

LAUDATIO

The name of the professor Eleftherios Thalassinos is more than a usual one, it is a brand of higher education and scientific research in economics and therefore the honor to deliver this laudation compels and honors us at the highest level. The scientific context of offering the academic title is not randomly which glorifies at the same time the festivity and the participants of this event, the physical presence of the laureate being itself a solemn occasion

Professor Eleftherios Thalassinos graduated University of Athens in 1976 and the MBA in International Business and Finance at the University of Chicago in 1978.

He obtained his PhD in Economics diploma at University of Illinois in 1979, in major domain Quantitative Methods and Econometrics.

His academic background augmented by graduating the Advanced Management Program for Bankers at Berkeley University in 1999 and Global Institutional Services Bankers Trust, N.Y. in 1998.

Prof. Thalassinos is member in Professional Bodies, as in the following: American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, European Economic Association, Econometric Society, Illinois Economic Association, Midwest Economic Association, Hellenic Union of Economic Sciences, Hellenic Scientific Union on Environmental Protection, Hellenic Statistical Institute, Hellenic Econometric Institute, Economic Chamber of Greece, Hellenic Finance and Accounting Association, European Chair Jean Monnet Society.

He was Special Advisor at Ministry of National Economy (Greece), Counsellor to the Ministry of Commerce (Greece), General Director of the Bank of Greece, Counsellor to the Governor of Hellenic Industrial Development Bank, and many more.

His present position is Professor, at University of Piraeus, Department of Maritime Studies; Director of Graduate Studies, University of Piraeus, Department of Maritime Studies; European Chair Jean Monnet, European Teaching Module; and General Editor and Publisher at European Research Studies Journal.

He was visiting professor at De-Paul University (USA), Roosevelt University (USA), Chicago State University, University of Illinois and University of Antwerp (Belgium).

His current research interests are in: Statistics and Econometrics, Macroeconomics, European Integration, European Monetary System, Quantitative Analysis, Econometric Forecasting, Development and Prospective of the European Banking Sector, Energy Sector in Europe, Productivity and Effectiveness of Businesses and Organizations in Europe.

In 1999, prof. Thalassinos became member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

His academic and research work covers 25 monographs, 58 papers presented in international conferences, 40 research studies. He was also coordinator in 33 European Research Projects.

Professor Thalassinos supports the academic cooperation with Danubius University. As a result, Danubius University signed an agreement with University of Piraeus. Moreover, an International Master's program in Shipping, Trade and Finance (supported by Danubius University and University of Piraeus) started in this academic year.

Last but not the least, Professor Thalassinos signed an partnership agreement in the name of the Department of Maritime Studies from Piraeus on creating an International Shipping Economic Institute in Galati.

Danubius University of Galati is honored to include in the series of illustrious names who have received the title of Doctor Honoris Cauza the name of Eleftherios Thalassinos for the special merits previously mentioned and for the openness shown to the collaboration between our institutions at academic and scientific level.

Romeo Ionescu Victor