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International Conference

Safeguarding Democratic Institutions within a Europe in crisis: Challenges and Responses

11 & 12 MAY 2018

DRAFT PROGRAMME

VENUE: VOULEFTIKON, NAFPLION

OPENING TIME: 16:30

Program

11 May, «Vouleftikon», Nafplion

16:00 Arrival of participants, Registration

16:30 Opening of the Conference

Welcome Addresses: Officials of the Greek Government, the Region of Peloponnese, the Prefecture of Argolis and the City of Nafplion

- Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, General Directorate “Human Rights and Rule of Law”, of the Council of Europe, Representative of the Council of Europe
- Vice Rector of Panteion University - TBC
- Maria Giannakaki, Secretary General for Human Rights and Transparency, Ministry of Justice
- Anastasios Chividopoulos, Governor of the Region of Argolis
- Dimitris Kostouros (Mayor of Nafplion)

17:15 Introductory addresses: Democracy, Democratic Institutions and Rule of Law in move

Chair: Ambassador Prof. Stelios Perrakis, Permanent Representative of Greece to the Council of Europe

A. Keynote Speeches

- Gianni Buquicchio, President, Venice Commission “Democracy through Law”: “*The interaction of legal and political spheres and the role of the judiciary*”
- Antonio Augusto CancadoTrindade, Judge, International Court of Justice, Former President InterAmerican Court of Human Rights:“*International Courts and the Rule of Law*”
- Ambassador, Prof. Stelios Perrakis: “Discussing Democracy and Human Rights within the Council of Europe (Policies): a thirty-year Greek retrospective.”

18:30 B. High Level Round Table

- PACE Representative (CoE) TBC
- Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
- Prof. Georgios Katrougalos, Alternate Minister - MFA
- Gudrun Mosler-Tornstrom, President, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, CoE
- Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, DGI “Human Rights and Rule of Law”

19.40-20.15 Songs of May – Nafplion Polyphonic Choir

20.15 Vin d'amitié

21.00 Dinner

12 May

09:00-10:30 1st Round table: International Institutions and Democracy

Chair: Prof. Jean-Paul Jaqué, University of Strasbourg, Honorary Director General, EU Council

- Prof. Martin Kuijer, Legal Advisor, Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security, Vrije University, Amsterdam, “The notion of ‘democracy’ in the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”
- Prof. Konstantinos Magliveras, University of Aegean, “The role of international Organisations as Promoters of Democratic Ideals and the Rule of Law”
- Simona Granata – Menghini, Deputy Executive Secretary, Venice Commission (“European Commission for Democracy through Law”), “The Venice Commission Rule of Law checklist – A contribution to Democratic security”
- Hanne Juncker, Head of Department, Department of Justice and Legal Co-operation, CoE “Protecting the independence and efficiency of the judicial institutions – A key challenge for Democracy”
- Prof. Neda Kanellopoulou, Panteion University
- Prof. Xenofon Kontiadis, Panteion University, Director, “T. & D. Tsatsos Foundation”, Centre for European Constitutional Law, Athens, “Addressing Democratic Backslide: Tools of Constitutional resilience”

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45-11.15 2nd Round Table: Good Governance

Chair: Prof. Christos Rozakis, Former Vice-President European Court of Human Rights, Former President at Administrative Tribunal of the Council of Europe

- Michael Pikramenos, Counselor, Council of State, Assist. Professor, Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki
- Dr. Andreas Pottakis, The Greek Ombudsman
- Rena Dourou, Regional Governor of Attica, Member of Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, CoE
- Prof. Maria Gavouneli, Head of the Greek Delegation “GRECO”, CoE, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Prof. Angelos Syrigos, Panteion University
- Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance and Anti-Discrimination, DGII – Democracy, CoE, “Democratic Governance and the Council of Europe: from standards to action”

12:15-13:30 3rd Round Table: Solidarity, Social Cohesion and Inclusive Societies

Chair: Prof. Sarunas Liekis, Bureau member, ECRI, CoE, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Vitautas Magnus University, Kaunas

- Prof. Giuseppe Palmisano, President, European Committee for Social Rights “The European Social Charter – Europe’s social constitution”
- Prof. Maria Daniella Marouda, Panteion University, First Vice-President ECRI, CoE, J. Monnet Chair “EU Solidarity in civil protection and Humanitarian Action”
- Prof. Yiannis Koukiadis, Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki, Former Minister
- Nowel Rafik-Elmrrini, Deputy Mayor for European and International Affairs, Municipality of Strasbourg, Member of the Congress of CoE
- Prof. Kalliope Agapiou – Josiphides, Cyprus University, President of European Institute for Gender Equality

13:30- 15:30 Lunch Break

15:30- 17:15 Round Table 4: New technologies and Media: Challenges for Freedom of Expression and Democracy

Chair: Prof. Maria-Daniella Marouda, Panteion University, First Vice-President ECRI, CoE, J. Monnet Chair “EU Solidarity in civil protection and Humanitarian Action”

- Ambassador Corina Calugaru, Committee of Ministers Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy, CoE
- Stephanos Stavros, Senior Legal Advisor, DGI, CoE, “Addressing hate speech – Trends in CoE law and practice”
- Patrick Penninckx, Head of Department, Department of Information Society, DG I – CoE “New technologies, Media and Information Society”
- Prof. Marina Rigou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Prof. Dimitris Christopoulos, Panteion University, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

17:15-17:30 Break

17:30-18:45 Closing Round Table: What Future for the European Democracy? Inter-disciplinary responses

Moderator : Prof. Yiannis Metaxas, Membre de l’Académie Européenne Interdisciplinaire des Sciences

- Konstantinos Menoudakos, President, Hellenic Personal Data Protection Authority, Honorary President of the Council of State
- Evangelos Venizelos, Member, PACE – CoE, Former Minister, Prof. Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki
- Prof. Dimitris Charalambis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, President, Hellenic Society of Political Science
- Prof. Konstantinos Tsoukalas, President, Hellenic Foundation for culture
- Prof. Spyridon Flogaitis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Director, European Public Law Organization
- Prof. Stelios Perrakis, Permanent Representative of Greece to the Council of Europe

19:30 Palamidi Fortress, “Agios Andreas” Bastion

Awards Ceremonies:

- The A. Polyzoidis & G. Tertsetis “Justice and Law” Prize will be awarded by H.E. the President of the Republic, Prof. Prokopios Pavlopoulos to:
 - Dr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe, and

- Prof. Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, Judge at the International Court of justice, former President of the Interamerican Court of Human Rights.
- The City of Nafplion will confer the “*Ioannis A. Kapodistrias*” *Distinction of Excellence Award* to H.E. the President of the Republic, Prof. Prokopios Pavlopoulos.

End of the Conference

20:30 Reception at the “Balcony” of Palamidi, offered by the Mayor of Nafplion for all participants