

7th THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN WORLD AFFAIRS  
**The world in 2019: The threat and challenge of rising inequalities**

Thessaloniki, October 21, 2018  
Olympion, Aristotelous Square 10

**Agenda\***

- 10:00**                    **Registration**
- 10:30-10:55**            **Welcoming remarks**  
Dimitris Keridis, Director, Navarino Network  
Stavros Andreadis, Chairman, The Cultural Society of Entrepreneurs of Northern Greece  
Yiannis Boutaris, Mayor of Thessaloniki  
Henri Bohnet, Head of Greece Office, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- 10:55-13:30**            **Europe in a world of power redistribution**  
Moderator: Dimitris Keridis
- 10:55                    **The challenges for Europe ahead**  
Christos Stylianides, EU Commissioner, Humanitarian Aid & Crisis Management, Brussels  
(recorded message)
- 11:00                    **The making, unmaking and remaking of Europe**  
Edmond Alphandéry, former Minister of Economy, France (1993-1995) | Founder and  
Chairman, Euro50 Group, Paris
- 11:20                    **Greece and Europe after the crisis**  
Daniel Gros, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels (recorded message)
- 11:25                    **In search of German leadership: The view from Berlin/Munich**  
Stefan Kornelius, Head of the Foreign Policy Department, Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Munich
- 11:45                    **What are the successes of and risks for post-communist Central Europe?**  
Anders Åslund, Professor, Georgetown University | Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council,  
Washington, D.C. (recorded message)

- 11:55 **EU - a Czech/Central European perspective: How to find common purpose again after the financial and migration crises**  
Lukáš Macek, Director, Sciences Po Paris, Dijon, France
- 12:15 **Borders, asylum and the future of human rights in Europe: Lessons from Greece and the Balkans**  
Gerald Knaus, Founding Chairman, European Stability Initiative, Berlin
- 12:35 **Topic TBC**  
Anna Diamantopoulou, former EU Commissioner, Brussels | President, "DIKTIO" Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, Athens (recorded message)
- 12:40 **Greece: The vulnerable link, still?**  
George Pagoulatos, Professor of European Politics and Economy, Athens University of Economics and Business, Athens
- 12:55 Discussion
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch break**
- 15:00-16:15 Turkey and the Un/re-making of the Middle East**  
Moderator: Sofia Papadopoulou, Journalist, Head of ANA-MPA's Northern Greece Directorate, Thessaloniki
- 15:00 **The making and unmaking of the modern Middle East**  
Fawaz A. Gerges, Professor of International Relations, Emirates Chair in Contemporary Middle East Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK  
(recorded message)
- 15:15 **Turkey between Europe and the Middle East: After thwarted ambitions and challenging realities in search of a direction**  
Soli Özel, Visiting Fellow in International Relations, Institut Montaigne, Paris
- 15:35 Discussion
- 16:15-17:30 Greece after the crisis: Rebound or decline?**  
Moderator: TBC
- 16:15 **Greece in the 21st century: The challenge ahead**  
Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Director of Research, diaNEOsis, Athens
- 16:35 **Technology and innovation: The new frontier for Greece**  
Marco Veremis, Co-founder & Executive Chairman, Upstream | Founding Partner, BigPi Venture Capital, Athens
- 16:55 **Cyber-security: A new concern**  
Speaker TBC
- 17:00 Discussion

**17:30-18:40**

**Euro-elections 2019: Regressing or moving forward?**

Moderator: Henri Bohnet

17:30

**EU challenges and the need for a New Pact for Europe**

George Pagoulatos

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**Threats and challenges of the 2019 elections for the European Parliament**

Donatella Viola, Assistant Professor in Politics and International Relations, University of Calabria, Italy

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**Discussant: Edmond Alphandéry**

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Discussion

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Conclusion

18:45

End

\*This schedule is subject to last-minute changes.