



Invitation to a lecture

The Chair Jean Monnet "*EU Horizons Unveiled: History, Rights and the External Dynamics of the European integration*" invites you to the lecture by **Jerry Ismail**, Consul General of the United States in Thessaloniki, on

The electoral system for the presidential elections in the US

Thursday 31 October 2024, 15.15 (EET)

Room 212 (second floor Law School building, University campus)

Consul General Jerry Ismail arrived in Thessaloniki in August 2023.



Jerry Ismail, a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service, most recently served as human rights chief in the International Organization's (IO) Bureau, overseeing the U.S. campaign for election to the UN Human Rights Council (HRC), launching the first-ever U.S. Joint Statement on Racial Justice, and coordinating U.S. diplomatic outreach ahead of the UN's vote to suspend Russia from the HRC.

Mr. Ismail's prior Washington assignments include special assistant in the Bureau of Conflict & Stabilization Operations and senior Australia desk officer, planning and staffing the return of the strategic bilateral diplomacy and defense consultations ("AUSMIN") after three years. He previously served as Albania desk officer, advancing Euro-Atlantic integration, including Albania's NATO accession.

His overseas assignments include political-economic counselor in Turkmenistan; deputy political-economic chief in Montenegro; economic officer in Kosovo; and human rights officer in the Czech Republic and in Saudi Arabia, where he began his career in 2004.

Mr. Ismail has received numerous individual and group superior and meritorious honor awards, two Department commendations, and a letter of appreciation from the U.S. Senate for his work with the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. He earned his bachelor's degree with honors in political science and economics from the State University of New York at Albany and a *juris doctor* from Emory University. He is fluent in Czech and Serbo-Croatian and proficient in Arabic, Greek, and Russian. Proudly hailing from the Hudson Valley region of New York State, he is joined in Greece by his wife Lejla, an international development expert, and their two children.

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