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Greece continues to be a major international focus, as it continues to pursue the adjustments required under the terms of its two debt 'bail-outs'. This provides the Observatory with a major and varied agenda for its public events programme and its research agenda. This Newsletter provides us with the opportunity to report on what we've done recently and what we plan for the coming year. The Observatory remains in a good position to deliver on both of these dimensions.

Our public events programme has again been lively and well-supported. We were pleased to host Alexis Tsipras, the Leader of the Opposition, for a lecture and Q&A at the School. The SYRIZA leader attracted a large audience - we could have filled the theatre twice over - to listen to his perspective on Greece's economic options.

With the Hellenic Bankers' Association of the UK, we hosted a panel debate at the School on how Greece can best exit the crisis. This brought together economists with sharply differing views - Daniel Gros (Director of the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels); Professor Michalis Haliassos (Goethe University Frankfurt) and the LSE's Professor Charles Goodhart - to try to disprove George Bernard Shaw's comment about economists and conclusions.

Throughout the academic year, the Observatory has continued its very successful research seminar series, with speakers from amongst our own Research Fellows and from further afield.

In June 2013, we were proud to host our 6th Biennial PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus. This again attracted a large number of current research students to present their work in specialist panels chaired by established academics. It was again very pleasing that students came from many different countries - Germany, Canada, The Netherlands etc., as well as from Greece and the UK. Professor Costas Lapavistas of SOAS gave a popular plenary lecture on the Greek crisis.

This last year saw Cyprus receive more foreign attention. It was obliged to accept a bail-out in the context of its debt crisis. In the second-half of 2012, Cyprus held the six-month Presidency

of the European Union. It is very timely, then, that the Observatory has been able to welcome two senior research fellows on Cyprus - holding the Andreas N. Hadjiyiannis Fellowship: Rebecca Bryant and Nikos Skoutaris. We were also very pleased to collaborate with Neapolis University, Cyprus in appointing another fellow (George Kyris) and jointly organising a conference on the EU presidency in Paphos. In October 2012 we hosted Andreas D. Mavroyiannis, the Deputy Minister for European Affairs in Cyprus for a public lecture and the following month we welcomed Mr Nikos Anastasiades for a policy roundtable - some months before he was elected President of Cyprus. In May 2013, we collaborated with the LSE's Financial Markets Group to host a lecture by Athanasios Orphanides, the former Governor of the Central Bank of Cyprus. Greece has faced very painful social consequences from the austerity it has been obliged to follow. In conjunction with the University of the Peloponnese (Masters' Programme on European Social Policy), the Observatory held a one-day conference in Corinth entitled, 'Whither Social Policy? Social Policy in Greece in times of Crisis', in May 2013.

For most of our public events, you can download podcasts and/or presentations from our speakers - simply go to the HO's webpages, the address is given on the last page of this Newsletter.

The research activities of the HO continue to be successful: drawing both on our permanent academic staff and our research fellows. The 'GreeSE' discussion paper series has now published its 73 issue, for example.

The profile of the Observatory also continues to grow internationally - with frequent coverage in the international media and a high number (22,230) of visitors to our HO webpages.

We hope you will find this Newsletter of interest. Please do join our mailing list to keep informed of our activities. We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming events.

Finally, let me thank my colleague, Dr Spyros Economides, who has been the Acting Director of the Observatory this last year whilst I have been on sabbatical leave. He has done an excellent job!

Kevin Featherstone

Director

PUBLIC LECTURE with Alexis Tsipras 'Greece's way out of the crisis'

On **14 March 2013** we had the pleasure to host a Public Lecture by Mr Alexis Tsipras, President of SYRIZA - USF and leader of the opposition in the Greek parliament, titled 'Greece's way out of the crisis'. This was a highly-anticipated lecture, as SYRIZA's strong opposition to Greece's fiscal consolidation programme and 'anti-memorandum' rhetoric keeps generating a lot of controversy in Greece and much nervousness - concerning Greece's position in the Eurozone - internationally.



From Left to Right:
Spyros Economides, Konstantinos Bikas, Kevin Featherstone,
Alexis Tsipras, Paul Kelly, Euclid Tsakalotos

Mr Tsipras stated from the onset of his speech the main premise of his opposition to the policies followed in Greece and in the Eurozone more widely: *"The policies of austerity that are being implemented in Europe, not only in the Eurozone, but also here in the UK, do not appear to be providing a viable exit from the crisis. They do not even seem to be the preconditions for such an exit. On the contrary, they are deepening the crisis and making any such exit in the future more difficult"*. He went on to explain his party stance on Europe, emphasising his support to the European integration project, but for a 'social Europe', that would put *"people's concerns and needs before bankers' profits"*, placing the notions of solidarity, redistribution and social security at the heart of "what Europe is".

His speech was much less specific - perhaps disappointingly so - on the

range of policies that ought to be pursued in Europe, as an alternative to the policies of austerity. While he talked about the need to strengthen the fiscal transfer mechanisms within the Union (across Member States - including through the issuance of Eurobonds) and to reform the governance and function of the ECB, there was much less emphasis and detail on his party's policy proposals with regard to the wider *economic governance* of Europe (e.g., the role of fiscal rules and surveillance) as well as with regard to key policy

questions concerning the implementation of structural reforms (domestically) and the types of policy intervention needed to stimulate productivity growth and competitiveness (at the European level).

Instead, Mr Tsipras emphasised the role of society - and of social mobilisation in particular - in changing the direction of policy towards a more democratic, more inclusive and less unequal Europe. *"In the past"*, he said, *"elites have never given up their power and privileges willingly. It is unlikely they will do so in the future. Only a democratic drive to change the balance of class forces within Europe can bring about a progressive exit"*.

The lecture was followed by a con-

versation with Professor Kevin Featherstone, Director of the Hellenic Observatory, who chaired the event, and a Q&A session with questions from the general audience. A reception with students, staff, and guests followed. The Event was widely covered by the Greek media: ethnos.gr, inews, Kathimerini, SKAI, To Vima and many more.



