

The Hellenic Observatory Newsletter 2004



Editorial

Welcome to this second issue of our newsletter. I'm pleased to report that the Observatory is in a strong position, as it looks forward to the new academic year.

We had a very active programme of conferences, seminars and research workshops in 2003-4. Our biggest public event was held at the National Film Theatre on London's South Bank on 17th November. The date represented the 30th anniversary of the Athens Polytechnic rebellion against the Greek junta. It was especially poignant to show the film 'Z', depicting the political assassination of Lambrakis, on this day and we were delighted to welcome the film's director, Costas Gavras, to the event. The NFT auditorium was packed with an audience that was both young and old, Greek and non-Greek in almost equal measure. It was a memorable occasion for us.

More conventionally, our research conferences covered a range of important topics for Greece. We held conferences on Greek foreign policy in a changing Balkans; the Greek EU Presidency; Romania and the EU; and domestic pension reform. We also welcomed Mr. Zoran Zivkovic, the Serbian Prime Minister for a well-attended public lecture in the Old Theatre.

The Observatory's regular research seminars continued to draw diverse audiences from across the School and well beyond. Some 11 seminars were held in total, with audiences of between 20 and 50 for each event. As the mainstay of our public activity, such support is very heartening.

The Observatory was again able to welcome a number of fellows and visitors. Dr. Dimitris Triantaphyllou was appointed as Senior Research Fellow on Greece and European Security for the year. He was called away early, to be a special advisor to Mr. Yiannis Valinakis, as the new Deputy Foreign Minister. We were also pleased to appoint Dr. Christos Paraskevopoulos as Research Fellow. His appointment allowed him to work on social capital in Greece and on infrastructure development. We also had to say farewell to Dr. Dimitris Papadimitriou, Research Fellow in the HO, as he moved to take up a permanent position as Lecturer in Government at the University of Manchester. Dimitris was an enormous help to the Observatory and we are very

grateful to him. Dimitris continues as an Honorary Fellow of the Observatory.

Sadly, the Observatory had to say goodbye to Katerina Loukopoulou, our Administrator. We were very pleased, nevertheless, to welcome Maria Kantirou in April as our new Administrator. She joins Eleni Xiarchogiannopoulou, HO Research Officer, who started in summer 2003.

The year 2004-5 will be a period of change for the Observatory. I am delighted that Dr. Spyros Economides has been appointed as Deputy Director. He and I will work closely together to sustain and develop our programme of activities. This will be particularly relevant to me, whilst I am Director of the European Institute for the next three years. In addition, a major new appointment for the Observatory is to the new post of Lecturer in the Political Economy of Greece and South East Europe. The creation of the post has been made possible by the generous financial support of a new consortium of donors. The School has now appointed Dr. Vassilis Monastiriotes to the post and he begins this summer. Vassilis obtained his PhD from the LSE in 2002 and he was previously Lecturer in Economics at the Royal Holloway of the University of London.

Further, we look forward to welcoming Professor Panos Tsakloglou, of Athens University of Economics and Business. He will join us as a Senior Research Fellow, to research on changes in the Greek economy.

As this newsletter will elaborate, we have an exciting programme of events planned for 2004-5. These include: public lectures by Dora Bakoyannis (Mayor of Athens) and Professor Loukas Tsoukalis; our 2nd Biennial PhD Symposium on Modern Greece; and further conferences and seminars.

We very much hope that you will wish to participate in these events and to support the work of the Hellenic Observatory. With your help, we are confident that we can continue to serve our core purpose: increasing the public awareness of contemporary Greek society by fostering teaching and research.

Kevin Featherstone
Director

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A major anniversary, a major event

Thirty years ago, in another world, students at the Athens Polytechnic staged a major rebellion against the brutal dictatorship of the Greek Colonels. With the active support of many others, the uprising sent a clear signal to the world of the popular opposition to the junta. On the morning of 17th November, however, tanks entered the grounds of the Polytechnic to the revolt. Soldiers and police vied with each other to 'let the students have it'. Some 24,000 rounds of ammunition were fired by the police alone into the grounds of the Polytechnic. The protestors had been given just ten minutes warning of the intention to use live ammunition. Many were arrested, while the estimates of the numbers killed vary from two dozen upwards.

The images that were sent around the world were a shocking reminder of the brutality of the dictatorship established by the Greek Colonels. The photographs of tanks crashing through the gates of an institution of learning represented a graphic representation of the clash between civilised values and the repression of those that feared freedom. The students' revolt focussed attention on the brutality, the incompetence, and the moral emptiness of the Colonels' regime. It occurred in a period when student protest had a greater vigour and international prominence, challenging the cosy assumptions of the post-1945 settlement.

