

7th THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN WORLD AFFAIRS
The world in 2019: The threat and challenge of rising inequalities

Thessaloniki, October 21, 2018
Olympion, Aristotelous Square 10

Agenda*

- 10:00** **Registration**
- 10:30-10:55** **Welcoming remarks**
Dimitris Keridis, Director, Navarino Network
Stavros Andreadis, Chairman, The Cultural Society of Entrepreneurs of Northern Greece
Yiannis Boutaris, Mayor of Thessaloniki
Henri Bohnet, Head of Greece Office, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- 10:55-13:45** **Europe in a world of power redistribution**
Moderator: Dimitris Keridis
Part A
- 10:55 **The challenges for Europe ahead**
Christos Stylianides, EU Commissioner, Humanitarian Aid & Crisis Management, Brussels
(recorded message)
- 11:00 **The making, unmaking and remaking of Europe**
Edmond Alphandéry, former Minister of Economy, France (1993-1995) | Founder and
Chairman, Euro50 Group, Paris
- 11:20 **Greece and Europe after the crisis**
Daniel Gros, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels (recorded message)
- 11:25 **In search of German leadership: The view from Berlin/Munich**
Stefan Kornelius, Head of the Foreign Policy Department, Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Munich
- 11:45 **What are the successes of and risks for post-communist Central Europe?**
Anders Åslund, Professor, Georgetown University | Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council,
Washington, D.C. (recorded message)

11:55 **EU - a Czech/Central European perspective: How to find common purpose again after the financial and migration crises**
Lukáš Macek, Director, Sciences Po Paris, Dijon, France
12:15 Discussion

Part B

12:30 **Borders, asylum and the future of human rights in Europe:
Lessons from Greece and the Balkans**
Gerald Knaus, Founding Chairman, European Stability Initiative, Berlin

12:50 **Gender inequality: How bad is it in Europe?**
Laura Albu, Vice President, European Women's Lobby, Brussels

13:05 **Greece: The vulnerable link, still?**
George Pagoulatos, Professor of European Politics and Economy, Athens University of Economics and Business, Athens

13:20 Discussion

13:45-15:00 Lunch break

15:00-15:45 Turkey and the Un/re-making of the Middle East
Moderator: Sofia Papadopoulou, Journalist, Head of ANA-MPA's Northern Greece Directorate, Thessaloniki

15:00 **Turkey between Europe and the Middle East: After thwarted ambitions and challenging realities in search of a direction**
Soli Özel, Visiting Fellow in International Relations, Institut Montaigne, Paris

15:20 **Turkey's foreign policy posture**
Akif Kireççi, Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Bilkent University, Ankara (recorded message)

15:25 Discussion

15:45-16:45 Greece after the crisis: Rebound or decline?

Moderator: Henri Bohnet

15:45 **Greece in the 21st century: The challenge ahead**
Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Director of Research, diaNEOsis, Athens

16:05 **Technology and innovation: The new frontier for Greece**
Marco Veremis, Co-founder & Executive Chairman, Upstream | Founding Partner, BigPi Venture Capital, Athens

16:25 **Cyber-security: A new concern**
Despina Spanou, Director for Digital Society, Trust and Cybersecurity, European Commission, Brussels (recorded message) (tbc)

16:30 Discussion

16:50-17:50	Euro-elections 2019: Regressing or moving forward? Moderator: Maria Bozoudi, Professor, American College of Thessaloniki
16:50	EU challenges and the need for a New Pact for Europe George Pagoulatos
17:10	Why do the elections for the European Parliament matter? Donatella Viola, Assistant Professor in Politics and International Relations, University of Calabria, Italy
17:30	European elections 2019: Towards a clash of visions? Anna Diamantopoulou, President, "DIKTIO" Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, Athens former EU Commissioner, Brussels (recorded message)
17:35	Discussant: Edmond Alphandéry
17:40	Discussion
18:00	Conclusions
18:15	End

*This schedule is subject to last-minute changes.