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PRESS RELEASE

**Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law:
Event within the Framework of the Aristotle Innovation Forum**

Thessaloniki, 12/5/2026

As part of the Aristotle Innovation Forum (AIF), a special event entitled “Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law” will take place on **Monday, 18 May 2026, at 18:30**, at the Aristoteleion Theatre (2 Ethn. Aminis St.).

During the event, participants will present a collective study prepared by 43 scholars from 18 universities in Greece, Cyprus, Europe and the United States. Dr. Evripidis St. Stylianidis, Associate Professor of Law at the European University Cyprus, Member of Parliament for Rodopi (New Democracy) and former Minister of Education, edited the study.

The speakers at the event will be:

- Metropolitan of Thessaloniki Philotheos**
- Dora Bakoyannis**, Head of the Greek Delegation to the Council of Europe, Member of Parliament for Chania, former Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Prokopios Pavlopoulos**, former President of the Hellenic Republic, Academician, Emeritus Professor of Law

Moderator: Christina Chaleplidou, journalist and Director of the newspaper Thessaloniki.

The event is co-organized with the Metropolis of Thessaloniki, the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece, the Society for Macedonian Studies, the European University Cyprus, Aristotle College, and Nomiki Vivliothiki Publications.

The Aristotle Innovation Forum—one of the most dynamic innovation fora in Southeastern Europe—is organized by Aristotle University from 17 to 23 May 2026.

The AIF is held under the auspices of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Konstantinos An. Tasoulas, with the support of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs & Sports, the Municipality of Thessaloniki and the Region of Central Macedonia. The Thessaloniki International Fair serves as a strategic partner, while PPC and Piraeus Bank are among the major sponsors.

The event is open to the public. Pre-registration is available at: <https://ai-evripidis.gr/thessaloniki/>

More information about the AIF: <https://aristotleforum.auth.gr/>

We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media.