It is difficult to fully recall this other 'world'. The history of Greece on the eve of dictatorship is complex and still contested. A clear focal point, however, is provided by another event for which the anniversary fell in 2003. Forty years earlier, Grigoris Lambrakis was assassinated in Thessaloniki. Lambrakis was a rising Member of Parliament, representing an increasingly popular left-wing movement. He was murdered by thugs acting at the behest of the

authorities. The local police in Thessaloniki were directly implicated. But the trail went much higher up the ladder of the state. Suspicion turned towards Government ministers and members of the Royal Palace. In any event, the police officers that were suspended following the inquest, were later reinstated without loss of pay. The murder of Lambrakis was the first, open signal of the anti-democratic forces at work within the state apparatus. These feared the Left, and implicated the centre. The paranoia would later spread and form the basis for the Colonels' coup d'etat in April 1967.

On Monday 17th November 2003, the Hellenic Observatory at the LSE joined forces with the **National Film Theatre** in London and **The Hellenic Foundation for Culture**, to commemorate the Polytechnic and Lambrakis events. The initiative from the Observatory was originally made by Dr. Lou Klarevas, a Research Fellow in 2002-3. An evening was held at the NFT on the South Bank, which involved the screening of the film 'Z' and a 'Question and Answer' session with its Director, Costas Gavras. The event was a sell-out, with a diverse and enthusiastic audience contemplating the film and the society it portrayed.

The film portrays the kind of society in which Lambrakis was murdered. The film never mentions Greece by name and, as it was made during the period of the Colonels, it was filmed in Algeria. But there is no doubting the references to Greece: the uniforms are Greek, many of the names are Greek, the newspaper shown is that of 'Ta Nea', and the photographs in the police station are of King Paul and Queen Frederika.

The film is based on the novel of the same title, by Vassilis Vassilikos. It is a documentary and a drama. The film's success was to popularise an ugly incident in Greek political history. It is a political thriller that is extremely well made. The film is deeply



An evening with Costas Gavras at the National Film Theatre on the South Bank

serious and expresses a sustained anger. The critique of the political establishment that gave rise to the Colonels is immensely powerful.

The career of Costas Gavras has stretched over many highly acclaimed films. He is no stranger to controversy. After 'Z', he has confronted the abuse of institutional power in many different contexts. His film, 'The Confession', attacked the Stalinist purges in Czechoslovakia. 'State of Siege' explored the activities of the CIA in Uruguay. 'Missing' with Jack Lemmon covered the overthrow of Allende in Chile and Washington's involvement in it. His film, 'Amen', explored why the Vatican remained silent during the Holocaust. He is clearly a film director who combines cinema excellence with deep political concerns.

Is our future pensionable?

There has been much public attention given in recent years to the problem of balancing the need to provide suitable incomes for those who are retired with the constraints on raising current revenue. The 'pensions crisis' is one discussed in newspapers across Europe and beyond. Stories raise fears that payments made today will not provide for income tomorrow, despite the fact that there are many different types of pension system in Europe.

With the generous support of the Onassis Foundation in Athens, the Observatory held an international conference at the LSE to address these issues. Held on Friday 5 December 2003, the conference was entitled: 'Pension Reform in Europe: Shared Problems, Sharing Solutions?'. Whilst including a focus on Greece, the conference had a pan-European perspective. The conference brought together a range of major policy specialists, with the following presentations:

The Politics of Pension Reform in Europe, Prof. Kevin Featherstone, London School of Economics.

The Economics of Pension Reform in Europe, Prof. Nicholas Barr, London School of Economics.

A European Perspective, Chair: Dr Dimitris Papadimitriou

Welfare Regimes and Pension Reform Agendas, Prof. Martin Rhodes, European University Institute, Florence.

The European Union and Pension Reform: Eurozone membership and the Open Method of Co-ordination, Mr. Georgios Glynos, Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission.

Reforming Europe's pension systems: processes and solutions? Chair: Prof Kevin Featherstone.

The politics of pension reform in Germany, Prof. Karl Hinrichs, Zentrum für Sozialpolitik, Bremen.

The politics of pension reform in Denmark, Prof. Peter Abrahamson & Dr Cecilie Wehner, University of Copenhagen.

The politics of pension reform in France, Prof. Bruno Palier, Centre D'Etude De La Vie Politique Francaise, Paris.

