

Γκόφας Παναγιώτης-Λεωνίδας

Γεννήθηκε στις 20 Δεκεμβρίου 1965 στην Μελβούρνη Αυστραλίας.

Φοίτησε γυμνάσιο και λύκειο στο Ελληνογαλλικό Κολέγιο DelaSalle. Αποφοίτησε από το Λύκειο το 1983.

Εισήχθη στο Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλονίκης το 1983 στην σχολή Νομικών & Οικονομικών Επιστημών. Ακολούθησε οικονομικές επιστήμες με κατεύθυνση διοίκηση και οικονομική επιχειρήσεων. Βοήθησε στην συγγραφή πανεπιστημιακών συγγραμμάτων κατά την φοίτηση του στο Αριστοτέλειο Πανεπιστήμιο.

Αποφοίτησε το 1988 και συνέχισε τις σπουδές του στην Ν.Υόρκη Αμερικής κάνοντας Master στο Catering και στην κοστολόγηση, επίσης MBA στο ΠΑΜΑΚ.

Το 1988 γίνεται μέλος του Οικονομικού επιμελητηρίου Ελλάδος.

Από το 1992 ασχολείται επιχειρηματικά με το εστιατόριο και το φαγητό.

Το 1992 παντρεύτηκε την καθηγήτρια Αγγλικής Φιλολογίας Πολέτ Αθανασιάδη.

Έχει τρία παιδιά την Κρίστη την Βιβή και την Νικόλ

Το 1992 αναλαμβάνει την οικογενειακή ΜΜΕ στην εστίαση 'Χαμόδρακας'

Το 1995 δημιουργήσε τμήμα Catering για διοργάνωση και επιμέλεια δεξιώσεων.

Από το 1996 μέχρι σήμερα ασχολείται επιχειρηματικά με την εστίαση.

Το 1996 εκλέγεται Γενικός Γραμματέας του Σωματείου Εστιατόρων Θεσσαλονίκης.

Το 1997 εκλέγεται μέλος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου ως ειδικός σύμβουλος της Πανελλήνιας Ομοσπονδίας Εστιατόρων και συναφών Επαγγελματιών.

Το 1997 γίνεται μέλος της Πανευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης Eurotoque.

Το 1997 εκλέγεται μέλος του ΔΣ του επαγγελματικού Επιμελητηρίου Θεσσαλονίκης.

Το 1997-2006 εκλέγεται πρόεδρος της Πανελλήνιας Ομοσπονδίας Εστιατορικών & Συναφών

Επαγγελματιών

Το 2006-2025 εκπροσωπεί την ΓΣΕΒΕΕ στην Ευρωπαϊκή Οικονομική Κοινωνική Επιτροπή, EESC.

Το 2008-2013 εκλέγεται αντιπρόεδρος του τμήματος Economic & Monetary Section.

Το 2008-2013 εκλέγεται πρόεδρος της Συμβουλίου Broad Economic Policy Guidelines

Το 2017-2025 εκλέγεται πρόεδρος της Ακαδημίας Avignon εκπροσωπώντας της ΜΜΕ στην Ευρώπη.

Το 2013-2018 εκλέγεται πρόεδρος της κατηγορίας ΜΜΕ στην EESC.

Το 2018-2021 εκλέγεται πρόεδρος της κοινής συμβουλευτικής επιτροπής JCC EU-Turkey.

Το 2020 EC Expert on food loss & waste

Το 2020-2025 εκλέγεται κοσμήτορας της EESC.

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Απο το 2006-2023 έχει κάνει γνωμοδοτήσεις για:

Evaluation Report on UCPM, Union Civil Protection Mechanism
EU common defense investment
Packaging Directive
Maritime and transportation
Pact for research and innovation in Europe,
Tourism after Covid,
Tourism and transportation 2020-2021 and beyond ,
SME strategy ,
New Political Framework for Tourism in Europe,
Integration of refugees in the EU under the order of Dutch Presidency,
New pack for migration,
Illegal immigration under the order of the Italian Presidency,
Illegal immigration under the order of the Greek Presidency,
Illegal immigration by Sea in the Euro Mediterranean Area,
Intellectual Property Rights,
Surtaxation Affecting consumption,

Panagiotis-Leonidas Gofas

Panagiotis-Leonidas Gofas was born on December 20, 1965, in Melbourne, Australia. He attended secondary school at the Hellenic-French College DelaSalle and graduated in 1983. In the same year, he entered the School of Law and Economics at the University of Thessaloniki, where he pursued studies in economics with a focus on business administration and finance. During his time at Aristotle University, he contributed to the writing of university textbooks. He graduated in 1988 and continued his studies in New York, earning a Master's degree in Catering and Costing, as well as an MBA from the University of Macedonia (PA.MA.K).

In 1988, he became a member of the Economic Chamber of Greece. Since 1992, he has been involved in the restaurant and food business. In 1992, he married English Literature professor Paulette Athanasiadi, and they have three children: Kristi, Vivi, and Nicole.

In 1992, Gofas took over the family SME in the restaurant industry, "Hamodrakas." In 1995, he created a Catering department for organizing and managing receptions. He has been continuously involved in the food service industry since 1996.

In 1996, he was elected General Secretary of the Thessaloniki Restaurant Owners Association. In 1997, he was elected as a member of the Board of Directors and special advisor to the Panhellenic Federation of Restaurant Owners and Related Professions. He also became a member of the Pan-European Union Eurotoque that same year.

Gofas was elected to the Board of Directors of the Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce in 1997. From 1997 to 2006, he served as president of the Panhellenic Federation of Restaurant and Related Professions. From 2006 to 2025, he represented the General Confederation of Greek Workers (GSEVEE) in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

He was elected vice-president of the Economic & Monetary Section from 2008 to 2013 and president of the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines Council during the same period. From 2017 to 2025, he served as president of the Avignon Academy, representing SMEs in Europe.

Gofas was elected president of the SME category in the EESC from 2013 to 2018. From 2018 to 2021, he served as president of the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) EU-Turkey. He was also an EC Expert on food loss and waste in 2020. From 2020 to 2025, he served as the dean of the EESC.

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From 2006 to 2023, he has provided expert opinions on:

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- EU Common Defense Investment
- Packaging Directive
- Maritime and Transportation
- Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe
- Tourism After Covid
- Tourism and Transportation 2020-2021 and Beyond
- SME Strategy
- New Political Framework for Tourism in Europe
- Integration of Refugees in the EU under the Order of the Dutch Presidency
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