## WE WELCOME YOU TO THE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

On behalf of my colleagues, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Postgraduate Program in International Relations and Strategic Studies at the Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University.

To begin with, let me congratulate you on your success in the admissions process. The Postgraduate Program in International Relations and Strategic Studies is offered by the Department that constitutes by far Greece's earliest academic unit to address international and strategic studies. Our program is of interest to scholars who wish to advance their studies beyond the first university degree in a systematic manner; to deepen their knowledge and sharpen their skills in the fields of international relations, strategic studies, comparative foreign policy, and the political analysis of regional integration in the international environment.

As you will discover, the next couple of semesters will combine conceptual, methodological and theoretical teaching with the empirical exploration of international and strategic issues. The aim is to educate Master's degree holders who will be fully prepared to seek and pursue careers in research, academia, or as executives in the public or private sector.

The Professors and other teaching and adjunct faculty members, all of them distinguished in their areas of teaching and research, are ready and willing to work with you, to give help and offer advice.

On behalf of the Professors and all the other members of the program, I wish you a great academic year!

With kind regards,

## **Professor Kostas Ant. Lavdas**

Director of the Postgraduate Program in International Relations and Strategic Studies