8th THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN WORLD AFFAIRS

The world in 2020: Governing at a time of ungovernability

Thessaloniki, October 20, 2019  |  Olympion, Aristotelous Square 10

Agenda

10:30  Registration

11:00  Welcoming remarks

Dimitris Keridis, Navarino Network
Konstantinos Zervas, Mayor of Thessaloniki
Stavros Andreadis, Chairman, The Cultural Society of Entrepreneurs of Northern Greece

11:20  Europe in changing times

Keynote Address: Margaritis Schinas, Commissioner-designate nominated as European Commission’s Vice-President for Protecting our Way of Life covering Migration, Security, Social Rights, Education, Culture and Youth

Round Table Discussion
Moderator: Nikos Zaharis, Director, SEERC
Anders Åslund, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Washington.

1989-2019: Thirty years since the fall of communism-Successes and failures in Eastern Europe
Kevin Featherstone, Eleftherios Venizelos Professor in Contemporary Greek Studies and Professor in European Politics, London School of Economics

Brexit and beyond: Europe in the 21st Century
Florian Bieber, Director, Centre for Southeast European Studies at the University of Graz

The Never-ending Story: The Western Balkans on the Road to the EU
Discussion

13:15  Populism and the rule of law

Keynote Address: Miroslaw Wyrzykowski, Judge of the Polish Constitutional Court (ret.)

Moderator: Henri Bohnet, Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Greece and Cyprus Office
András Szalai, Research fellow, Center for European Neighborhood Studies, Central European University
Control through Uncertainty: The Expanding Securitization of Political Opposition in Hungary

Discussant: Anna Diamantopoulou, President, “DIKTIO” Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, Athens | former EU Commissioner, Brussels

Discussion

14:15    Lunch Break

15:00    The wealth of Greece

Keynote Address: Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development and Investment

Round Table Discussion
Moderator & Discussant: Anna Diamantopoulou
George Chouliarakis, former Alternate Minister of Finance
Kostas Kostis, Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Dimitris Keridis, Member of Parliament
Discussion

16:45    Turkey, Southeastern Europe and the new refugee crisis

Moderator: Filios Stangos, Journalist
Dimitris Tsarouchas, Bilkent University

EU-Turkey Relations and the Migration/Refugee Challenge
Zoran Ilievski, Head of the Political Science Department of the Faculty of Law at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje

EU-Turkey Relations and the Migration/Refugee Challenge, a view from the Western Balkans
Marcus Engler, Migration Researcher and Consultant, Berlin

Potentials and risks of the EU’s cooperation with neighboring countries in the field of migration policies
Discussion

18:15    Conclusions

18:30    End of the Symposium