



# 1st ASECU TELECONFERENCE

## "SYSTEMIC CRISES TRIGGERED BY CONTEMPORARY PANDEMIC & PROGRESSIVE WAY-OUTS"

**Friday, 8 May 2020, 16:00 (GMT +3)**

### OBJECTIVE OF THE EVENT

Reveal and explain the systemic crises triggered by contemporary pandemic, as well as working out strategic and tactical solutions for eliminating the damage caused and turning the responses towards sustainable development for humanity and the planet.

### SESSIONS OF THE EVENT

**(1) Macroeconomic, (2) Business and (3) Societal Aspects of Pandemic Crisis.**

### FORMAT OF THE EVENT

Each one of the three sessions will consist of 4-6 panelists. Each panelist will have the possibility to speak for 5' presenting the main points of his/her intended contribution (relevant to the panel he / she will participate). For the rest of the session (overall 90'), moderator will coordinate an open discussion of panelists, based upon the main ideas presented, as well as the questions that will be posted by participating audience.

### LANGUAGE

The event will be held in English.

### SCHEDULING

Friday, 08/05/2020, starting at 16:00 (GMT +3), lasting 270' (=3x90').

### TARGETED AUDIENCE

Practitioners, analysts, and policymakers involved in the decision-making process, academicians and pre- or post-graduate students, laborers, businessmen and entrepreneurs, interested citizens of the world in general.

### CONTACT

For any additional information needed, please, send a message to the e-mail of our Organizing Committee: [asecu.teleconference@gmail.com](mailto:asecu.teleconference@gmail.com)

### TO PARTICIPATE

Please, fill in the Google form to register you as a participant of the Teleconference. Only those who will be registered will have the possibility of interacting with the panelists and also they will receive a certification of attendance (Places for interactive participation are limited - priority will be given to early registrations).

### LINK:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDzCurmE3YRaU0tbQOzjYquLkiE5VxbvsT39qhygghpwhlg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDzCurmE3YRaU0tbQOzjYquLkiE5VxbvsT39qhygghpwhlg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### TECHNICAL ASPECTS

The Teleconference will be broadcast live at: <https://www.auth.gr/video/27875>

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**(MODERATOR OF THE 1ST SESSION)**

Grigoris Zarotiadis studied economics in Johannes Kepler University of Linz – Austria. During his PhD he spent a year in UMIST (University of Manchester – Institute for Science and Technology). Currently, he serves as an Assoc. Professor in the School of Economic and he is the Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Political Sciences in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH). He is the President of the Association of Economic Universities of South and Eastern Europe and the Black Sea Region – ASECU and the Institute for Social Studies “Dimitris Mpatsis”. Besides, he is chairing the newly established Center for Social Research and the Interdisciplinary Laboratory for Black Sea and Mediterranean Studies in AUTH. His research covers the fields of international economics, economic development and economic growth, having a plentiful record of international academic publications and relevant citations. Since 2000, he is an Independent, Non - Executive Member of the Board of DROMEAS S.A.

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Iraj Hashi is Emeritus Professor of Economics at Staffordshire University, Stoke on Trent, United Kingdom where he has been working since 1978. In addition to his teaching and research duties at the University, he has been actively engaged in teaching, research and consultancy in Central and East European transition economies since 1992. He has worked with universities and research institutions in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Kosovo, Macedonia, Poland, Romania and Russia on a range of projects dealing with economic challenges of transition in these countries. His recent research has focused on the internationalisation of SMEs, innovation and SME performance, Spillover Effects of FDI, innovation, and entrepreneurship and economic growth.

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Tatyana Hubenova-Delisivkova is a Professor and Researcher at the Economic Research Institute of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Her research interests are in the area of international monetary relations, international capital markets, monetary integration in the EU. She has been involved in various research projects commissioned by national and international institutions. Since 2017 Prof. Hubenova-Delisivkova has been the President of the Union of Economists in Bulgaria.

