (2001)
Ani Simonyan (2007)

**AUSTRALIA**
Suzanne Aksila (2019)
Frances Anggadi (2017)
Joska Ferencz (2013)
Kim Friedman (2019)
Camille Goodman (2015)
Benjamin Huntley (2019)
Katy Lin (2009)
Nicole Lyas (2018)
Holly Matley (2017)
Millicent McCread (2017)
DENMARK
Jes Andersen (2017)
Jesper Stig Andersen (2016)
Kasper Jespersen (2011)
Henning Knudsen (2013)
Rikke Nielsen (2011)
Jacob Rasmussen (2010)

Jesper Stig Andersen (2016)
Kasper Jespersen (2011)
Henning Knudsen (2013)
Rikke Nielsen (2011)
Jacob Rasmussen (2010)

Birgitta Maria Sander Hjortsø (2008)
Inge Thaulow (2015)
Nikolaj West (2015)
Adam August Worm (2004)
Birger Worm (2009)

DJIBOUTI
Abbas Daher Djama (2019)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Fernando Cabrera Diaz (2015)
Tahiana Vargas (2011)

Ecuador
Arturo Cabrera (1997)
Cristina Camacho (2005)
Juan M. Escalante (2000)
Patricio Troya Suarez (2014)
Helena del Carmen Yanez-Loza (2012)

EGYPT
Yousra Ebada (2009)
Sherif Issa (1997)
Abdin Kandil (1996)
Lamiaa Ismail Mohamedin (2009)
Mahmoud S. Samy (2005)
Nehal Shamseldin (2009)
Ahmed Thabit (2000)

EL SALVADOR
Tomas Flores (2001)

ERITREA
Samson Tsegay Tesfamichael (1996)

ESTONIA
Paul Keres (2005)
Irina Nossova (2009)
Agnes Pilv (2009)

ETHIOPIA
Endalew Enyew (2015)
Tekola Takele Workineh (1997)

FAROE ISLANDS (DENMARK)
Martin Joensen (2013)

FIJI
Kevin Chand (2015)
Epeli Maisema (2012)
Ratu Sainivalati S. Navoti (2006)

FRANCE
Gaetan Balan (2015)
Sophie Cuenot (2014)
Eglantine Cujo (2016)
Julien Defurne (2019)
Isabelle Delatour (2015)
Marie-Laure Derivery (1997)
Thomas Garancher (1998)
Catherine Kosma (2002)
Alice Leonard de Juvigny (2015)
Youna Lyons (2012)
Elise Mangeot-Lerebours (2000)
Solang Teles da Silva (1998)
Yann Tephany (2015)

FRENCH POLYNESIA (FRANCE)
Tekau Frere (2016)

GAMBIA
Jabbi Lamin (1999)

GEORGIA
Valerian Bodaveli (2005)
Mariam Isoseliani (2007)
Giorgi Kobakhidze (2017)
Shalva Kvinikhidze (2001)
Kristina Rzgoeva (2018)
Nikoloz Tsiklauri (1998)
Levan Tsurtsumia (2006)

GERMANY
Eva Boschen (2010)
Nils Carstensen (2001)

GREECE
Maria Alerta (2004)
Helen Alexiou (2003)
Chris Alexopoulos (2004)
Nik Aloupi (2005)
Michail Angelopoulos (2014)
Dimitrios Angelopoulos (2013)
eleni Antoniadou (2013)
Antonis Antonopoulos (2011)
Marina Antonopoulos (2017)
Thomas Averis (2003)
Danai Azaria (2004)
Konstantina Botsiou (1998)
Valasia Boulaki (2003)
Tillemachos Bourtzis (2012)
Athina Chanaki (2017)
Evanthia Chatziliasi (2001)
Maria Diagouma (2015)
Mariantzi Dertouzou (1999)
eleni Deveraki (2003)
Ioannis Ferentinos (2012)
Maria Gavouneli (1996)
eleni Georgopoulou (2013)
Elena Janniki (2002)
Athanasios Kafkalidis (2019)
Alexandra Kampyli (2007)
Christina-Vasiliki Kanellopoulou (2010)
Persefoni Karanika (2010)

Alexander Ehrle (2012)
Dorota Jadwiga Englender (2014)
Johannes Fuchs (2011)
Jenny Grote (2009)
Deniz Guner (2004)
Daniel Kachelriess (2018)
Patrick Kuebart (2015)
Matthias Maier (2015)
Nele Matz (2000)
Philipp M. Neuhaus (2000)
Philipp Nickels (2019)
Marco Nielebock (2006)
Julia Pfeil (2003)
Jana K. Ruffman (1998)
Alexandra Zervos (1996)

GHANA
Audrey Abayena (2016)
Victor Appeah (2011)
Barbara Serwaa Asamoah (2014)
Lawrence Asangongo Apaalse (2014)
Mawuse Vorrmawor (2015)

GRENADA
Christos Kastrisios (2015)
Sofia Kokkini (1998)
Alexandros Koliopoulos (2016)
Anastasios Konstantaras (2014)
Sophia Kopela (2007)
Ioannis Konstantinidis (2009)
Eleni Kotsiyanni (1997)
Christos Ioannis Lamprou (2008)
Petros Liakouras (1996, 1997)
Glykeria Louka (1999)
Agathangelos Loukomites (2002)
Irene-Sevasti Loumpou (2002)
Konstantinos Maistrellis (2001)
Aris-Georges Marghelis (2014)
Petros Liakouras (1996, 1997)
Eleni Kotsiyanni (1997)
Christos Ioannis Lamprou (2008)
Petros Liakouras (1996, 1997)
Glykeria Louka (1999)
Agathangelos Loukomites (2002)
Irene-Sevasti Loumpou (2002)
Konstantinos Maistrellis (2001)
Aris-Georges Marghelis (2014)
David Marinis (2018)
Eleni Kotsiyanni (1997)
Paresa Markianidou (2005)
Sophia Ounanian (2001)
Evrykleia Panagiotou (2011)
Fotini Pantelidou (2002)
Eirini Pantzou (2001)
Artemisia Papadaki (2009)
Efrosini Papageorgiou (2005)
Marios Papandreou (2008)
Kalliopi Papapavlou (1997)
Efthymios Papastavridis (2006)
Elena Paraskevas-Thadani (1998)
Lydia Pnevmaticou (2012)
Paraskevi Renta (2004)
Gerasimos Rodrigotheos (2011)
Constantinos Salonidis (2006)
Alexandros Sarris (2011)
Ioannis P. Sasopoulos (2005)
Henrietta Scaleris (1996)
Aphrodite Tarassidou (1997)
Dimitra Tenta (2010)
Olga Theodoroglou (2012)
Vasilis Triantafillos (2002)
George Trichilis (1998)
Constantine Tsagaris (2002)
Maria Tsagkari (2002)
Lemonia Tsaroucha (2007)
Nikolaos Tsokanas (2003)
Ekaterini Tzouni (2000)
Christina Valassopoulou (2015)
Nicolas Vassilakis (2010)
Georgia Veldeki (2016)
George Vlazakis (2008)
Maria Zachariades (2011)
Ioanna Zacharopoulou (2013)
Elia N. Zoidis (2000)
GREENLAND (DENMARK)
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Cyclist peddling toward the city walls of historic Old Town Rhodes

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Early morning on the Rhodes beachfront
Strolling Through Old Town Rhodes

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Archaeological Museum
Looking out Milon Gate
Ruins of Temple of Aphrodite
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