Alexis Tsipras, President of SYRIZA - USF

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A page dedicated to Mr Tsipras Lecture is available at http://www.lse.ac.uk/europeanInstitute/research/hellenicObservatory/Events/pubLectures/Tsipras_2013.aspx



Alexis Tsipras delivering his speech in a packed Sheikh Zayed Theatre





PANEL DISCUSSION

CO-ORGANISED WITH THE HELLENIC BANKERS ASSOCIATION-UK 'Euro-Crisis and Greece'

Already three years into the Euro-zone crisis, debates about the caus-

however, that at the current juncture, the 'exit option' (getting out of the euro) would be even worse.



The Panel from Left to Right: Charles Goodhart, Kevin Featherstone, Daniel Gros, Michael Haliassos

es and possible solutions to the crisis remain hot and controversial. Continuing our collaboration with the UK Hellenic Bankers' Association (UK), on **20 March 2013** we hosted a Panel Debate on the topic of 'Euro-Crisis and Greece', with an excellent line-up of speakers, separated by their rather divergent views on the issue but united in their deep knowledge and expertise on the topic.

Kicking-off the debate, **Professor Charles Goodhart** (LSE) presented the 'Eurosceptic' view (admittedly, with impressive clarity and forcefulness), arguing that the Greek situation was somewhat akin to a frog being scolded in hot water, which gets boiled - slowly but surely -

The second speaker, **Dr Daniel Gros** (CEPS), focused his speech on the issue of competitiveness, arguing that the depth of the recession in each country - and, in the same logic, the exit from the crisis - depends on each country's export growth capacity and performance. According to his analysis, the underlying problem for Greece was 'an extraordinarily bad export performance', worse than that achieved by other bailout countries.

The debate closed with the presentation of **Professor Michael Haliassos** (Goethe University) who, in reviewing the strategic options for the euro-zone in relation to Greece, argued that there should be a shift of focus from 'who pays?' to 'who earns?'. He went on to explain that it is in the interests of both Greece and her partners that the strategy should be one of boosting her productive and export potential - rather than one that places singular



The Debate took place in the LSE's Sheikh Zayed Theatre

without realising and thus without attempting to escape. He warned,

A page dedicated to this Panel Discussion is available at http://www.lse.ac.uk/europeanInstitute/research/hellenicObservatory/Events/otherEvents/HBA_Panel_Discussion_2013.aspx

emphasis to fiscal consolidation and austerity.

The presentations were followed by an interesting debate between the panellists, prompted also by questions from the audience. The debate highlighted some areas of disagreement (for example, on the issue of competitiveness and whether, or to what extent, this is an issue of wage moderation and internal devalua-



Part of the audience

tion or instead one of selective structural reform and industrial/development policy), but also some important areas of convergence - importantly, that the 'Greek crisis' cannot be seen separately from the Europe-wide problems of economic governance and competitiveness.

The discussion and further exchanges with the audience continued, in a more relaxed and informal atmosphere, at the reception that followed the event - showing the audience's interest not only on the high quality wine that was on offer but mainly on the resolution of the Greek and Eurozone crisis.

The 6th Biennial HO PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus



On **6-7 June 2013**, the HO held its 6th Biennial PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus. With generous sponsorship from the A.G. Leventis Foundation, the HO was able to host research students from 9 different countries working on relevant subjects in the social sciences. The presentations were divided into 20 panels which were grouped into 4 sessions over 2 days. In total, 58 doctoral research students had the opportunity to present their papers and discuss their work in dedicated panels which covered a wide range of subject areas and interests.

appreciated by PhD students and the second by **Professor Costas**



Participants group photo

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vitsas on the Eurozone crisis and its causes, with suggested effective therapies on the crisis. This second plenary session was chaired and commented by **Professor Achilleas Mitsos**.

The PhD Symposium has become a central event in the HO's calendar and continues to attract large numbers of highly enthusiastic students to participate in its panels and plenary



Kevin Featherstone in his welcome address

Traditionally, the event provides the opportunity to PhD candidates not only to present their doctoral research to an informed audience, exchange knowledge and develop a creative dialogue, but also enables them to meet and interact in order to promote knowledge with peers and more established scholars in their respective fields from across Europe and beyond. The Symposium is also punctuated by plenary sessions which this year were given by **Professor Kevin Featherstone** on 'Research Design and PhD's on Contemporary Greece' - a session much

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sions; we feel it has become one of the most important international meetings for PhD students working on contemporary Greece in the social sciences.



Costas Lapavitsas and Achilleas Mitsos accepting questions from the Symposium participants

Visit the Symposium's webpage for more details
http://www.lse.ac.uk/europeanInstitute/research/hellenicObservatory/Events/phd_Symposia/6thSymposium/6th_symposium_main.aspx





1st Hellenic Forum 'GREXITING the crisis!'

ORGANISED BY THE LSEsu HELLENIC SOCIETY

The 1st Hellenic Forum 'GREXITING the crisis!' was an ambitious idea of the LSEsu Hellenic Society 2013. Taking for granted, the fact that Greece is at the heart of the European economic crisis and international developments for another year, the Society decided to organize a series of events at LSE, looking at Greece's future in Europe, in **March 2013**.

More analytically:

⇒ Reload Greece - Young Entrepreneurs

The Society welcomed young ambitious entrepreneurs willing to discuss their business ideas, in an event organised together with the team 'Reload Greece'. The day was spent on getting information on how to transition from an idea, to a business plan, to make the leap into entrepreneurship. Speakers: **Omiros Sarikas, George Kasselakis, Jimmy Athanassopoulos** and others.

⇒ Grexiting the Social Crisis

This Session focused on the social and political crisis of values and structures in Greece, with emphasis on social policies in the crisis in order to maintain social cohesion and dignity of our fellow human beings and to give the perspective of revival to the Greek society. Discussants: **Kevin Featherstone**,



Grexiting the Social Crisis Panel

George Kaminis & Manos Matsaganis. Chair: **Nikitas Konstantinidis**.

⇒ Grexiting the Economic Crisis

The Session on the Economic crisis, focused on the future of the Greek economy and in particular, what are the economic policies that should immediately be followed both at a National and European level, in order to sanitise the economy of Greece and at the same time, put it in an orbit of growth. Discussants:

Nicos Christodoulakis, Paschos Man-dravelis, Elias Papaioannou & Dimitri Vayanos. Chair: **Stavros Pangeas**.

⇒ Grexiting Business Depression

This event was dedicated to the business sector and especially on opportunities despite the crisis and the new data on the labour market in Greece and Europe. Discussants: **Dimitri Dragazis, Stratos Chatzigiannis & Aristomenis M. Syngros**. Chair: **Konstantinos E. Zachariadis**.