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Michael Hudson is the President of the Institute for the Study of Long-Term Economic Trends (ISLET), a Wall Street Financial Analyst, Distinguished Research Professor of Economics at the University of Missouri, Kansas City and author of *J is for Junk Economics* (2017), *Killing the Host* (2015), *The Bubble and Beyond* (2012), *Super-Imperialism: The Economic Strategy of American Empire* (1968 & 2003), *Trade, Development and Foreign Debt* (1992 & 2009) and of *The Myth of Aid* (1971), amongst many others. SLET engages in research regarding domestic and international finance, national income and balance-sheet accounting with regard to real estate, and the economic history of the ancient Near East. Michael acts as an economic advisor to governments worldwide including Iceland, Latvia and China on finance and tax law.

Prof. Dr. **Jeffrey D. Sachs**, University Professor and Director of the Center for Sustainable Development in the Earth Institute at Columbia University, New York, **USA**

Jeffrey D. Sachs is a University Professor and Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, where he directed the Earth Institute from 2002 until 2016. He is also Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and a commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Development. He has been advisor to three United Nations Secretaries-General, and currently serves as an SDG Advocate under Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Prof. DSc. **Statty Stattev**, Director of Institute of Economics and Politics at University of National and World Economy, Sofia, **Bulgaria**, Former Rector of the University of National and World Economy

Statty Stattev is a Professor of Macroeconomics and Political Economy at the University of National and World Economy (UNWE) where he was the Rector in two consecutive mandates in the period 2011-2019. Since 2012, he has been Deputy Chairman of the Rectors' Council in Bulgaria. Prof. Stattev is Director of the Institute of Economics and Politics and Head of the Economics Department at the UNWE. His research interests are in the field of the theory and methodology of macroeconomic analysis; financial development and economic growth; economic growth, efficiency and economic structures, where he has more than 180 scientific publications in Bulgarian, English, Russian, Polish, Greek, Serbian and Albanian. Prof. Stattev was Member of the Governing Council of the Bulgarian National Bank and Chairman of the Bulgarian Mint Board of Directors. Currently, he is Chairman of the Audit Committee of United Bulgarian Bank.

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Joseph Chih-Yuan Hung is the director of department of international business and Management at Dongguan University of Technology, China. His research interests include Industrial Organization, Contract Theory, Supply Chain Finance and Economics of Information. He is the author or co-author of over 5 academic papers in area of industrial economics (e.g. Impacts on Labor Cost Caused by the Substitution of Robots, an Empirical Evidence of Manufacturing Firms at Dongguan), organizational economics (e.g. An Agency Theory on Integration vs Outsourcing as a General Equilibrium), and auction theory (e.g. The Bertrand Competition with Endogenous Sunk Cost).

Prof. **Arben Malaj**, Former Minister of Finance and Economy, **Albania**

Arben Malaj has been graduated in Finance at the University of Tirana in 1986. During 2005-2006 attended Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), as Senior Fellow at M-RCBG, focusing on research on Western Balkans European integration. In 1997-1998, he served as Minister of Finance; 2002-2003 Minister of Economy and during 2004-2005 Minister of Finance. 2016-2019 Member of supervisory Board of Central Bank of Albania. He is the Honorary President of IPPM of the Institute for Public Policies and Good Governance. He is concentrated in banking sector reform, public finance management, good governance, higher education, etc.

Prof. **Tomasz Mroczkowski**, Professor at American University, Washington D.C., **USA**

Tomasz Mroczkowski teaches International Business and Management in Emerging Markets courses in the MBA program. His current research interests include knowledge management, international outsourcing and globalization of R&D and comparative innovation policies in emerging economies. Professor Mroczkowski has lectured at universities in Japan and Europe, including the National Defense Academy of Japan, Copenhagen Business School, University of Cambridge, University of Paris-Sorbonne and the ESCP-EAP in Paris. He has conducted executive development seminars for leading American and European companies, such as GM, AT&T, Union Carbide, GE and Polaroid. Mroczkowski has been a recipient of a number of grants, including awards from the Andrew A. Mellon Foundation, the US Agency for International Development and the German Marshall Fund of the US.

