

**IOANNIS D. PALEOKRASSAS**

Date/Place of Birth : 27 March 1934/Athens, Greece.

Marital Status : Married to Natalie Gritzala  
Three Children, age 28, 26, 17.

Hobbies : Painting, scuba diving, church choir singing, carpentry.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION :

University of London/London School of Economics  
B.Sc. (Econ.) international Economics (June 1956)

M. Sc. (Econ.) Economics of Transport (July 1958)

Languages : Greek, English (fluent), French, Italian (fair).

PUBLICATIONS

Author or joint author of numerous books, studies and reports on the economics of transport and shipping, human resource development, urban and regional planning, growth and development, banking and financial management.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1958-59 : National service with the Hellenic Navy.

1956-63 : Joined the Planning Division of the Ministry of Coordination (now Ministry of National Economy). He was one of the key professionals in the elaboration of the first 5-year Development Plan for Greece. In 1961, he was appointed Head of the Long-Term Planning of the same Ministry. In this capacity, he participated in the Mediterranean Regional Project of OECD on Human Resource Development and was appointed Project Manager for Greece. Later he was sent as OECD expert to advise on the organization of a similar project for Northern European countries. During the same time he was appointed Member of the Transport Sub-Committee of Association with the EEC. He was Economic Consultant to the Union of Greek Shipowners and Lecturer of economics of transport at the Centre of Shipping Studies at the University of Piraeus.

1963-68 : Joined Doxiadis Associates, Consultants in Development and Ekistics, serving initially as Economic Consultant with the company's offices in Ghana and later as Head of the Planning Branch in Athens.

1968-72 : Joined Windward Shipping Ltd. as General Manager in London. In 1970 he was appointed Financial Consultant to the J.C.Carras Group of Companies (shipping and tourism).



1972-74 : In 1972 he took the post of Managing Director of the Planning and Development Company S.A. in Athens responsible for the development of the property of the Church of Greece.

1974-77 : In June 1974 joined American Express International Banking Corporation. In 1975, together with three other executives of A.E.I.B.C., he established ERGOBANK with which he stayed as General Manager until November 1977, at which time he was invited by Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis to join the government.

1977 to date : In November 1977 he was appointed Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Coordination. he remained in this position until 1980 while, in 1978, he was elected Deputy of the Greek Parliament for the first time. In September 1980 Mr. Paleokrassas was promoted to Alternate Minister of the same Ministry, and in June 1981 he was appointed Minister of Coordination.

In the general elections of October 1981 Mr. Paleokrassas was elected Deputy for the Cyclades Islands and kept this seat being successively re-elected in 1985, 1989 (twice), until 1990, when he decided not to run as he was appointed campaign manger for the April 1990 elections, which his party won. During the period 1981-90 in which his political party (Nea Dimokratia) was in the opposition, he served as Secretary General of the Parliamentary Group, Chairman of the Financial Committee of the Party, Chairman of the N.D. Parliamentary Group on National Economy.

1990-92 : In April 1992 Mr. Paleokrassas was appointed Minister of Finance.