Grexiting the Economic Crisis Panel

The Society would like to thank all of the prominent speakers, who honoured them with their presence at the events. Also, the sponsors and supporters of the 1st Hellenic Forum: the Embassy of Greece and especially H.E. the Ambassador

Mr Konstantinos Bikas for his presence, but also for his passionate and laudatory speech, during the last day of the Forum. Mr Spyridon Diamantis, 1st Press and Communications Counsellor, for his invaluable help and contribution to the organi-

sation of the event. Angelini Hellas and Rottapharm Hellas, the Forum's main sponsors and the LSE's Hellenic Observatory and especially Ms Ioanna Antonopoulou for her pure altruism, work ethic and contribution to the project. Finally, the LSE Hellenic Alumni Association and the Greek Public Policy Forum for their valuable support.

Last but not least, the Society would like to thank the people who attended all the week's events with great enthusiasm, and had only positive and encouraging comments to make for the team of the LSE Hellenic Society 2013. The Society and its President, Theodoros Kalampokis hope that their work, effort but most of all success of the 1st Hellenic Forum will result in the establishment of this Forum as an annual tradition at the LSE.

For more information please visit the Forum's website at www.lsehellenic.com/ or the Society's FB page [Lsesu HellenicForum Pressgroup](https://www.facebook.com/LsesuHellenicForumPressgroup)

The LSEsu Hellenic Society 2013

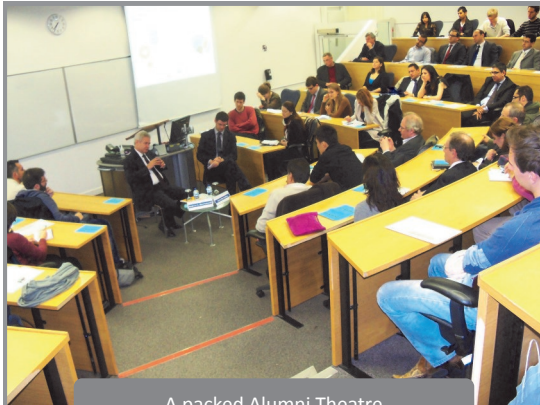
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PUBLIC LECTURE with Andreas D. Mavroyiannis **'Can we deliver a better Europe? The Challenge of meeting expectations for Economic Growth, Stability and Social Cohesion in the EU'**

On **31 October 2012**, the Observatory organised a public lecture by Ambassador Andreas Mavroyiannis, the Deputy Minister to the President of the Republic of Cyprus for European Affairs.



A packed Alumni Theatre

As the lead figure co-ordinating and managing Cyprus's six month presidency of the European Union, Ambassador Mavroyiannis was able to provide a comprehensive overview of the work being undertaken by Cypriot officials to coordinate policy formation on a range of issues. Perhaps the most important of these were the efforts to manage the negotiations over the EU's budget. However, he also took the opportunity to speak about a number of the major problems confronting the European Union at what was proving to be a crucial juncture in its historical

development. In doing so, he offered some interesting and innovative ideas as to how many of these problems could be tackled. For instance, one of the most important questions that had been raised by a number of observers and analysts was the possibility that the European Union could pursue a two-speed, or even a multi-speed Europe. Under such a model, groups of members would be able to press ahead with further integration on certain policy areas without the involvement of all of their partners. In response to such proposals, he suggested that perhaps the EU should pursue a process of agreed coordinated differentiation. Such a model would allow states to maintain different speeds of integration on various issues for the meanwhile, in the hope that others would join at a later stage. As he argued, this would mean that the EU would be able to retain its essential unity. The lecture was followed by a lively question-and-answer session during which members of the audience raised a range of issues about the current European crises, as well as questions relating to Turkey's European perspective. An open wine reception was held at the end of the lecture. This provided an ideal opportunity for members of the audience to continue the discussion with the Minister. As well as many students, academics and members of the press, the lecture and reception were also attended by a number of officials, including H.E. Mr Alexander Zenon, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus, and H.E. Mr Konstantinos Bikas, the newly-arrived Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic in London.

PRIO Cyprus Centre 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE **CO-ORGANISED BY THE HELLENIC OBSERVATORY & FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG**

The conference '**Good Governance in Europe and the Neighbourhood**', co-organised by the HO, the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Cyprus Centre, and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, took place on **26-27 October 2012** in the Nicosia buffer zone. The conference interrogated governance in the Balkans and Southeast Europe, especially in countries that have been affected by conflict. In the past few years, the question of governance has become a central feature of political debate across Europe. Debates about ideology appear to have given way to discussions about the ways in which political authorities exercise their power. Is that power truly used for the greater good, or is it, willfully or otherwise, narrowly focused on serving particular segments of society? Moreover, to what extent is good governance, or lack thereof, implicated in the current economic crises, which have also become political and social crises?



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Cyprus Centre

as crises of good governance, often because of partyism and cronyism in which governments in power serve only a select few. In Europe's southern fringe, in Greece, Italy, and Spain, for instance, there are systemic crises that have precipitated social unrest.

Taking place in Cyprus, and coinciding with the Republic of Cyprus's presidency of the European Union, the conference examined the ways in which our understanding of good governance is being shaped in the contemporary era across the European Union and its neighborhood. Papers drew on lessons and experiences from across Southeast Europe and the Balkan region to shed both theoretical and empirical light on how we define and assess good governance today. Despite the crises closer to home, this conference takes a wider view of good governance, looking especially at issues of good governance in situations of conflict and post-conflict. A final roundtable session focused on current governance issues on both sides of the Cyprus Green Line and assessed the impact of governance on future reconciliation in the island. The conference was organised by Rebecca Bryant from the HO, and James Ker-Lindsay (LSEE) and Nikos Skoutaris (HO) were on its organising committee.





POLICY ROUNDTABLE with Nicos Anastasiades

On **19 November 2012** the Hellenic Observatory welcomed Mr Nicos Anastasiades - the leader of Democratic Rally (DISY), the main centre-right opposition party in Cyprus, and at that time the leading contender in the forthcoming Cyprus presidential election - to the LSE, for a roundtable policy discussion on the contemporary economic and political challenges facing Cyprus.