**Zoran Narashanov**, PhD, Chief Executive Officer and President of Management Board of Viena Insurance Group National Office in **North Macedonia**

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## SESSIONS &amp; PANELISTS

Prof. **Ioannis Theodossiou**, PhD, University of Aberdeen, the **UK**, Professor in Economics, Director of the Centre for Labour Market Research

**(MODERATOR OF THE 3RD SESSION)**

Ioannis Theodossiou is a Professor in Economics and Director of the Centre for Labour Market Research. He has been a member of the University Council at the University of Thessaly, Greece, Adjunct Professor at the National Institute of Labour Studies, Flinders University Australia and a member of the Council of the Scottish Economic Society. His research interests lie mainly in applied labour and health economics, macroeconomics, applied microeconometrics. His current research focuses on issues related to the effect of socioeconomic conditions and unemployment on health and well-being, on the analysis of the unemployment and on issues related to pay determination. His publications include edited volumes, chapters in books and c80 research papers in peer reviewed journals. He has published several chapters in books and a book titled 'Wage Inflation and the Two-Tier Labour Market'. He has received several grants by National and European funders including the European Commission. He is a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society.

Dr. **Arjan Gjonça**, Associate Professor of Demography at London School of Economics and Political Science, the **UK**  
Arjan Gjonça started his career as an assistant professor at University of Tirana, Faculty of Economics, Albania. His work experience includes institutions such as Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research; University of Southampton, Department of Social Statistics; University of Bocconi, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy (as visiting professor), Department of Social Policy at London School of Economics, and finally Department of International Development. Dr. Gjonca is a member of different professional bodies, including International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), British Society for Population Studies (BSPS), European Association for Population Studies (EAPS), Population Association of America (PAA), and many more. He has held and continues to hold honorific positions such as the Honorary Secretary of the BSPS from 2001-2004, and a member of the council from 1997 till 2004; the vice-president of DemoBalk Association; more recently the Chair of the Accreditation Board for Higher Education in Albania.

Assoc. Prof. **Matjaž Koman**, PhD, Associate Professor of Economics in School of Economics and Business at the University of Ljubljana, **Slovenia**

Matjaž Koman is an associate professor of economics at the University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business. He got his PhD from University of Michigan and was visiting researcher at Columbia University (USA) and National University of Singapore. His research focuses on economics of transition and labour economics, with special emphasis on firm behaviour and firm's productivity issues. He published a number of articles, among them also in Journal of Comparative Economics and Eastern European Economics. He was also involved in several national and international projects. He teaches microeconomics, managerial economics and mathematics for economists.

Dr., Prof. **Józef Oleński**, Center of Regional and Cross-Border Research of the University of Rzeszow, Poland, Former Chairman of the UN Statistical Commission and Vice-Center of Regional and Cross-Border Research of the University of Rzeszow Chairman of the Conference of European Statistics, Former President of the Central Statistical Office in **Poland**

Józef Oleński is a Polish professor of economic sciences, president of the Central Statistical Office in 1992–1995 and 2006–2011. In the years 1974-1991 he was the deputy director and director of the Statistical Research and Development Center of the Central Statistical Office. He was also an adviser to the president of the National Bank of Poland, chairperson of the UN Statistical Commission and vice-chairman of the Conference of European Statistics. Since 2000, he has been an employee of the Faculty of Economic Sciences at the University of Warsaw. Now he is holding position at Center of Regional and Cross-Border Research of the University of Rzeszow. He held the office of the CSO president from February 8, 1992 to October 31, 1995, and was re-appointed on October 26, 2006 by to February 14, 2011.

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Dr.T. Sabri T. Öncü holds degrees in mechanical engineering, applied mathematics and business research. In addition to his years of experience at institutional money managers in the US, he had served as the Head of Research at the Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning (CAFRAL), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Mumbai, and a Senior Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

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