Reforming Europe's pension systems: processes and solutions? Chair: Prof Nicholas Barr

The politics of pension reform in the UK, Prof. Peter Taylor-Gooby, University of Kent.

The politics of pension reform in Greece, Dr. Platon Tinios, Office of the Prime Minister, Athens.

Open Discussion: Can we share and learn? Chair: Dr. Dimitris Papadimitriou

Papers from the conference are available on line from the HO website:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/hellenicObservatory/events/Pensions.htm>

Whither the Balkans?

Over the last decade or more, international attention has focussed on war and instability on Greece's doorstep. Its Balkan neighbours have made difficult, painful and often incomplete transitions to liberal democracy and market economies. The disintegration of Yugoslavia captured the world's attention due to the evidence of carnage and suffering. Today, Greece's neighbours seek membership of the European Union and are engaged in economic reconstruction. Political instability has been reduced, but not erased, with conflicts still having the potential to erupt. Against this background, Greece's exter-

nal relations have also been obliged to adapt. The earlier isolation on the issue of the name for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was matched by criticisms of Greece's approach to Slobodan Milosevic's resurgent Serbia. Over the last decade, however, major changes have been evident: the economic importance of Greece's foreign investment in these states and the greater convergence in policy between Greece and its European partners.

In 2003-4, the Observatory continued to develop its focus on these aspects. The

University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) – the main academic association for European studies in the UK – sponsored a conference on the *European Union and Romania* at the LSE, hosted by the Observatory. The conference, held on **31 October 2003**, attracted a large audience and a range of speakers. It was jointly organised by *Dr Dimitris Papadimitriou* of the Observatory and *Dr. David Phinnemore* of Queen's University, Belfast. The topics covered included:

Session 1: Romania and the European Union in context

Romania and the EU: from marginalization to inclusion?, David Phinnemore, Queen's University Belfast.

The Evolution of Romania's European Policy: a retrospective, Florin Lupescu, State adviser for EU and NATO affairs, Office of the Romanian President.

Session 2: Negotiating enlargement

Preparing Romania for EU Membership: a Commission perspective, Martijn Quinn, Romania Desk Officer, DG Enlargement, European Commission.

Negotiating Accession: the challenge of interdepartmental coordination, Leonard Orban, Secretary of State for accession negotiations, Ministry of European Integration.

Session 3: Reforming Romania's public administration

Public Administration Reform in Romania, Dimitris Papadimitriou, London School of Economics / University of Manchester.

The EU and Public Administration Reform in Romania: a practitioner's perspective, Richard Harding, Pre Accession Adviser, Ministry of European Integration.

Session 4: The challenge of political and economic reform

Political Reform and the Challenge of Combating Corruption, Dennis Deletant, SSEES, University College London.

The Challenge of Economic Reform, Joan Hoey, Senior Editor, The Economist Intelligence Unit.

Concluding Remarks, David Phinnemore.

Papers from the conference are available from the HO website:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/hellenicObservatory/events/Romania.htm>

Zoran Zivkovic, the then Prime Minister of Serbia, gave a public lecture at the LSE, organised by *Dr. Spyros Economides* on behalf of the Observatory. The lecture, held on **23 January 2004**, drew an audience that filled the Old Theatre. Mr. Zivkovic spoke on the theme of 'Serbia's Tran-

sition: Achievements and Challenges'. A lively 'question and answer' session followed.

The impact of changes in the Balkans for Greek foreign policy was the focus of two private research workshops, organised by

Dr. Dimitris Triantaphyllou on behalf of the Observatory. The first was held in collaboration with the **Institute for Defence Analyses** (Ινστιτούτο Αμυντικών Αναλύσεων). Held on **27th February 2004**, it was entitled *Workshop on Greece and its Strategic role in the Balkans*.

A further workshop, held on 26th April 2004, drew an impressive array of international specialists and was made possible by the support of NATO. It was entitled *Workshop on The Priorities of Greek Foreign Policy*. The speakers included: Kevin Featherstone, Despina-Ivo Afentouli, William Wallace, Thanos Dokos, Ian Lesser, Misha Glenny, Dimitrios Triantapfyllou, Alexandros Yiannis, Stephen Larrabee, Constantinos Economides, Thanos Veremis, Spyros Economides, Kostas Ifantis, Bruce Clark and Eirini Lemos-Maniati.