Speaking before a small invited audience of British government officials, parliamentarians and opinion formers, Mr Anastasiades gave a wide ranging opening presentation in which he laid out the range of major problems facing the island at a critical juncture in its history. Addressing the continuing United Nations efforts to reunite the island, which had failed to make major progress over the previous few years and were on hold in the run up to the presidential elections, he explained that if he were elected he would seek to involve the European Union more closely in the settlement process. He also stressed that he would press the international community, including Russia, to exert more pressure on Turkey to reach a solution. At the same time, he reaffirmed his continuing commitment to a bizonal, bicomunal federal solution to the Cyprus issue.

Turning to the growing economic crisis facing Cyprus, he outlined a number of practical ideas as to how he would address the increasingly worrying financial situation. One of the most innovative proposals was for the creation of a council of economic advisors. This would draw on leading Cypriot economic experts to provide impartial advice to the president and other members of the government. Another key topic addressed in the presen-

tation was the discovery of natural gas in the waters around Cyprus. As was pointed out, this could have profound implications for the future of the island and for the Eastern Mediterranean region as a whole.



James Ker-Lindsay and Nicos Anastasiades

Lastly, and perhaps most controversially, especially given the strong opposition to the idea by the government in power, he also reiterated his support for Cyprus to join NATO's Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme and noted his hope that eventually the island would become a full member of NATO.

At the end of his discussion, he took a number of questions from the audience and further expanded on many of the points he had raised in his talk.

Visit the HO website for more details on all events on Cyprus
<http://www.lse.ac.uk/europeanInstitute/research/hellenicObservatory/Events/events.aspx>

Neapolis University & Hellenic Observatory 2012 FORUM 'The Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union'

The HO, as part of its growing research interest in and public events on Cyprus has developed a close relationship with Neapolis University, Cyprus. As part of this relationship, the HO co-organised with Neapolis University, a forum on The Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union: Challenges and Opportunities. Timed to coincide with the informal meeting of European foreign ministers on the island, the event examined a range of key issues facing the EU at this critical juncture.

Four members of the European Institute - Professor Kevin Featherstone, Professor Iain Begg, Dr Spyros Economides and Dr James Ker-Lindsay - travelled to Cyprus on **6-7 September 2012** to take part in this forum.

The first two panels explored some of the key economic issues facing the EU. In the first session, Professor Begg and Professor Dinenis, Rector of Neapolis University spoke about the management of the Euro crisis. During the second session, Professor Begg was joined by Professor Spyros J. Vliamos (NUP and National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) to discuss EU budget negotiations. The dinner that evening was addressed by Mr Vasos Shiarli, the Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus. On the second day of the forum attention turned to for-

eign policy and political issues. The first panel, which was chaired by Mr George Iacovou, Minister of the President, and a former foreign minister of Cyprus, focused on the EU and the Eastern Mediterranean. The session included presentations by Professor Yannis Valinakis (NUP and former Deputy Foreign Minister of Greece), Spyros Economides and James Ker-Lindsay. The event then wrapped up with a panel on the future of the European Union, which was addressed by Professor Featherstone, Professor Thanos Veremis (NUP) and Professor Giovanni Barone-Adesi (University of Lugano and Swiss Finance Institute). This was chaired by Dr George Vassiliou, the former President of the Republic of Cyprus.

This was an event which achieved widespread attention in the local media and addressed a series of issues which of course would grow into national and international prominence as the Cyprus Presidency proceeded and events unfolded in Cyprus in 2013. We feel that this inaugural meeting builds a strong foundation for continuing and fruitful co-operation between the HO and Neapolis University and we thank them for hosting the forum.



CONFERENCE: Whither Social Policy? Social Policy in Greece in times of Crisis

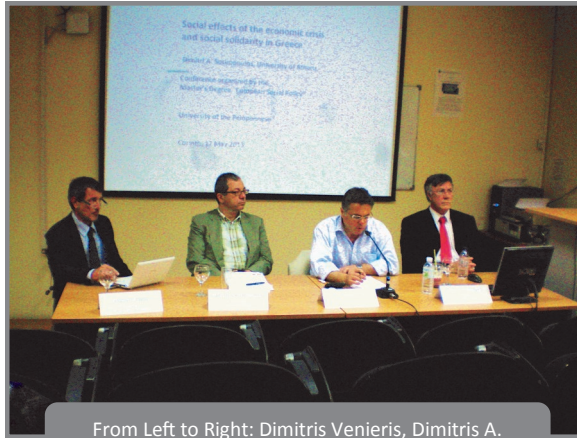
CO-ORGANISED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PELOPONNESE

The social impacts of Greece's economic crisis were explored in a conference jointly organised by the Hellenic Observatory and the University of the Peloponnese (Department of Social Policy; Masters' Programme on European Social Policy).

The conference was entitled, 'Whither Social Policy? Social Policy in Greece in times of Crisis', and was held on **17 May 2013** in Corinth.

The conference was organised by Dr Dimitris Venieris (University of the Peloponnese and past HO Visiting Senior Fellow) and it brought together a number of scholars and specialists in social policy. Professor Ana M. Guillén, of the University of Oviedo, made a presentation entitled, 'From austerity to permanent strain: welfare state reform in Italy and Spain'; Professor Manos Matsaganis, of the Athens University of Economics and

Business, addressed the theme of 'Dealing with the New Social Question Unemployment, Poverty and the Welfare State in Greece';



From Left to Right: Dimitris Venieris, Dimitris A. Sotiropoulos, Theo Papadopoulos & John Yfantopoulos

Dr Theo Papadopoulos, of the University of Bath, discussed 'The Greek crisis as part of the crisis of the European Social Model'; Dr Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, of the University of Athens, analysed 'The Social effects of the economic crisis and social solidarity in Greece'; and

Dr Dimitris Venieris, of the University of the Peloponnese, reflected on 'Crisis Social Policy in Greece: theoretical considerations versus political decisions'. The HO Director, Kevin Featherstone, gave an opening welcome.

The conference brought together scholars with students of the University of the Peloponnese. Whilst the conference placed the issues of social policy in a European, as well as a Greek, context, it also addressed the local implications of political alienation and protest. Corinth itself is an area that has witnessed a dramatic increase in support for the Neo-Nazi Chrysi Avghi, for example. Inevitably, the social consequences of the crisis seem set to be an important part of the Greek public policy agenda for some years to come.

