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Introduction

We are delighted to welcome you to the 10th Biennial Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus. Over the years, the Symposium has attracted PhD students from many different countries, facilitating their contact and collaboration with their peers. We have also been very grateful to the many academics who have given their time to chair the panels at the Symposium.

The aim of the HO Symposium is to promote the research of PhD students who have an interest in Greece and Cyprus and by presenting their work in front of experienced scholars and academics, to allow them to share and exchange ideas and to gain valuable feedback. We know from many past participants how much they have appreciated this academic opportunity. And, our 'alumni' have gone on to develop successful professional careers, not least in academia (including a number of full professors) and public life (not least, several government ministers).

Moreover, the range of themes covered on contemporary Greece and Cyprus over the years has been tremendous, offering challenging topics of wide interest. This year will be no different: we have an exciting programme and talented young scholars.

We are extremely grateful to the A.G. Leventis Foundation, for supporting the Symposium once again. The provision of travel grants to our student participants has been crucial to bringing us all together, so we can reap the benefits of our exchange.

The PhD Symposium has become one of the most important international meetings for PhD students working on contemporary Greece and Cyprus in the social sciences and we are delighted to welcome again this year students from all over the world.

Professor Kevin Featherstone

Director, Hellenic Observatory European Institute, LSE

Organiser

The Hellenic Observatory (HO) was established in 1996 with the creation of the Eleftherios Venizelos Chair of Contemporary Greek Studies in the LSE's European Institute. The role of both the Chair and the Director of the Observatory is to promote the multidisciplinary study of contemporary Greek politics, economy and society. Over the years the research remit of the Hellenic Observatory has developed to cover both Greece and Cyprus, studying them both in relation to the rest of the European Union and to Southeast Europe. Today the Hellenic Observatory is recognised as a premier research centre on contemporary Greece and Cyprus. It engages in a range of activities, including the development and support of academic and policy-related research; the organisation of conferences, seminars and workshops; the exchange of knowledge through visiting fellowships and internships; as well as teaching at the graduate level through LSE's European Institute.

The aims of the Hellenic Observatory are:

- To promote high-quality research and publications, within the social sciences, on Greece and Cyprus.
- To facilitate informed public debate on contemporary Greece and Cyprus, by serving as a lead and facilitator for the organisation of conferences, seminars and workshops.
- To foster cooperation between the relevant academic communities of Greece, the UK and beyond.
- To support and encourage a new generation of scholars with specialist knowledge and post-graduate training.





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PhD Symposium

The Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium has been organised biennially since 2003 for students pursuing social sciences research on Greece and Cyprus. The aims of the symposia are to promote the exchange of knowledge between young researchers and to offer students a first opportunity to present their work and gain valuable feedback and critiques from an international audience comprising peers and experts. Over the years the Symposium has become an established educational forum, and we are proud that many of its participants, who went on to pursue successful careers, consider their experience from the Symposium an important milestone in their development.

The PhD Symposia offer students a unique opportunity to test their ideas and findings with a wider international audience, and to establish new collaborative links across disciplines. Additionally, it enables young researchers to engage with the academic community of the LSE, and several other distinguished scholars who participate as discussants at the Symposium. The Hellenic Observatory PhD symposia are unique in their thematic focus on Greece and Cyprus which allows the exploration of research questions from several social science field perspectives. They provide an exceptional foundation for the development of innovative ideas.

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Programme

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Time	Event	Venue
9:00 - 9:30	Registration	Second Floor Foyer
9:30 - 10:30	Plenary Session- How to Write a PhD on Greece / Cyprus Kevin Featherstone, Director, Hellenic Observatory	MAR.2.10
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Second Floor Foyer
11:00 - 12:30	Panels Session 1	
1.1	Time-series Econometrics Vassilis Hajivassiliou (LSE)	MAR.2.05
1.2	Austerity and Opposition Kevin Featherstone (LSE) & Sotiris Zartaloudis (University of Birmingham)	MAR.2.10
1.3	Migrant Integration Policies Marilena Anastasopoulou (University of Oxford)	MAR.2.06
1.4	Sectoral Studies, Marketing and Sustainability Ilias Danatzis (King's College London) & Theodoros Arvanitopoulos (LSE)	MAR.1.09
1.5	Cognitive Behaviour Studies Georgios Melios (LSE) & Ploutarchos Kourtidis (LSE)	MAR.2.07
1.6	Local Economies / Qualitative Geography Kira Gartzou-Katsouyanni (LSE) & Philipp Katsinas (LSE; Open University, UK)	MAR.2.09
1.7	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Spyros Economides (LSE) & Othon Anastasakis (University of Oxford)	MAR.2.08
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	Second Floor Foyer

