



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Constitution-making and Democracy in Troubled Times

16 - 17 December 2021

Conference Hall I

Aristotle University Research Dissemination Center (KEDEA)

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PROGRAM

International Conference “Constitution-making and democracy in troubled times”

Thursday 16 December 2021

- 16.00 - 17.30** **Masterclass “Discussing on the Future of the EU,” including lunch break**
(in Greek, closed to the public)
- Assoc. Prof. Ioannis Papadopoulos**
*Director of the Center for Research on Democracy and Law (CEDLAW),
University of Macedonia (Greece)*
- Assoc. Prof. Spyridon Blavoukos**
*Athens University of Economics and Business (Greece)
Head, “Ariane Condellis” European Program, Hellenic Foundation for European
& Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP, Greece)*
- 17.30 - 18.00** **Registration**
- 18.00 - 18.30** **Keynote Speech “The European Citizens Assembly (EUCIAS): A Proposal
for Involving the People in EU decision-making”**
(in Greek)
- Em. Prof. Petros Staggos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)*
Prof. Philimon Paionidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)
- 18.30 - 20.00** **Roundtable: Democracy and the Future of the EU**
(in Greek, co-organized with the Jean Monnet Chair European Constitutional Law
and Culture of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)
- Evangelos Venizelos, former Greek Deputy Prime Minister, Professor at the
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece; online)*
- Dimitris Papadimoulis, Vice-President and Member of the European Parliament
(online)*
- Marietta Giannakou, Member of the Greek Parliament, former Greek Minister,
Vice President of NATO Parliamentary Assembly (online)*
- Giorgos Pagoulatos, Professor at the Athens University of Economics and Business,
Director General of ELIAMEP (Greece; online)*
- Ioannis Papadopoulos, Assoc. Professor and Director of CEDLAW, University of
Macedonia (Greece)*
- Lina Papadopoulou, Assoc. Professor and holder of the Jean Monnet Chair European
Constitutional Law and Culture, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)*
- Moderator: Sophia Papadopoulou, Editor-in-Chief, Athens News Agency -
Macedonian News Agency (AΠE-MΠE)*
- 20.00** **End of first day**

Friday 17 December 2021

09.30 - 10.00

Registration

(all presentations of this day are in English)

10.00 - 11.30

Session 1: Perspectives on Democratic Governance

(co-organized with the Jean Monnet Chair European Constitutional Law and Culture of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Ioannis Papadopoulos

A Non-Populist Model of Direct Democracy

Assist. Prof. Nenad Stojanović, University of Geneva (Switzerland)

Sustainability and Politics: Explaining the Emergence of the 2020 Budapest Climate Assembly

Dr. Dániel Oross, Research Fellow, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Hungary; online)

Active Citizenship: strengthening or questioning modern democracy?

Eleftheria Terzoudi, PhD candidate, University of the Aegean (Greece)

11.30 - 13.00

Session 2: Democratic Governance within the EU

(co-organized with the Jean Monnet Chair European Constitutional Law and Culture of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Lina Papadopoulou

The rise of procedural legitimacy of the EU under the Juncker Commission: The Impact of the Better Regulation Agenda

Assoc. Prof. Ioannis Papadopoulos, University of Macedonia (Greece)

Dr. Alexandros Kyriakidis, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Macedonia (Greece)

Dr. Anastasia Deligkiaouri, Senior Researcher, Dublin City University (Ireland)

EU Media and Information Literacy Policies in order to enhance Democracy

Assoc. Prof. Despoina Anagnostopoulou, University of Macedonia (Greece)

Trans-national participation in the framework of the EU Macro-regional Strategies: the example of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Stefan Lütgenau, Founding Director & Head, Foster Europe Foundation (Austria; online)

13.00 - 13.15

Coffee break

13.15 - 14.45

Session 3: Deliberative democracy across the world

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Despoina Anagnostopoulou

Deliberative democracy practices and human rights in a state of emergency: Bulgarian Landscape