Greece: a source of stability in a Europe of turmoil

Greece's presidency of the European Union's Council of Ministers could hardly have occurred at a more demanding time. Held in the first half of 2003, it had the task of managing a heavy load of internal EU portfolios: a new EU constitution; EU enlargement; and the Lisbon agenda on economic reform. Added to these items, was the crisis that erupted over military intervention in Iraq. The latter split the EU apart, questioning the viability of its aspirations to a 'Common Foreign and Security Policy'. In the event, the **Greek EU Presidency** performed

as the role required: as a broker of consensus on Iraq, whilst steering through the other policy initiatives.

The Observatory held a conference at the LSE to assess the Greek Presidency's role and performance. Held on 14 November 2003, it was sponsored by the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) of the UK and it was entitled *The 2003 Greek EU Council Presidency: between disintegration and consensus-building*. Presentations included:

Session 1: Wider Context and External Relations

Putting the 2003 Greek Presidency in Context, Prof. Kevin Featherstone, London School of Economics and Political Science.

The War on Iraq and the Greek Presidency as a Consensus-Builder, Prof. David Allen, Loughborough University.

EU enlargement and Beyond: the future of the EU's relations with Europe's periphery, Dr. David Phinnemore, Queen's University Belfast.

Session 2: Development of Internal Policies

The Greek Presidency and the Lisbon Strategy: consolidation or retrenchment?, Dr. Phillippe Pochet, Observatoire Social Européen, Brussels.

Towards the Creation of a Common Immigration and Asylum Policy: a review, Dr. Andrew Geddes, University of Liverpool.

Session 3: Evaluating the European Convention and the Results of the Greek Presidency

The Outcome of the Convention on the Future of Europe, Dr. Kalypso Nicolaides, University of Oxford.

Evaluating the Results of the Greek Presidency: between disintegration and consensus-building, Dr. Dimitris Papadimitriou, University of Manchester.

The Observatory in Athens

The **LSE** and the **Hellenic Observatory** hosted a large reception at the Ekali Club in Athens on **Monday 16th February 2004**. LSE alumni and special guests attended, avoiding the deep Athenian snow. Howard Davies, the new Director of the LSE, and Professor Kevin Featherstone took the opportunity to thank friends old and new for the support they have given to the School. In particular, the reception was the occasion to thank the consortium of donors funding the new lectureship on the Political Economy of Greece and South East Europe. The do-



Prof K. Featherstone, Ms M. Latsis, Dr N. Garaganas and Ms Evgenia Gargana



Prof K. Featherstone, Mr V. Apostolopoulos, Sir Howard Davies and Ms M. Latsis

nors include: EFG Eurobank Ergasias; Coca-Cola HBC; Hellenic Petroleum; Titan Cement Co; Global Finance; Germanos Group of Companies; Grecotel SA; Viohalco; Athens Medical Group. Representatives of the donors were present at the reception and attended a private dinner afterwards.

LSE alumni who wish to join the School's association in Athens, can contact: Mr John Platsidakis at johnplat@yahoo.com.

Not a Greek LSE

Stories appearing in the Greek press in May 2004 claimed that the LSE was developing a privileged partnership with an institution in Athens to deliver degrees in Athens. In reality, the stories were very misleading.

The claim that the LSE has established a special partnership with **EEDE** (Ελληνική Εταιρία Διοίκησης Επιχειρήσεων) is simply wrong. **EEDE** publicity might mislead readers in this respect. Instead, **EEDE** has decided on its own behalf to offer tuition for students who enrol on the External Degree Programme of the

University of London. Students are not obliged to take such tuition in Greece, however. The LSE does support the External Degree programme, however; for example, by helping to design the curriculum in certain subjects.

The **Hellenic Observatory** recognises the entrepreneurship of **EEDE** in this matter, but profoundly regrets the misleading impression given. Why didn't they choose the Lagos School of Economics...?

A new journal on Greece

Greek students linked to the Hellenic Observatory are launching a new journal devoted to the social scientific study of Greece. The journal, entitled **Synthesis: A Journal of Modern Greek Politics and Economics** is a bi-annual fully refereed journal, supported by the Hellenic Observatory. The initiative is the work of a group of research students led by Panos Papoulias and Vasilios W. Alevizakos.

Unlike many other journals in the field of Hellenic Studies, the new *Synthesis* will focus exclusively on political and economic issues related to modern Greece, Cyprus and the Balkans.

The first issue of the new *Synthesis* under the special theme: 'Developments in Greek Politics and Society: the Legacy of the 1993-2004 Decade' is forthcoming in the fall of 2004.