Time	Event	Venue
13:30 - 15:00	Panels Session 2	
2.1	Local Governance and Democracy Stella Ladi (Queen Mary University of London; Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences)	MAR.2.08
2.2	Management Studies Eleni Papadonikolaki (University College London)	MAR.2.09
2.3	Applied Economics (regional and labour) Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE)	MAR.2.10
2.4	Education Maria Kaparou (University of Southampton)	MAR.2.07
2.5	The Communist Left and Greek Democracy Konstantina Maragkou (LSE) & Sotiris Zartaloudis (University of Birmingham)	MAR.2.05
2.6	Geopolitics and the Cyprus Question Nikos Skoutaris (University of East Anglia)	MAR.2.06
15:00 - 15:30	Break	Second Floor Foyer
15:30 - 17:00	Panels Session 3	
3.1	Greek-Turkish Imaginaries in Cyprus George Kyris (University of Birmingham)	MAR.2.05
3.2	Fiscal Reforms and Monetary Union Manolis Galenianos (Royal Holloway, University of London)	MAR.2.08
3.3	Culture and Society Athanasia Chalari (LSE; Open University, UK) & Alex Georgakopoulou (King's College London)	MAR.2.07
3.4	Health and Resilience Panos Kanavos (LSE)	MAR.2.09
3.5	Social Policy Issues Dimitris Papadimitriou (University of Manchester)	MAR.2.10
3.6	Migration and Mobility Policy Gerasimos Tsourapas (University of Glasgow)	MAR.2.06
3.7	Democracy and Participation Roula Nezi (University of Surrey)	MAR.1.09
17:00 - 18:00	Break & Group Photo	Second Floor Foyer & Centre Building
18:30 - 19:30	Keynote Lecture - The Paradox of Trust in a "Low Trust" Society. Insights from a Greek Study Stathis Kalyvas (University of Oxford)	Old Theatre (OLD)
19:30 - 20:00	Award of Nicos Mouzelis Prize for Best Paper / Certificates	Old Theatre
20:00 - 21:00	Reception	Atrium, Old Building

Plenary Session

How to Write a PhD on Greece / Cyprus

MAR.2.08 Marshall Building (MAR), 9:30pm



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He is a political scientist specialising on Europe and Greece. He has published extensively in both areas. A recent volume, co-edited with Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, was The Oxford Handbook of Modern Greek Politics (Oxford University Press, 2020), bringing together contributions from over 40 specialists.

In 2022 he was bestowed Honorary Greek Citizenship and in 2021 he was made 'Grand Commander, Order of the Phoenix of the Hellenic Republic' by President Sakellaropoulou, for his work on Greece. In 2020, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

He has held visiting positions at the University of Minnesota; New York University; Harvard University; and, the European University Institute. He has supervised over 35 PhD students.

Writing a PhD is often a long and isolating journey. In this session, Professor Featherstone will draw on his extensive experience on how to better succeed in pursuing a PhD.

What are the challenges? And, the options to overcome them? What are the requirements of research design?

Keynote Lecture

The Paradox of Trust in a "Low Trust" Society. Insights from a Greek Study

Old Theatre
Old Building (OLD), 6.00pm



Stathis N. Kalyvas is Gladstone Professor of Government and fellow of All Souls College at Oxford.

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"Widely used measures of trust rank Greece as one of Europe's least trusting societies. Yet, when we undertook an ethnographic research project in a region of Northern Greece, we were surprised to find that individuals behaved in a way that is inconsistent with this characterization: they displayed high levels of trust in their personal interactions. The paper unpacks, explores, and explains this paradox."