CO-BRANDED EVENTS

⇒ **PANEL DISCUSSION - The Greek Crisis and its Possible Resolutions**

LSE, 11 September 2012 - The discussion was organised by Dimitri Vayanos, Professor of Finance and Director of The Paul Woolley Centre, LSE. Speakers: Apostolos Doxiadis, Pavlos Eleftheriadis, Michael Jacobides, Andreas Koutras & George Prokopakis.

⇒ **ANNUAL ECONOMIC FORUM - The Crisis of the Eurozone: Challenges & Opportunities for the European South**

Athens, Grande Bretagne Hotel, 18 April 2013 - Organised by the Hellenic Entrepreneurs Association (EENE) in conjunction with Hellenic Observatory. Speakers: Alexis Tsipras, Evangelos Venizelos, Kevin Featherstone, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Loukas Tsoukalis, Vassili G. Apostolopoulos and others.

⇒ **ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 'YOUNG GREEK MINDS' Leading our Country to a Better Future**

Athens, Hilton Hotel, 22 April 2013 - Organised by the LSE's Hellenic Alumni Association and sponsored by the Hellenic Observatory and others. The key-note speech was given by the Greek Minister of Finance, Dr Yannis Stournaras.

⇒ **LONDON FINANCIAL REGULATION SEMINAR - Athanasios Orphanides**

LSE, 15 May 2013 - Jointly organised by the Financial Markets Group and the Hellenic Observatory. Dr Orphanides was Governor of the Central Bank of Cyprus from 2007-12 and the title of his Seminar was 'The politics of the euro area crisis and Cyprus'.

⇒ **WORKSHOP - Anthropological Perspectives on the Crisis in Southern Europe**

UCL, 28 June 2013 - Organised by UCL's Anthropology Department and sponsored by the Hellenic Observatory. Organising Committee: Professor Charles Stewart (University College London) and Dr Daniel M. Knight (National Bank of Greece Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Hellenic Observatory).





Research Seminars 2012-13

The Research Seminar Series of the Hellenic Observatory forms the bedrock of our academic public events. Held on a fortnightly basis in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, the seminar series provides established and emerging scholars with an intellectually vibrant forum to present their research on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus.

This year's series of seminars almost inevitably centered on research on the crisis which has engulfed Greece for the best part of the last five years and related topics. Two main themes dominated the agenda: the first encompassed research dealing more narrowly with economic/financial issues; the second centered on the broader issue of reform and public administration. In the first group, seminars focused on, for example, inflation in the context of the Greek Crisis (Professor Nicholas Apergis, University of Piraeus), credit spreads and the debt crisis (Dr George Christodoulakis, University of Manchester), to an interesting study of the relevance of economic collapse in interwar Greece (by Professor Nicos Christodoulakis, Athens University

of Economics and Business).

On the reform debate, Dr Stella Ladi, Senior Lecturer, Queen Mary University, London; Professor Nikolaos Zahariadis, University of Alabama at Birmingham; and Professor Kevin Featherstone, LSE, spoke about public administration reform in time of austerity; privatisation of Greek telecoms and, Greek Prime Ministers and the problem of reform capacity respectively.

We also had contributions relating to the HO's burgeoning Cyprus programme, with our A.N. Hadjiyiannis Senior Research Fellows, Drs Rebecca Bryant and Nikos Skoutaris, speaking on 'de facto states' and sovereignty, and the Cyprus issue in the European Union's political and legal order. Our 'in house contribution' to the seminar series was completed by our National Bank of Greece Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Dr Daniel Knight speaking



Nicos Christodoulakis presenting the first Research Seminar of the Academic Year 2012-13

on renewable energy programmes in the Greek economic crisis.

To round off another successful year of research seminars we had the great pleasure of hosting Professor Stathis Kalyvas, Yale University, who shared with a large audience his assessment of the deep roots of the current crisis in Greece.

We hope to be able to welcome more of you to another round of our research seminar series next year.

A page dedicated to all HO 2012-13 Seminars is available at http://www.lse.ac.uk/europeanInstitute/research/hellenicObservatory/Events/seminars/Seminars_2012-13.aspx

MICHAELMAS TERM 2013-14 Provisional Schedule

Tuesday, 8 October 2013

PROFESSOR MARIA PETMESIDOU, Professor of Social Policy, Democritus University of Thrace; CROP/ISSC Fellow
'Crisis and Austerity: A Painful Watershed for the Greek Welfare State'

Tuesday, 22 October 2013

DR MANUSSOS MARANGUDAKIS, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean
'Civil Religion in Greece: The cultural aspects of the Greek civil society in a period of crisis'

Tuesday, 5 November 2013

DR GEORGE KASSIMERIS, Reader in Terrorism Studies, University of Wolverhampton
'Greece: The Persistence of Political Terrorism'

Tuesday, 19 November 2013

PROFESSOR NICOS CHRISTODOULAKIS, Professor of Economics, Athens University of Economics & Business; Former Greek Minister of Economy & Finance; Research Associate, Hellenic Observatory, LSE
'The Dynamics of Conflict in the Greek Civil War 1946-49'

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PROFESSOR JOHN A. MOURMOURAS, Chief Economic Adviser to the Greek Prime Minister; Former Deputy Finance Minister of Greece
'On the Limits of Fiscal Consolidation within a Monetary Union - How to resolve the austerity puzzle at the Europeriphery'

The final programme of the 2013-14 seminars will be uploaded to the HO website in October 2013
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GreeSE Papers 2012-13

The publication of GreeSE papers continued successfully for the sixth consecutive year. The Hellenic Observatory welcomed a new editor, Andreas Kornelakis (Sussex), who took over from Vassilis Monastiriotes. Although aspects of the Greek crisis dominated as foci of the papers published, their diversity continued in terms of disciplinary perspectives and methodological approaches. We are very glad that the interest in (and the impact of) the Series is steadily increasing, and we are confident that GreeSE will remain a focal point for rigorous and policy-relevant research on contemporary Greece and Cyprus.

The increasing interest in the Series is indicated by the most recent download and abstract viewing statistics available from REPEC. In the period from September 2012 to June 2013 the total downloads stood at 513. In the previous year's corresponding period the total downloads were about 274. Additionally, there were 1433 abstract viewings in the Sep-Jun 2012/13 period, compared to 1095 viewings in the Sep-Jun 2011/12 period.

