

Evangelos Venizelos was born in Thessaloniki on 1.1.1957.

Academic career

He studied Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece and continued with postgraduate studies at the University of Paris II, France and PhD at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He holds an Honorary PhD from La Trobe University Melbourne, Australia.

He is Professor of Constitutional Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

E. Venizelos has published many academic studies and legal textbooks, as well as various studies and books on the political issues surrounding the role of mass media in modern democracies, the role of government institutions, on European affairs, Greek foreign policy, culture and growth policy in the 21st Century, the Public Debt etc. His studies have been published in most academic journals and his articles in national and international press.

Most recent publications in English:

1. The Augmented Constitution, *ERPL/REDP*, vol. 32, no 3, autumn/automne 2020
2. The impact of the financial crisis on the constitutions of Eurozone Member States under rescue programs - Greece as a laboratory of constitutional theory, *European Review of Public Law*, Vol 32, no. 1, spring 2020, pp 295-342
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7. State Transformation and the European Integration. Project Lessons from the financial crisis and the Greek paradigm, *CEPS Special Report*, no. 130, (4 Feb 2016)

Political career

Evangelos Venizelos was member of the Central Council of the Students Union of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1977) and the National Council of Students' Unions (1975). He has been elected MP (PASOK) in Thessaloniki (A) Constituency in the general elections of 1993, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2012 and 2015. MP from 1993 until 2019. He was the general rapporteur on behalf of the parliamentary majority in the Constitutional Revision of 2001 (1995-2001). He was the Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on the implementation of ECtHR decisions (2017-2019). He was the leader of PASOK from March 2012 to June 2015.

Since 1993 he has served as:

- Minister for Press and Mass Media- Government Spokesperson (1993-95)
- Minister for Transport and Communications (1995-96)
- Minister for Justice (1996)
- Minister for Culture & Sports (1996 – 1999)
- Minister for Development, Energy, Industry, Trade, Tourism and Technology (1999-2000)
- Minister for Culture & Sports 2000-2004 (in charge of coordinating the entire range of aspects of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games preparation (Infrastructures, relations with International Olympic Committee etc.)
- Minister for National Defence (2009-2011)
- Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister (17.06.2011 - 18.03.2012)

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (25.6.2013 – 25.1.2015)

He is married to Lila Bakatselou and has a daughter, Elvina.

He speaks English and French.