Panel Meetings

Session 01 • 11:00-12:30

1.1 Time-series Econometrics

Chair: Vassilis Hajivassiliou (LSE)

Galanopoulos Nikolaos University of the Aegean	Forecasting Economic Time Series in the Presence of Variance Instability and Outliers
Ladas Avgoustinos University of Patras	Constructing the Greek Bond Yield Curve with Differential Evolution
Tsitsiri Polyxeni University of Piraeus	Investors' Herding Behavior in the Greek Stock Market: evidence from the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic

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1.2 Austerity and Opposition

Chair: Kevin Featherstone (LSE) & Sotiris Zartaloudis (University of Birmingham)

Pirishis George University of Cyprus	News Negativity and Public Support during hard Fiscal Adjustment Times: a case study from Greece
Saoulidou Marina Zoi National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	Patterns of Populism among Southern European Debtor Countries: a comparison between Greece and Portugal
Saridakis Nikolaos Panteion University of Social & Political Studies	Explaining the Extreme Right-Wing Political Violence in Southern Europe

1.3 Migrant Integration Policies

Chair: Marilena Anastasopoulou (University of Oxford)

Kakosimou Vasiliki Harokopeio University of Athens	The Precariousness of Migrant Labor in Greece According to their Status of Legality
Tomasz Lidzbarski University of Gdansk	Exploring the Greek Lifestyle's Influence on Polish Migration and Settlement on Zakynthos Island
Triantafyllou Spyridon University of Macedonia	Migration Profiles of Asylum Seekers in Greece

1.4 Sectoral Studies, Marketing and Sustainability

Chair: Ilias Danatzis (King's College London) & Theodoros Arvanitopoulos (LSE)

Dimitrios Batakis Technical University of Crete	Medical Tourism as a Driver of Financial Development: conceptual approach and empirical analysis on the dynamics of health providers, hotel services and tourist markets in Greece
Kontodimou Zoi Open University of Cyprus	Drivers and Outcomes of Corporate Sustainability Management Systems
Varela Panagiota University of the Aegean	Sustainable Food Consumption: an analysis in the region of Attica

1.5 Cognitive Behaviour Studies

Chair: Georgios Melios (LSE) & Ploutarchos Kourtidis (LSE)

Chouzouris Michail University of Piraeus	Is Economic Rationality a Learned Behaviour? A Joint Investigation of Cognitive Abilities and Behavioural Biases
Ioannidis Nikandros Pompeu Fabra University	Observed (in)Congruence: the effect of voter-party distance on quasi- electoral behaviour

1.6 Local Economies / Qualitative Geography

Chair: Kira Gartzou-Katsouyanni (LSE) & Philipp Katsinas (LSE)

Castledine Marina University of Brighton	Witnessing Silences in Cypriot Women's Lives through the Disappearing Heritage Craft of Lefkara Lace
Constantinou Chrystalla University of Cyprus	Mindsets and Finances, Zodia Factory. The Rise and Fall of the Fibre Flax Industry in Cyprus
Kalomoiris Georgios University of the Aegean	Developing the Cultural Planning Methodology as an Alternative Model for Socioeconomic Structure and Creative Economy in Rural Communities of Mt Psiloritis in Crete
Vlastou-Dimopoulou Filyra Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University & NTUA (Athens)	The Refugee Camp of Lavrio, Part of the European Post-War History of Movements, Displacement and Encampment

1.7 Foreign Policy and Diplomacy

Chair: Spyros Economides (LSE) & Othon Anastasakis (University of Oxford)

Christou Andrea University of Edinburgh	Europe of the People or Europe of Elites? The Influence of Citizen Discourse on EU Foreign Policy Decision-Making in the Republic of Cyprus
Gerogiokas Iraklis University of Nicosia	Turkish Soft Power and Public Diplomacy in Western Thrace and the Dodecanese
Manolopoulou Georgia University of the Peloponnese	Cultural Diplomacy. The Art of a Soft Power. Culture, Policy or Diplomacy?