The series also aspires to have an increasing and sustained impact on academic and policy debates. GreeSE papers have been cited in recent articles published in academic journals of high quality and impact. For example, GreeSE No.15 was cited in *European Urban and Regional Studies* (2013); GreeSE No.28 was cited in *Comparative European Politics* (2013); GreeSE No.31 attracted several citations including the *European Urban and Regional Studies* (2012), the *Public Administration* (2013), and the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2013); and GreeSE No.52 was cited in the *Industrial Law Journal* (2012).

The success of the series does not only reflect the high quality of submissions attracted, but also the effort that peer-reviewers put into the refereeing process. We wish to thank our external referees, who generously offered their time and expertise while reviewing papers in 2012/13 and specifically: Panos Kapotas (Portsmouth); Corrado Macchiarelli (LSE); Thanassis Manis (LSE); Takis Pappas (University of Macedonia/EUI); Sofia Vasilopoulou (York); Horen Voskeritsian (UWE-Bristol); Sotiris Zartaloudis (Loughborough).

Finally, the series would not have been successful without the professional and energetic support provided by Ms Ioanna Antonopoulou. Sadly -for us- she is moving into greener pastures. Ioanna ensured the smooth production of papers, making a significant contribution to the series' re-design, administration, and dissemination. Her day-to-day management has always been prompt and flawless. We wish to express our gratitude. No doubt, Ioanna's organisational skills and cheerful personality will be missed!

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- (68) **Alogoskoufis, George**, *Macroeconomics and Politics in the Accumulation of Greece's Debt: An econometric investigation, 1975-2009*, March 2013.
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- (73) **Ifantis, Kostas**, *The US and Turkey in the fog of regional uncertainty*, August 2013.





Research from core Academic Staff

KEVIN FEATHERSTONE

'I was as on sabbatical leave in 2012-13. For the first part of my leave, I was a visiting scholar at the Center for European Studies at Harvard University. I prepared a new book manuscript on the problems of weak central control and coordination within Greek government. This is to be co-authored with Professor Dimitris Papadimitriou of the University of Manchester and published by Oxford University Press in 2014. I have also published a journal article on the same project, entitled 'The Emperor Has No Clothes! Power and Resources within the Greek Core Executive' in the journal, *Governance*, [Vol. 26: pp. 523-545]. I am taking this research further by examining the trajectory of administrative reform in Greece.

I also gave lectures/seminars at Harvard, Yale, Boston University, Tufts and presentations in Athens for the Hellenic Entrepreneurs' Association (EENE) and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom.'

SPYROS ECONOMIDES

'In the last year my research has mainly concentrated on the Western Balkans and their international context with a special focus on Kosovo. The relationship between the EU and the Western Balkans was examined in Spyros Economides, 'The "European pull" in the Balkans', in James Mayall, and Ricardo Soares De Oliveira (eds.) *The New Protectorates: international tutelage and the making of liberal states*. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2012). While my interest in the case of Kosovo produced among others, Ker-Lindsay, James and Economides, Spyros (2012) 'Standards before status before accession: Kosovo's European perspective', *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern studies*, (Vol, 14, No 1, 2012), and 'The making of a failed state: the case of Kosovo'. *European view* (Vol.10, No. 2, 2012).

More specifically on Greece, I continue to pursue my interest in Greek foreign and security policy. The current crisis has led to a growing concern over the changing nature of the challenges to Greek foreign and security policy and how they fit into

an ever evolving European and broader international context. As a result part of my research has centred on the rather neglected aspect of the EU and Greece in a foreign policy context. One of the 'outputs' in this regard has been a chapter entitled, 'The Relevance of "Europe" to Greek Foreign Policy' in Kevin Featherstone (ed.), *Europe in Modern Greek History* (London: Hurst and Co., forthcoming November 2013).

The other is a more narrowly focused contribution on Greece in the context of an extremely deep and broad study of Strategic Culture across the EU 27 ('Greece', in Bastian Giegerich (et. al.), *Strategic Cultures in Europe* (Springer Verlag, 2013).'

VASSILIS MONASTIRIOTIS

'As in previous years, the Greek crisis has occupied a large part of my research activities. Since the beginning of 2013 I have been working on a number of papers on the impact of the crisis on the Greek labour market and on labour market adjustment. As part of this, I am continuing my collaboration with former HO Fellow Dr Christopoulou, examining the impact of the public sector pay cuts on the public- and private-sector wage distributions and reward structures (our first paper on the topic has now been published in the *British Journal of Industrial Relations* - DOI: 10.1111/bjir.12023). At the same time, I am extending my focus to the geographical dimension, looking in particular at differential responses across the regional labour markets of Greece in terms of inactivity, unemployment risk and returns to education. A couple of conference papers have already been produced on this, complementing other work published in the last year on Greece (a paper on public investment in Greece, published in the *European Urban and Regional Studies* in late 2012) and on Eastern and Southeast Europe (two book chapters pub-

lished in 2013, as well as a co-edited volume on 'Decentralization and Development in Southeast Europe'. Further areas of research concern the 'Local labour market impact of public-sector employment' (with



LSEE Fellow Jelena Lausev) and the issue of 'Employment polarisation in Southeast Europe' (based on the 'Labour Markets in SEE Research Programme' at LSEE).

Separately, through my involvement at the EU-funded FP7 project 'SEARCH', I have been working on a paper examining the impact of European and non-European FDI (at the national, sectoral, and regional levels) in the countries of South-eastern and Eastern European Neighbourhood, which I am presenting at the summer Congress of the European Regional Science Association. Work also continued on my British Academy project on 'Spatial Association and Economic Connectedness', which was concluded in Spring 2013, and on two other papers (on Employment flexibility and inter-regional adjustment' and on 'Inter-municipal competition in Serbia'), which are currently under review ('revise & resubmit') in scientific journals. More recently, I have started work on a more theoretical piece of research, looking at the all-important question of "When does austerity work". I have already given a few presentations on the topic (University of Illinois, CTLS-Georgetown, Roskilde University) and I am currently developing a macro-economic model that makes fiscal sustainability (and thus the impact of austerity) endogenous to domestic-policy characteristics - which brings me back to the issue of the Greek crisis... A related article was published in January 2013 in the journal *Intereconomics*.'

