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**International Conference**

***Safeguarding Democratic Institutions withina Europe in crisis: Challenges and Responses***

**11 & 12 May 2018**

**PROGRAMME**

**Venue: Vouleftikon, Νafplion**

**Opening Time: 16.30**

**Program**

**Friday 11 May**

**16:00 Arrival of participants, Registration**

**16:30 Opening of the Conference**

 **Welcome Addresses**

* **Christos Giakoumopoulos**, Director General, General Directorate “Human Rights and Rule of Law”, of the Council of Europe, Representative of the Council of Europe
* **Prof. Nikos Leandros, Vice Rector of Panteion University**
* **Maria Giannakaki**, Secretary General for Human Rights and Transparency, Ministry of Justice
* **Anastasios Chividopoulos**, Governor of the Region of Argolis
* **Dimitris Kostouros**, Mayor of Nafplion

**17:15 Session I: ‘Democracy, Democratic Institutions and Rule of Law in move’**

**Chair:** Ambassador Prof. **Stelios Perrakis**, Permanent Representative of Greece to the Council of Europe

1. **Keynote Speeches:**
* **Gianni Buquicchio,** President, Venice Commission “Democracy through Law”: “*The interaction of legal and political spheres and the role of the judiciary*”
* **Antonio Augusto CancadoTrindade**, Judge, International Court of Justice, Former President InterAmerican Court of Human Rights: “*International Courts and the Rule of Law*”
* **Ambassador, Prof. Stelios Perrakis:** “*Discussing Democracy and Human Rights within the Council of Europe: a thirty-year Greek retrospective.”*

**18:30 High Level Round Table:**

* PACE Representative (CoE) TBC
* **Stavros Lambrinidis**, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
* Prof. **Georgios Katrougalos**, Alternate Minister – MFA
* **Gudrun Mosler-Tornstrom,** President, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, CoE
* **Christos Giakoumopoulos,** Director General, DGI “Human Rights and Rule of Law”, CoE

**19.40-20.15 Songs of May – Nafplion Polyphonic Choir**

**20.15 Vind’amitié**

**21.00 Dinner**

**Saturday12 May**

**09:00-10:30 1st Round table: ‘International Institutions and Democracy’**

**Chair: Prof. Jean-Paul Jaqué,** University of Strasbourg, Honorary Director General, EU Council

* **Prof. Martin Kuijer**, Legal Advisor, Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security, Vrije University, Amsterdam, “*The notion of ‘democracy’ in the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”*
* **Prof. Konstantinos Magliveras**, University of Aegean, *“The role of international Organisations as Promoters of Democratic Ideals and the Rule of Law”*
* **Simona Granata – Menghini,** Deputy Executive Secretary, Venice Commission (“European Commission for Democracy through Law”), *“The Venice Commission Rule of Law check-list – A contribution to Democratic security”*
* **Hanne Juncher**, Head of Department, Department of Justice and Legal Co-operation, CoE, *“Protecting the independence and efficiency of the judicial institutions – A key challenge for Democracy”*
* Prof. **Neda Kanellopoulou**, PanteionUniversity, *“The Beethoven Frieze: Rethinking Democracy in European Constitutional Culture”*
* Prof. **Xenophon Contiades**, Panteion University, Director, “T.& D. Tsatsos Foundation”, Centre for European Constitutional Law, Athens, *“Addressing Democratic Backslide: Tools of Constitutional resilience”*

**10.30-10.45 Break**

**10.45-11.15 2nd RoundTable: ‘Good Governance’**

**Chair: Prof. Christos Rozakis,** Former Vice-President European Court of Human Rights, Former President at Administrative Tribunal of the Council of Europe

* **Michael Pikramenos**, Councelor, Council of State, Assoc. Professor, Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki, *“The judicial review of the constitutionality of the law in the era of crisis”*
* Dr. **Andreas Pottakis,** The Greek Ombudsman
* **Rena Dourou**, Regional Governor of Attica, Member of Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, CoE
* Prof. **Maria Gavouneli**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Head of the Greek Delegation in “GRECO”, CoE,
* Prof. **Angelos Syrigos**, PanteionUniversity
* **Claudia Luciani**, Director of Democratic Governance and Anti-Discrimination, DGII – Democracy, CoE, *“Democratic Governance and the Council of Europe: from standards to action”*

**12:15-13:30 3rd Round Table:Solidarity, Social Cohesionand Inclusive Societies**

**Chair:** Prof. **Sarunas Liekis**, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy,Vitautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Bureau member, ECRI, CoE,

* Prof. **Giuseppe Palmisano**, President, European Committee for Social Rights *“The European Social Charter – Europe’s social constitution”*
* Prof. **Maria Daniella Marouda**, Panteion University, J. Monnet Chair “EU Solidarity in civil protection and Humanitarian Action”, First Vice-President ECRI, CoE,
* Prof. **Yiannis Koukiadis**, Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki, Former Minister
* **Nawel Rafik-Elmrini**, Deputy Mayor for European and International Affairs, Municipality of Strasbourg, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, CoE
* Prof. **Kalliope Agapiou – Josephides**, Cyprus University, J. Monnet Chair and Chair at European Institute for Gender Equality

**13:30- 15:30 Lunch Break**

**15:30- 17:15 Round Table 4: ‘New technologies and Media: Challenges for Freedom of Expression and Democracy’**

**Chair:**Prof. **Maria-Daniella Marouda,** Panteion University, J. Monnet Chair “EU Solidarity in civil protection and Humanitarian Action, ”First Vice-President ECRI, CoE,

* Ambassador **Corina Calugaru,** Committee of Ministers Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy, CoE
* **Stephanos Stavros**, Senior Legal Advisor, DGI, CoE, “*Addressing hate speech – Trends in CoE law and practice”*
* **Patrick Penninckx,** Head of Department, Department of Information Society, DG I – CoE *“New technologies, Media and Information Society”*
* Prof. **Marina Rigou**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
* Prof. **Dimitris Christopoulos**, Panteion University, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

**17:15-17:30 Break**

**17:30-18:45 Closing Round Table: What Future for the European Democracy? Inter-disciplinary responses**

**H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Professor Prokopios Pavlopoulos will attend the closing Round Table**

**Moderator :** Prof. **Yiannis Metaxas**, Membre de l’Académie Européenne Interdisciplinaire des Sciences

* **Konstantinos Menoudakos,** President, Hellenic Personal Data Protection Authority, Honorary President of the Council of State
* **Evangelos Venizelos**, Member, PACE – CoE, Former Minister, Prof. Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki
* Prof**. Dimitris Charalambis**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, President, Hellenic Society of Political Science
* Prof.**Konstantinos Tsoukalas,** President, Hellenic Foundation for culture
* Prof. **Spyridon Flogaitis**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Director, European Public Law Organization
* Prof. **Stelios Perrakis,** Permanent Representative of Greece to the Council of Europe

**19:30 Palamidi Fortress, “Agios Andreas” Bastion**

**Awards Ceremonies:**

* The ***A. Polyzoidis& G. Tertsetis “Justice and Law” Prize*** will be awarded by H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, **Prof. Prokopios Pavlopoulos** to:
* Dr**. Gianni Buquicchio**, President of the Venice Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe, and
* Prof.**Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade**, Judge at the International Court of justice, former President of the Interamerican Court of Human Rights.
* The City of Nafplion will confer the ***“Ioannis A. Kapodistrias” Distinction of Excellence Award***

to H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, **Prof.ProkopiosPavlopoulos**.

**End of the Conference**

**20:30 Reception at the “Balcony” of Palamidi, offered by the Mayor of Nafplion for all participants**