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Session 02 • 13:30-15:00

2.1 Local Governance and Democracy

Chair: Stella Ladi (Queen Mary University of London; Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences)

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Argyriou Georgia Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences	Forms of Participatory Democracy in Greece: the case of participatory budgeting
Balla Evangelia University of Twente	Land Reforms Revisited: the Hellenic Land Administration Reform as a wicked policy problem
Chomatianou Margarita Konstantina University of the Aegean	Cultural Heritage in Smart City (SC) Athens: a policy analysis
Ioannis Radin University of Thessaly	The Role of the Greek Region in Poverty Reduction

2.2 Management Studies

Chair: Eleni Papadonikolaki (University College London)

Feloutzis Nikolaos Athens University of Economics and Business	Blockchain Adoption in Greece: which are the resources needed? Which is the role of dynamic capabilities?
Mitsiou Dimitra University of Macedonia	The EFQM Model as a Total Quality Management-based Assessment Framework in the Public Sector Services of Greece
Vasilatos Antonios University of Piraeus	The Implementation of IAS 38 in Greece: which determinants drive management to capitalize R&D costs and how their choice affects future firm performance?
Zygouris Fotios University of Macedonia	The Development of a Functional Model of Knowledge Management in the Public Sector in Greece

2.3 Applied Economics (regional and labour)

Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE)

Alexiou Stavroula University of Thessaly	The Impact of Integration on Regional Growth and Cohesion in Greece
Ružica Savčić University of Cyprus	Conscription and University Performance: evidence from the Republic of Cyprus
Vandorou Lida-Vrisiida National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Effects of Minimum Wage in a Monopsonistic Labour Market: the case of Greece

2.4 Education Room: MAR.2.07

Chair: Maria Kaparou (University of Southampton)

Athanasopoulou Eleni University of the Peloponnese	The Sustainable Development Strategy of Greek Universities, in their own Words
Brouskelis Charalambos	Greek Secondary School Teachers' Views on Teacher Evaluation.
University of East Anglia	Implications for School Culture and Teachers' Autonomy

2.5 The Communist Left and Greek Democracy

Chair: Konstantina Maragkou (LSE) & Sotiris Zartaloudis (University of Birmingham)

Dimopoulos Konstantinos National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Bringing Class Back in: reflections around the Greek Bourgeoisie
Kokalari Alsena European University Institute	Seeds of Indoctrination: political exile and the unintended consequences of repression
Panagiotidis Charalambos University of the Peloponnese	Greek Communists' Struggle for Democracy: from Junta to Metapolitefsi

2.6 Geopolitics and the Cyprus Question

Chair: Nikos Skoutaris (University of East Anglia)

Barrow Mark University of Cambridge	Enabling and Hybridising: how international aid impacts Cypriot peacebuilding civil society organisations
Pouillès Garonzi Marie Université Lyon II Lumière	"Debordering" and "Rebordering" in Times of Crisis: the case of the "Cyprus Question" since 2020
Michael Andreas University of Cyprus	Justification Mechanisms of the Status Quo, Perceptions of Transitional Justice and Forms of Solving the Cyprus problem: a bi-communal research in the Cypriot context

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Session 03 • 15.30-17.00

3.1 Greek - Turkish Imaginaries in Cyprus

Chair: George Kyris (University of Birmingham)

Bahceci Sergen LSE	From Enmity to Strangerhood
Ktori Panagiota European University Cyprus	The Political Openness of Cypriot Museums in terms of Strengthening Multiple Interpretations and Alternative Narratives
Savaş Çakmakcı Gülşah Marmara University	Collective Memory on the Axis of Remembering and Forgetting

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3.2 Fiscal Reforms and Monetary Union

Chair: Manolis Galenianos (Royal Holloway, University of London)

Chatziapostolou Theodore National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Second Round of Fiscal Consolidation in European Monetary Union. Lessons from the Past and the New Fiscal Rules
Christodoulides Costas European University Cyprus	The Interplay between the Banking Union, the Capital Markets Union and the Economic Adjustment Programmes in Greece and Cyprus: reflections on core-periphery disparities in the new European Monetary
Varlagkas Vasileios University of the Aegean	Pitfalls in Interpreting the Predictive Power of Technical Trading Rules in Capital Markets. An Empirical Investigation for the Athens Stock Exchange

3.3 Culture and Society

Chair: Athanasia Chalari (LSE; Open University, UK) & Alex Georgakopoulou (King's College London)