For further information please contact:

synthesis@lse.ac.uk

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/hellenicObservatory/Synthesis.htm>

HO Papers

The Observatory's series of papers on Greece now includes:

Discussion Papers

Peter Bratsis, *Corrupt Compared to What? Greece, Capitalist Interests, and the Specular Purity of the State*, Discussion Paper No.8, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, August 2003.

Peter Bratsis, *The Constitution of the Greek-Americans*, Discussion Paper No.9, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, August 2003.

Stelios Stavridis, *The Europeanisation of Greek Foreign Policy: A Literature Review*, Discussion Paper No.10, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, September 2003.

Stelios Stavridis, *Assessing the views of academics in Greece on the Europeanisation of Greek foreign policy: a critical appraisal and a research agenda proposal*, Discussion Paper No.11, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, September 2003.

Kevin Featherstone, *The Politics of Pension Reform in Greece: modernization defeated by gridlock*, Discussion Paper No.12, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, October 2003.

Dimitris Papadimitriou, *The limits of engineering collective escape: the 2000 reform of the Greek labour market*, Discussion Paper No.13, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, October 2003.



Theodoros Papaspyrou, *EMU strategies: Lessons from Greece in view of the EU Enlargement*, Discussion Paper No. 14, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, January 2004.

Louis Klarevas *The Eagle and the Phoenix: The United States and the Greek Coup of 1967*, Discussion Paper No. 15, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, January 2004.

Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos *Formal Weakness and Informal Strength: Civil Society in Contemporary Greece*, Discussion Paper No.16, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, February 2004.

Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos *Democratization, Administrative Reform and the State in Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain: Is There a 'model' of South European Bureaucracy?*, Discussion Paper No.17, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, April 2004.



Policy Papers

Gligorov, V., Kaldor, M., & Tsoukalis, L. (1999) *Balkan Reconstruction and European Integration*, The Hellenic Observatory (LSE), The Centre for the Study of Global Governance (LSE) and The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW).

Othon Anastasakis & Vesna Bojicic-Dzelilovic (2002) *Balkan Regional Cooperation & European Integration*, The Hellenic Observatory, LSE, July 2002.

Copies of the **Discussion and Policy papers** can be downloaded from:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/hellenicObservatory/IndexofPublications.htm>

E-papers

Featherstone, Kevin *The Politics of Pension Reform in Greece: modernization defeated by gridlock*
E-Paper No. 1, The Hellenic Observatory, October 2003.

Papadimitriou, Dimitris *The limits of engineering collective escape: the 2000 reform of the Greek labour market*
E-Paper No. 2, The Hellenic Observatory, October 2003.

Charalampos Koutalakis *Environmental Harmonization in Central Eastern Europe. Lessons from the Southern Enlargement*

E-Paper No. 3, The Hellenic Observatory, July 2004.

Antonis Kamaras *Market Reforms and Urban Disparity: The cases of Athens & Thessaloniki*

E-Paper No. 4, The Hellenic Observatory, July 2004.

Copies of the **E-papers** can be downloaded from:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/hellenicObservatory/research/Default.htm>

The Hellenic Observatory welcomes original papers on Greek society, economics and politics. Scholars who wish to submit papers should check the HO website and contact the HO Administrator. Proposals for papers should not exceed 500 words and full papers should be no more than 10,000 words.

HO Seminars 2003-4

The Observatory held the following seminars in 2003-4:

The Political Economy of Finance: Greece from Postwar to EMU.

Speaker: George Pagoulatos, Assistant Professor, Athens.
Tuesday 14 October 2003

Eurasian Gambles Over Cyprus's EU prospects.

Speaker: Vassilis Fouskas, Kingston University.
Tuesday 28 October 2003

The Competitiveness of the Greek Economy in the Enlarged European Union.

Speaker: Ross E Catterall, Anglia Polytechnic University, Cambridge.
Tuesday 4 November 2003

Were the eagle and the phoenix birds of a feather? The US and the Greek coup of 21st April '67.

Speaker: Louis Klarevas, City University of New York and Associate of the Hellenic Observatory, LSE.
Tuesday 18 November 2003



Rethinking belated modernization: Greek culture in transition.

Speaker: Dimitris Tziovas, Professor of Modern Greek Studies, University of Birmingham.
Tuesday 25 November 2003

Greece and the Balkans: Quo Vadis?

Speaker: Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Defence Analysis Research Fellow, LSE.

Tuesday 9 December 2003

EMU strategies: Lessons from Greece in view of EU enlargement¹.

