

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

Greece: Modernisation and Europe 20 years on

Date: Friday, 25 November 2016

Time: 9:00-20:00

Venue: Shaw Library, LSE

Provisional Programme

9.00-9.30	Registration & Refreshments
9.30-9.45	Introduction and Welcome Address Kevin Featherstone , Head of the European Institute; Eleftherios Venizelos Professor of Contemporary Greek Studies & Professor of European Politics, LSE
9.45-10:30	Keynote Speech Costas Simitis , Former Greek Prime Minister
10.30-11:45	Session 1: Politics and Public Administration <i>We intend that the panel explore the theme of change across Greek politics and public institutions. A relevant conceptual aspect is to discuss the meaning and relevance of 'modernisation' to Greece over this period, contrasting perhaps with other terms. In any event, the agenda is potentially broad, but we propose to focus on: shifts in ideological convergence/divergence; public perceptions of representation and accountability; and, innovation and the effectiveness of public institutions.</i> <u>Chair</u> Kevin Featherstone , Head of the European Institute; Eleftherios Venizelos Professor of Contemporary Greek Studies & Professor of European Politics, LSE <u>Speakers</u> Stathis Kalyvas , Arnold Wolfers Professor of Political Science; Director, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University Calliope Spanou , Professor of Administrative Science and Public Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos , Associate Professor of Political Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
11.45-12:00	Break
12.00-13.15	Session 2: Economic Policy <i>Widely seen as a successful and radical break from the past, optimism about Greece's economic modernisation programme of the period since the mid-1990s came to an abrupt end in early 2010. Since then, the country has been forced onto a different path of reforms and fiscal consolidation measures, entailing elements both of modernisation and of curtailment of some of the economic achievements of the past. The panel will consider the successes and failures of Greece's economic modernisation programme over the last two decades and the challenges and opportunities represented by today's conjuncture during and, prospectively, after the completion of the EU/IMF Economic Adjustment Programmes in the country.</i> <u>Chair</u> Sir Christopher Pissarides , Regius Professor of Economics, LSE; Professor of European Studies, University of Cyprus <u>Speakers</u> George Pagoulatos , Professor of European Politics and Economy, Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB); Visiting Professor, College of Europe in Bruges Miranda Xafa , Senior Scholar, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) Nicos Christodoulakis , Professor of Economic Analysis, Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB); Research Associate, Hellenic Observatory, LSE

13.15-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-16.00	<p>Session 3: Social Policy</p> <p><i>A large academic literature exists discussing the problems and limitations of the Greek welfare state – from its ineffective targeting and weak safety nets to problems of clientelism, corruption and capture. The recent crisis and the austerity policies implemented in Greece are generally considered to have weakened the functioning, generosity and effectiveness of the Greek welfare state even further, with social policies becoming under-funded. At the same time, the crisis has called for a rationalisation of social policy provision, while also new – and modern – forms of welfare state functions are slowly introduced in the country (e.g. the Guaranteed Minimum Income). The panel will discuss the modernist and pre-modernist elements of social policy in Greece and the evolution of the Greek welfare state over the last twenty years and prospectively into the future.</i></p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Vassilis Monastiriotis, Associate Professor in the Political Economy of South Eastern Europe, LSE; Director of the LSE Research Unit on South Eastern Europe; Member of the Hellenic Observatory</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Platon Tinios, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics and Insurance Science, Piraeus University; Visiting Senior Fellow, Hellenic Observatory, LSE</p> <p>Antigone G. Lyberaki, Professor of Economics, Panteion University, Athens; Visiting Professor, Hellenic Observatory, LSE</p> <p>Elias Mossialos, Brian Abel-Smith Professor of Health Policy; Director, LSE Health; Co-Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies</p>
16.00-16.30	Refreshments
16.30-18.00	<p>Session 4: Plenary Roundtable</p> <p><i>Closing discussion- Modernisation in retrospect –reflection on what has been discussed thus far.</i></p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Spyros Economides, Director of the Hellenic Observatory; Associate Professor in International Relations and European Politics, LSE</p> <p>Discussants</p> <p>Loukas Tsoukalis, Professor of European Integration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; President of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)</p> <p>Aristos Doxiadis, Economist and Venture Capital professional; General Partner at Openfund</p> <p>Paschos Mandravelis, Journalist and Columnist at KATHIMERINI newspaper, Greece</p>
18.00-20:00	Wine Reception (open to all delegates)

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