

## **KOSTAS SASMATZOGLU – EPP Spokesman**



*Date and Place of Birth:* February 25, 1971, Toronto, Canada

*Citizenship:* Greek, Cypriot, Canadian

*Family:* Married to Androulla Ioannou, Head of Unit, European Commission, and father of Eleftheria (12) and Nicholas (7)

*Military:* Completed service in the Greek armed forces, 11<sup>th</sup> infantry regiment

### *Political and professional experience:*

- EPP Spokesman since July 2009
- EPP Secretary of External Relations since April 2005 (elected in Sept. 2006)
- EPP Senior Adviser since March 2004
- Nea Demokratia Adviser for European Affairs since 2000
- Democratic Rally Adviser for European Affairs since 2002
  
- Centre for European Studies (CES) Member since March 2008
- Member of the Advisory Board of the CES Journal 'European View'
- Editor-in-Chief of the CES annual publication 'European Factbook'
  
- Deputy Director of the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence at the University of Athens (2000-2003)
- Part-time Adjunct Lecturer, University of Athens, Department of Political Science and Public Administration (1998-2000)
- Head of the Center for International Information and Documentation of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP, 1997-2000)
- Postgraduate Associate, University of Cyprus, Department of Turkish Studies (1993-1996)

### *Education and publications:*

- Doctoral studies at the University of Cyprus, Department of Social and Political Science, postgraduate studies at the University of Cyprus, Department of Turkish Studies, undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto, Department of Political Science. High school studies at the Bloor Collegiate Institute, Toronto
- Received a scholarship for postgraduate studies from the Vardinoyiannis Foundation (1996-97)
- Assisted EPP President Wilfried Martens in compiling his book *Europe: I Struggle, I Overcome*, Springer, Brussels, December 2008
- Co-editor of the publication "The Ideological Principles and the Statute of Nea Demokratia," Nea Demokratia, Athens, January 2004
- Published articles with the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), CES, ELIAMEP, a.o.