Prof. Dobrinka Chankova, South-West University "Neofit Rilski" (Bulgaria)

Turkey's Constitution-Making Attempt between Deliberation and Negligence: The Citizen Meetings in 2012

Assist. Prof. Besim Can Zirh, *Middle East Technical University (Turkey; online)*

The Significance of Citizen Participation and Deliberation in Modern Democracies: A View from the Global South

Ernesto Cruz Ruiz, *Doctoral Research Fellow, Technical University of Munich (Germany)*

14.45 - 16.15 **Lunch break**

16.15 - 17.45 **Session 4: Policy-making during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Chair: Dr. Alexandros Kyriakidis

Between Individual Rights and the Public: Good Democracy in Times of Covid

Dr. Monika Mokre, *Senior Researcher, Austrian Academy of Sciences (Austria)*

Michael Urs Baumgartner, *Executive Board Member, Interregional School for Development Practitioners (Switzerland)*

Impact of the pandemic on Anti-Democratic tendencies and a renewed rise of Neo-Nationalism

Prof. Eiríkur Bergmann, *Bifrost University (Iceland)*

WhatsAppers for Social Good: Local Community Response to COVID-19 in Brazil

Sérgio Barbosa, *PhD candidate, University of Coimbra (Portugal)*

Policy Styles and Pandemic Management: The Case of Turkey

Assist. Prof. Lacin Idil Oztig, *Yildiz Technical University (Turkey)*

17.45 - 18.00 **Coffee break**

18.00 - 19.30 **Session 5: Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions in the COVID-19 pandemic**

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Spyridon Blavoukos

Are NPIs effective? Evidence from the Greek and Cypriot Covid-19 experiences

Prof. Nikolaos Zahariadis, *Rhodes College (USA)*

Of "Herd Immunity" and Inoculation Investment: The British Response to COVID-19

Assoc. Prof. Theofanis Exadaktylos, *University of Surrey (UK)*

Responses to the Pandemic: Perspectives from Nordic Countries

Assoc. Prof. Evangelia Petridou, *Mid Sweden University (Sweden)*

Assoc. Prof. Jörgen Sparf, *Mid Sweden University (Sweden)*

**A Legislation-Based Dataset for COVID-19 Restrictive Measures
(GovRM-COVID19)**

Dr. Alexandros Kyriakidis, *Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Macedonia
(Greece)*

Assoc. Prof. Ioannis Papadopoulos, *University of Macedonia (Greece)*

Prof. Nikolaos Zahariadis, *Rhodes College (USA)*

19.30 - 21.00

Session 6: Democratic governance and the COVID-19 pandemic

Chair: Prof. Nikolaos Zahariadis

Democracy in the era of COVID: Some data from Greece (and more...)

Prof. Theodoros Chatzipantelis, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)*

**Religious freedom in the pandemic era: Comparative study of the case-law
of supreme courts**

Ms. Lydia Papagiannopoulou, *Lawyer and Expert, Center for Research on
Democracy and Law, University of Macedonia (Greece)*

Elections in the era of COVID revisited

Prof. Theodoros Chatzipantelis, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)*

Dr. Georgia Panagiotidou, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)*

21.00

Conclusion of conference

Conference Information

Location

Conference Hall I, Aristotle University Research Dissemination Center (KEDEA)
Tritis Septemvriou, University Campus (3ης Σεπτεμβρίου Πανεπιστημιούπολη)
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- provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 with any of the vaccines recognized within the European Union or proof that they have recovered from COVID-19 within the last 6 months, and any valid identification (identity card for EU citizens, passport, etc.).

All individuals attending in physical form are obligated to follow all health safety measures for combating the COVID-19 pandemic, including seating only where allowed and wearing face masks throughout their entire stay. The organizers reserve the right to refuse entry to or remove any individual not complying with the above conditions.

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