A.N. Hadjiyiannis Senior Research Fellows



Dr Nikos Skoutaris

'In the last year, my research has focused on issues arising from Cyprus' EU membership, EU's accession to the European Convention of Human Rights and the application of the federal principle in the EU and its Member States.

Concerning the first, I will publish a chapter on the Cyprus Conflict in Turkish-EU Relations in F Cengiz and L Hoffmann (eds), *Turkey and the European Union: Facing New Challenges and Opportunities* while I was invited by the Centre for the Law of the EU External Relations to comment on the Cyprus' EU Presidency.

With regard to the second, the successful organisation of a workshop on 'The Accession of the EU' to the ECHR funded by the British Academy will lead to the publication of a special issue and an edited volume by the European Journal of Human Rights and Hart Publishing respectively.

As far as the third is concerned, a chapter on the role of sub-state entities in the EU decision-making processes: appeared in E Cloots, G De Baere and S Sottiaux (eds), *Federalism in the EU* while I will publish a paper on the autonomy of federal and regionalized EU Member States with regard to their institutional design in *L' Europe en Formation*.

Finally, I acted as the academic director of the first summer school on 'Nationalism, Religion and Violence in SE Europe' which was organised by the International Hellenic University and supported by LSEE, Charles University (Prague) and the Peace Research Institute Oslo.'



Dr Rebecca Bryant

'This year I have completed an outstanding research project on regional perceptions of Turkish foreign policy and have continued work on a project on the everyday practice of sovereignty in unrecognised states. At the beginning of the year, I organised

a conference, 'Good Governance in Europe and the Neighbourhood', co-sponsored by the Hellenic Observatory and the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)'s Cyprus Centre. The conference, held in Nicosia in October 2012, drew more than thirty scholars from around Europe to discuss the theme of good governance in a period of crisis. In addition, I completed a co-authored report that analyses neighbourhood perceptions of Turkey's new foreign policy and that has been published by PRIO. I completed three articles from my current research that are currently under review, and I have edited a new book, *Shared Spaces and their Dissolution: Practices of Coexistence in the Post-Ottoman Sphere*, to be published by University of Pennsylvania Press. That volume grew out of an international conference that I organised in 2011, and it interrogates 'coexistence' in the post-Ottoman space to ask what practices enabled centuries of cooperation and sharing, as well as how and when such sharing was disrupted.

During the year, I gave a number of invited lectures, including in the Turkish Studies Seminar Series at the School of Oriental and African Studies and the Anthropology Department at the University of Kent, Cambridge. In March 2013 I also delivered the first Peter Loizos Memorial Lecture at the LSE, at the invitation of the Association for Greek, Turkish, and Cypriot Affairs.

This year I co-authored a grant proposal entitled 'Imagined Sovereignities' that received four years of funding from Norwegian Research Council, and I have been awarded Leverhulme Trust Fellowship for 2014.'

Visiting Fellows

The Hellenic Observatory welcomes applications for Visiting Fellows and Visiting Senior Fellows by academics or policy practitioners who may want to spend a period of between 6-12 months at the LSE to conduct independent research on a topic relevant to the work of the Hellenic Observatory. It is anticipated that Visiting Fellows will play an active part in the intellectual life of the Hellenic Observatory during their fellowship. Applications submitted to the scheme will first be considered by the Hellenic Observatory. Applications accepted at this stage will then be nominated to a central LSE committee, who make the final decision regarding visiting fellowships.

HO Visiting Fellowship: Visiting Fellowships target researchers at an early stage of their career (pre-major review) who already hold a tenure-track university affiliation and wish to conduct a specific piece of research on a topic relevant to the research of the Hellenic Observatory. Applications by practitioners and researchers outside the academia may also be considered, but normally applicants should hold at least a PhD degree or have equivalent professional experience.

HO Visiting Senior Fellowship: The Visiting Senior Fellowship category is aimed at academics that are of the Lecturer (post major review), Senior Lecturer or Reader level, and practitioners or professionals at a broadly comparable level in their profession. The title of Visiting Senior Fellow is given to individuals from outside the School associated with School Departments/Institutes/Centres. The status is intended to apply to scholars who have already published work of distinction, as well as recognising the contribution from those in government service, in professional practice, in the private sector, or in other appropriate fields, to research and other Departmental/Institute/Centre activities.

In 2012-13 the Hellenic Observatory welcomed: **ADONIS PEGASIOU**, Research Associate, European University of Cyprus and **YANNIS VALINAKIS**, Professor International Relations, University of Athens; President of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence; Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece.





Post-doctoral Fellows 2012-13

Dr Daniel Knight

National Bank of Greece Post-Doctoral Research Fellow



'My year as National Bank of Greece Postdoctoral Research Fellow has allowed me to significantly enhance my profile as an early career scholar within an unrivalled academic environment. As well as producing numerous papers in international peer-reviewed journals and presenting my work at events across Europe, this year has allowed me to unrepentantly indulge my passion for interdisciplinary research on contemporary Greece. This cumulated in a workshop I convened in June on anthropological perspectives on the crisis in southern Europe, co-funded by the Hellenic Observatory.

Spanning the social and political sciences, the Hellenic Observatory allows one to think outside the box and tackle important issues at the cutting edge of social and political debate. Activities at the Hellenic Observatory, including the research seminar series and public lectures, facilitate interaction with leading scholars on Greece, whilst being situated in the heart of London means ample opportunity to connect with prominent academics in institutions across the city. One is surrounded by inspiration from staff Kevin, Spyros, Vassilis, Ismini and Ioanna; it is their personal investment in every fellow that cultivates such a superb environment and encourages one to strive to be the very best.

The Hellenic Observatory fellowship has provided a launch pad for my academic career and, with no exaggeration, constitutes the best twelve months of my life. An absolute honour and privilege for which I am eternally grateful.'

Dr George Kyris

Hellenic Observatory & Neapolis University Post-Doctoral Fellow



The time I spent at the LSE Hellenic Observatory was the most rewarding research experience. The generous Hellenic Observatory and Neapolis University Fellowship gave me the opportunity to pursue my research agenda on Cyprus and the European Union and.