Speaker: Theodoros Papaspyrou, Adviser, Bank of Greece.

Tuesday 20 January 2004

Europe and the Balkans: Snatching Defeat from the Jaws of Victory.

Speaker: Misha Glenny, Writer and Broadcaster.

Tuesday 27 January 2004

The Greek System of Financial Regulation: In Need of Structural Streamlining and Procedural Safeguards.

Speaker: Christos Hadjiemmanuil, Senior Lecturer in Law, LSE.

Tuesday 3 February 2004

Kosova's Independence - A Crisis for Greece?

Speaker: James Pettifer, Professor, Conflict Studies Research Centre, Defence Academy of the United Kingdom.

Tuesday 24 February 2004

Assessing the Results of the 7 March 2004 Parliamentary Elections in Greece.

Speakers: Dr Spyros Economides, Prof Kevin Featherstone, Dr Christos Hadjiemmanuil, Prof Elias Mossialos, Dr Dimitrios Triantaphyllou.

Tuesday 9 March 2004

Who's Who 2004/5

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HO events - Autumn 2004

PUBLIC LECTURE

Thursday 4 November, 6.30pm

Old Theatre, Old Building

London Hellenic Society annual lecture

What makes an Olympic City? Lessons and Legacies from the Athens Experience

SPEAKER: **Dora Bakoyannis**

CHAIR: **Howard Davies**



The 2004 Olympics were hosted by Athens, Greece, and preparing the city for the games was a huge undertaking. This lecture looks at the challenges faced and the legacy the games will bring to the city.

Dora Bakoyannis became the first female mayor of Athens in October 2002. She was appointed shadow foreign and defence minister of the New Democracy Party in 2000.

This event is free and open to all with no ticket required. For more information, email Events@lse.ac.uk or call 020 7955 6043.

Monday 6 December, 6.30pm

Old Theatre, Old Building

PUBLIC LECTURE

The sixth annual lecture of the Hellenic Observatory

European integration: what is at stake now (for British, Greeks and others)?

SPEAKER: **Professor Loukas Tsoukalis**

CHAIR: **Professor Kevin Featherstone**

Regional integration in Europe has always been about peace and security, democracy and prosperity. Some of the fundamentals are, however, changing fast. What is at stake now? And how different are the perceptions of British, Greeks and others?

Loukas Tsoukalis is Jean Monet Professor of European Integration at the University of Athens, Greece.



This event is free and open to all with no ticket required. For more information, email Events@lse.ac.uk or call 020 7955 6043.

SYMPOSIUM

The 2nd Biennial PhD Symposium: Spring 2005

Details to be announced soon. For more information please visit regularly the HO's website:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/hellenicObservatory/events/Default.htm>

In memory of Ioannis Boutos and Theodoros Karatzas

It is with deep sadness that we note the death of two important instigators and supporters of the Hellenic Observatory, **Ioannis Boutos** and **Theodoros Karatzas**. Each in his own way, proved invaluable in establishing and maintaining what is widely recognised as the key centre for teaching and research on contemporary Greece in the UK.

Ioannis Boutos was an alumnus of the LSE where he studied Economics, after graduating from the Law School of the University of Athens. In his wide-ranging political career he served in a number of Ministries, and was elected as a member of Greek parliament both for Nea Dimokratia and PASOK. It was as Governor of the Bank of Greece, in the period 1993-4, that Mr Boutos played an important role in promoting the initial proposals and fundraising drive which led to establishment of the Eleftherios Venizelos Chair and the Hellenic Observatory. In tandem with Mr Nikolaos Garganas, the current Governor of the Bank of Greece, Mr Boutos was determined that the study of contemporary Greece should be furthered by the estab-

lishment of the Chair and Observatory at the LSE.

Theodoros Karatzas, though not an alumnus of the LSE, was a strong supporter of and valued advisor to the Hellenic Observatory, and the holders of the Eleftherios Venizelos Chair. A lawyer by training, Mr Karatzas moved into the banking sector and later served in the Ministry of National Economy both as General Secretary and Deputy Minister. Having presided over the legislation reforming the Greek banking sector, he was appointed Governor and Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Greece in 1996. It was in this capacity that Mr Karatzas became involved with the Hellenic Observatory and was one of the original signatories to the 1997 Agreement establishing the Society that made the endowment for the Venizelos Chair at the LSE. Since then, Mr Karatzas remained an active supporter of the Hellenic Observatory, served on its Advisory Board, and made the consolidation and further expansion of the Observatory possible through his shrewd and valuable advice.