Fatsea Athina Ionian University	Intangible Cultural Heritage and Climate Change: how traditional resilience practices of Greece and Cyprus can support climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts
Missiou Karmen European University Institute	Never on Sunday! The Impact of Public Holiday Legislation on non-Core Groups' Status & Identity
Nakou Panagiota City University of London	The Construction of European Identities by Young Citizens in Athens in light of Brexit during the COVID-19 Pandemic

3.4 Health and Resilience

Chair: Panos Kanavos (LSE)

Akinwande Damola Victor European University Cyprus	Theoretical Explanation of Employees' Remote Work Experience in Cyprus during and after the Lockdown
Couva Marina Open University Cyprus	Exploring the Association of Empowerment with the Gender Gap in Health, focusing on Symptoms of Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain and Depression of Women in Cyprus
Kehagias Martha University of Nicosia	Exploration of Burnout Among Primary Care Physicians in Cyprus; a Multimethod Study

3.5 Social Policy Issues

Chair: Dimitris Papadimitriou (University of Manchester)

Chrysostomou Antonios National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Third Sector and the Fight Against Poverty and Social Exclusion: the case of Greece
Gregoriou Christiana Open University of Cyprus	The Socio-Economic Background of the Pregnant/Postpartum Mothers in relation to the Lack/Need of Midwifery Care in the Community of Cyprus: Delphi study with experts for Cyprus Community Midwifery Services (CCMS)
Kozakou Maria University of Nicosia	Restorative Justice for Juveniles: the incorporation of Victim-offender mediation, compensation, reparation, or restitution to victims in the juvenile justice systems of Greece and Cyprus
Neary Sarah Elizabeth University of Nicosia	An In-Depth Analysis of the Factors that Influence Financial Well-Being and Acedemic Performance: a comparative mixed methods study in Cyprus

3.6 Migration and Mobility Policy

Chair: Gerasimos Tsourapas (University of Glasgow)

Boura Smaro University of the Peloponnese	The EU's Democracy and Human Rights Promotion in the Southern Mediterranean and the Role of Greece's State Apparatus and Civil Society Organisations: is the migration crisis a chance or a dilemma?
Romanou Nefeli National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Integration and Inclusion Programmes for Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers (MRAs) in Greece Between 2016-2024: evaluating their successful implementation and the role of the relationship between street-level bureaucrats and MRAs in this case
Tyrovolas Thanasis National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Times of Increasing Inequalities between Mixed Migration and Privileged Mobility Schemes

3.7 Democracy and Participation

Chair: Roula Nezi (University of Surrey)

Grivakou Aristea University of Cyprus	Reclaiming the Past: wall-painting in times of crisis
Saravakos Constantinos University of Macedonia	Do Political Parties Keep their Promises? Election Pledge and Policy Implementation Linkage for Parliamentary Parties in Greece 2000-2023
Zirganou-Kazolea Lina National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Between the (hate for the) Institutional and the (appeal to the) Everyday: researching Greek citizens' representations of politics

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Contributors

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Nicos Mouzelis Award for Best Paper

The Nicos Mouzelis Award for Best Paper was inaugurated in 2017 at the 8th Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium. The Award was established in recognition of Professor Mouzelis' contribution to the education and development of young researchers and to the study of contemporary Greece.

Professor Nicos Mouzelis has long established links with the Hellenic Observatory and was one of its founding members. During the 90's he campaigned along with other LSE academics for the establishment of an LSE research unit that would devote itself to the furtherment of research on Greek political, social, and economic issues and the promotion of international academic collaborations. The Hellenic Observatory was established as a result of these efforts and Professor Nicos Mouzelis served as a member of its Advisory Board until 2015 contributing invaluably to its development as a premier research centre on contemporary Greece and Cyprus.

Today, Nicos Mouzelis is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at LSE and continues to write and publish, adding to his already rich record of contributions to the fields of sociology, sociology of organizations, sociology of development and social theory (visit mouzelis.gr for a full list of publications). Professor Mouzelis remains a close friend and supporter of the Hellenic Observatory. The Nicos Mouzelis Award for Best Paper is offered to one of the PhD students presenting at the Symposium in recognition of outstanding research potential, and in honour of Professor Mouzelis' long standing academic contribution and support of the Hellenic Observatory.

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