During my time at the Hellenic Observatory, I worked towards a set of research outcomes, including contributions to international conferences (such as the Universities Association of Contemporary European Studies Leeds 2013) and referred journals (such as the Journal of Common Market Studies).

As a Fellow of the HO, I had the chance to meet excellent people and establish important academic relationships. I also had the opportunity to participate in many research activities, like the Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium, and attend a series of events in the vibrant academic environment of the LSE. In this context, my time at the LSE has been hugely important for my personal development as a young scholar and the support of the Hellenic Observatory has been invaluable for my research.

By no means, my time at the Hellenic Observatory has been an unforgettable part of my journey into the world of academia.'

Research Associates

GEORGE ALOGOSKOUFIS, Professor of Economics, Athens University of Economics & Business; Former Greek Minister of Economy & Finance

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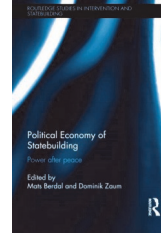
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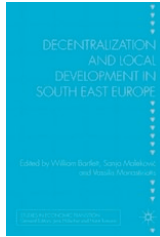
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[Political Economy of Statebuilding - Power after Peace](#)
 Editors: **Mats Berdal, Dominik Zaum**
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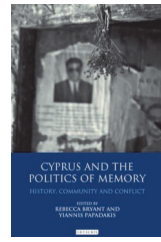
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 Drs **Will Bartlett, Sanja Maleković, Vassilis Monastiriotis** (eds)
 Palgrave Macmillan, 2013



[THE CYPRUS ISSUE - The Four Freedoms in a Member State under Siege](#)
 Author: **Nikos Skoutaris**
 Hart Publishing, 2012



[From Stagnation to Forced Adjustment: Reforms in Greece, 1974-2010](#)
Stathis Kalyvas, George Pagoulatos, Haridimos Tsoukas (eds)
 Hurst Publishers, 2012
The book is part of a series on Contemporary Greece supported by the Hellenic Observatory



[Cyprus and the Politics of Memory: History, Community and Conflict](#)
 Editors: **Rebecca Bryant & Yiannis Papadakis**
 I.B.Tauris, 2012

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National Bank of Greece - External Research Projects

In 2013 the Hellenic Observatory invited researchers with a recognised interest in contemporary Greece to submit an application for funding, in order to carry out a project on one of the following themes (1) Reform of Public Administration in Greece; (2) Social Insurance Provisions in Greece; (3) Foreign Policy.



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The Call was open to all researchers with a university affiliation, who already held a doctorate (PhD degree) and had at least two years of post-doctoral research experience. Applications from groups of researchers were also eligible.

The call was made possible by funding generously provided by the National Bank of Greece, to which we wish to record our gratitude. This initiative is consistent with the Observatory's mission to promote public policy research and to foster academic collaboration and networks and follows on from previous successful calls made in 2009 and 2011.

SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

⇒ Reform of Public Administration in Greece

Project title: 'Evaluating Structural Reform of Central Government Departments in Greece: Application of the DEA Methodology'

Researchers: **MAKRYDEMETRES Anthony** [Professor of Administrative Science, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Athens]; **ZERVOPOULOS Panagiotis** [Senior Consultant Modelling

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PRAVITA Maria-Iliana [Lecturer in Administrative Science, University of Athens]

⇒ Social Insurance Provisions in Greece

Project title: 'Caring for the Homeless and the Poor in Greece: Implications for the Future of Social Protection and Social Inclusion'

Researchers: **ARAPOGLOU Vassilis** [Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Crete]; **GOUNIS Kostas** [Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Crete]

⇒ Foreign Policy

Project title: 'National role perceptions and foreign policy orientation: the ideational bases of Greek political elite's perception and policy towards Turkey'

Researchers: **IFANTIS Kostas** [Associate Professor of International Relations, Department of International Relations, Kadir Has University; Associate Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Athens]; **TRIANTAPHYLLOU Dimitrios** [Assistant Professor of International Relations & Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul]

For more information on all 3 Research Calls please go to http://www.lse.ac.uk/europeanInstitute/research/hellenicObservatory/research/research_projects_external.aspx

OPAP Scholarships for Visiting Masters and PhD Students

Since the Academic Year 2009-10 and following financial support kindly provided by OPAP, the Greek Organisation of Football Prognostics S.A., the European Institute (EI) invited Masters and PhD students to apply for a scholarship to enable them to attend LSE for their studies, for one term.



Greek Organization of Football Prognostics S.A.

The scholarships were available to students registered (i) at a Greek university on a Masters' programme in the social sciences, focussing on the EU and/or SE Europe, and (ii) for a PhD at a Greek University and who wished to study for a similar period at the LSE. Their research was to be within one or more of the disciplines of political science, economics, or international relations. The students were in their second or third year of PhD study and with their research related to Greece and/or Europe.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of OPAP for this initiative.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARS:

2012-13:

Chrysoula Papalexatou (MSc) - University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki

Cleio Politof (PhD) - Panteion University, Athens

2011-12:

Maria Dritsa (MSc) - National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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Christos Triantopoulos (PhD) - Athens University of Economics and Business

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Fotini Emmanouilidou (MSc) - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Evangelia Kourouka (MSc) - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Aikaterini Loukidou (PhD) - National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Theocharis Papadopoulos (PhD) - Athens University of Economics and Business

2009-10:

Panagiota Balaska (MSc) - Panteion University, Athens

Pitsilkas Charalampos (MSc) - University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki

Forthcoming Events

- ⇒ On the 25th November we are very happy to host **Professor Calliope Spanou** (The Greek Ombudsman and Professor of Administrative Sciences, University of Athens) for the **13th Hellenic Observatory Annual Lecture** entitled **'The Greek Ombudsman and Public Administration during Challenging Times'**.
- ⇒ In Autumn 2013 we will host two one-day Conferences: (i) in conjunction with the **Open Society European Policy Institute**, on the theme 'Greek Society in the Face of the Crisis - challenges to the open society' and (ii) in collaboration with the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** and the Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Europe on the theme 'The Euro, Greece & the Southern Periphery'.
- ⇒ We are also planning a **Symposium on 'Prospects and Challenges for Administrative Reform in Greece'** in Spring 2014, which will be held at the LSE.

For further details on these and all other HO events and activities, please follow this link <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/europeanInstitute/research/hellenicObservatory/Events/events.aspx>



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