

CONFERENCE

# Democracy in the face of contemporary challenges

- Political Parties and Political Pluralism
- Rule of Law and Checks and Balances
- Economic, Financial and International Perspectives
- Round Table Discussion

TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER

25

2025, 11:30-19:00

Goethe Institute Auditorium (14–16 Omirou Street) P.C. 106 72 Athens

## PROGRAM

### 11:30 Greetings

**M. Ruotanen**, Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity of the Council of Europe

### 11:45 SESSION 1: Political Parties and Political Pluralism

MODERATOR:

**P. Pikrammenos**, f. Acting Prime Minister, f. Deputy Prime Minister, Honorary President of the Council of State

SPEAKERS:

**N. Alivizatos**, Emeritus Professor, School of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), Member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

**S. Vlachopoulos**, Professor, School of Law, NKUA, Member of the NKUA Administration Council

**Y. Drosos**, Emeritus Professor, School of Law, NKUA

**V. Christou**, Assistant Professor, School of Law, NKUA

### 13:30 SESSION 2: Rule of Law and Checks and Balances

MODERATOR:

**E. Venizelos**, f. Deputy Prime Minister, Emeritus Professor, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)

SPEAKERS:

**I. Sarmas**, f. Acting Prime Minister, Honorary President of the Court of Audit

**L.-A. Siciliano**, Professor, School of Law, NKUA, f. President of the European Court of Human Rights, President of the Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights

**V. Skouris**, Emeritus Professor, School of Law, AUTH, f. President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, President of the Centre of International & European Economic Law

**M. Telalian**, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

### 14:45 Break – Light Lunch

### 15:30 SESSION 3: Economic, Financial and International Perspectives

MODERATOR:

**N. Kyriazis**, Emeritus Professor, Department of Economics, University of Thessaly, President of the K. & A. Kyriazi Foundation

SPEAKERS:

**G. Hodgson**, Emeritus Professor, Management, Loughborough University, London

**L. Katseli**, Professor Emerita, Department of Economics, NKUA, f. Minister

**Ch. Kollias**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Thessaly

**M. Wendt**, Head of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Office for Greece and Cyprus, f. Member of the German Bundestag

### 17:00 SESSION 4: Round Table Discussion

MODERATOR:

**K. Sakellaropoulou**, f. President of the Hellenic Republic, Honorary President of the Council of State

SPEAKERS:

**G. Karavokyris**, Associate Professor, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)

**A. Papahelas**, Executive Editor of Kathimerini newspaper

**M. Pikramenos**, President of the Council of State, Professor, School of Law, AUTH

**L. Tsoukalis**, Professor at the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, President of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Professor Emeritus, NKUA

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