

The end of the European civil society utopia?

Economic, cultural and political surveys in Athens

Our first international workshop on Europe and its crisis in Oviedo—Spain in 2015 is now followed up by an economic, cultural and political meeting in the capital of Greece. We invite citizens, students and representatives from civil society, local initiatives, start-ups and other entrepreneurs to join our discussion on contemporary challenges of being European. What means democracy nowadays? How to reduce unemployment rates and to manage the refugee crisis in a humanitarian way, while economics crash down? What is the EU for Greece? And what should it be? This is an open and interdisciplinary workshop promoted by the Institute of German Cultural Studies (Ruhr-University Bochum) and Stiftung Mercator (Essen—Germany), in collaboration with the National Confederation of Hellenic Commerce (ESEE). Students, citizens, experts, social and political agents from different countries will debate about the role of Greece in Europe and possible solutions to the European civil society utopia.

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Athens, 21st - 24th May, 2016

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Timetable

May 20/21: Arrival & reception

May 21: People's Voice: Media & Arts during the crisis

- 13:00 Welcome address
- 13:30 Greece, Germany, Europe—a Media Struggle
Sofia Kosma, Journalist
Prof. Dr. Mirjana Stančić, Bochum
Comment: Péter Vágó, RUB Europadialog
- 14:00 Harry Theoharis, member of Greek Parliament
Discussion
- 15:00 “Athens from Beneath: the documentary of the poor” – a film colloquium with:
Takis Bardakos, Director
Kynthia Arvanitidi, RUB Europadialog
“The Center” – a film of Stanislaw Mucha
Anna Flack, RUB Europadialog
Discussion
- 17:00 Outside Workshops
(A) Street Art: Visiting Exarchia
(B) Tour to the New Museum of Acropolis
(C) Visit to the Greek Parliament
afterwards: get together

May 22: The origins of the Hellenic Republic

The National Historical Museum Lazaros Koundouriotis Mansion on Hydra, the cosmopolitan Greek island

- 09:30 Meeting point: Metro station Piraeus
- 10:00 Departure to Hydra
- 17:00 Concluding discussion



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May 23: Civil society utopia – science, business & politics

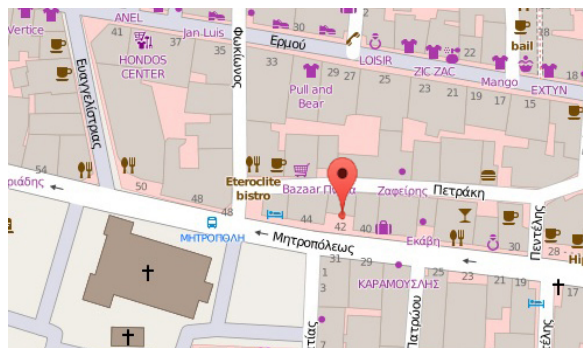
- 09:00 Introduction
Katharina Schuchardt, RUB Europadialog

Panel I: Academic perspectives

- 09:15 Chair: Dr. Camilo Erlichman, RUB Europadialog
Lecture: Political Sociology
Prof. Spourdalakis Michalis,
National Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 10:15 Lecture: Political Economy
Ass. Prof. Nicholas J. Theocarakis,
National Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 11:15 Lecture: Social Theory & Communication Studies
Prof. Kyrkos Doxiadis,
National Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 12:15 Comment:
Dr. Ubaldo Villani-Lubelli, RUB Europadialog
Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch break

Venue:

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Panel II: Political situation

- 14:30 Roundtable: Political situation in Greece
Chair: Matteo Scotto, RUB Europadialog
N.N., SYRIZA
N.N., ND
Discussion
- 16:00 Coffee break

Panel III: Business doing during the crisis

- 16:30 Introduction
Judith Müller, RUB Europadialog
- 16:45 Roundtable: Enterprises & Commerce
Chair: Judith Müller, RUB Europadialog
- Prof. Dionysis Gravaris,
Univ. of Crete and scientific Director Small Enterprises' Institute of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants (IME GSEVEE)
- Ass. Prof. Giorgos Argitis,
National Kapodistrian University of Athens and Scientific Director of the Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers (INE-GSEE)
- Ass. Prof. Valia Aranitou,
Univ. of Crete and scientific Director of the Hellenic Confederation of Commerce & Entrepreneurship. (ESEE)
- Comment: Selma Rakovac, RUB Europadialog
Discussion
- 18:00 Final discussion

May 24: Facing social reality

- 9:00 Athens' Solidarity Hub (KYADA)
Meeting point: Filadelfias 2-4, 10440, Athens



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