

CALL FOR PAPERS

Growth Drivers for the Greek Economy: Resilience, Inclusiveness, and Structural Transformation

International Conference and Edited Volume

Organized by the **International Economics and Development Lab (IEDL)**, Department of Economics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, in collaboration with the **Centre for Research on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus, Hellenic Observatory**, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Conference Date: 11 September 2026

Venue: Athens University History Museum, Tholou 5, Plaka, 10556 Athens, Greece

About the Conference

Fifteen years after the sovereign debt crisis, Greece has largely restored macroeconomic stability and has returned to a path of sustained growth. Nonetheless, persistent structural challenges continue to constrain the country's ability to achieve sustainable, inclusive, and transformative development.

Building on the Hellenic Observatory's *Growth Drivers for the Greek Economy: A Synthesis Report* (April 2025), this conference aims to foster a rigorous dialogue among academics and policymakers on Greece's developmental trajectory. We invite **policy-relevant research** that combines economic analysis with insights from political economy and institutional studies. Submissions from **early-career researchers** offering innovative perspectives and empirically grounded contributions are particularly encouraged.

Selected papers will be presented at the conference and considered for inclusion in an **edited volume** designed to inform both academic scholarship and policy formulation.

Conference Themes

Part A: Macroeconomic Stability and Investment

- Fiscal frameworks and debt sustainability
- Investment governance and FDI patterns
- Utilization of EU funds (Recovery and Resilience Facility)
- Financial market conditions and green investment

Part B: Productivity, Innovation, and Technological Transformation

- Determinants of Total Factor Productivity
- Technology adoption and innovation ecosystems
- Industrial policy and economic complexity
- Global value chains and R&D commercialization

Part C: Labour Market, Human Capital, and Social Cohesion

- Labour market participation and skills mismatches
- Informality, brain drain, and vocational training
- Demographic change and automation impacts
- Provision of social services

Part D: Institutional Quality, Governance, and External Orientation

- Judicial efficiency and regulatory quality
- State capacity and SME governance
- Financial literacy and ESG standards
- Export diversification and tourism dependence
- Governance of green and energy transitions

Submission Guidelines

We welcome papers that:

- Provide original empirical analysis using micro or macro data
- Employ rigorous econometric or qualitative methodologies
- Develop theoretical frameworks relevant to small open economies
- Offer comparative perspectives (cross-country or historical)
- Bridge academic research with actionable policy recommendations
- Present novel approaches challenging conventional interpretations
- Contribute fresh insights from early-career academics

Formats:

- **Full papers:** 7,000–10,000 words
- **Extended abstracts:** 1,500–2,000 words (for early-stage research)

Requirements:

- Abstract (250–300 words), JEL codes, keywords
- Standard academic formatting
- Clear articulation of research question, methodology, and contribution

Submission Guidelines

We welcome papers that:

- Provide original empirical analysis using micro or macro data
- Employ rigorous econometric or qualitative methodologies
- Develop theoretical frameworks relevant to small open economies
- Offer comparative perspectives (cross-country or historical)
- Bridge academic research with actionable policy recommendations
- Present novel approaches challenging conventional interpretations
- Contribute fresh insights from early-career academics

Formats:

- Full papers: 7,000–10,000 words
- Extended abstracts: 1,500–2,000 words (for early-stage research)

Important Dates

- **Abstract submission deadline: 20 April 2026**
- Notification of acceptance: 8 May 2026
- Full paper submission deadline: 15 July 2026
- Conference date: 11 September 2026
- Final manuscript for edited volume: 1 December 2026

Submission: Please send your manuscript as a PDF to abartzos@econ.oua.gr

Please note: Funding for travel expenses will be available for a limited number of speakers, subject to availability.

Publication Opportunities

Selected papers will undergo peer review for inclusion in an **edited volume** published by a leading international academic publisher [TBD]. The volume will target academics, policymakers, EU institutions, international organizations, and business leaders.

Work-in-progress papers will be made available as **IEDL Working Papers**, providing early dissemination and visibility within the research community.

Conference Organizers

- **Professor Anthony Bartzokas**, Department of Economics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Research Associate, Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics and Political Science
- **Professor Vassilis Monastiriotis**, European Institute, London School of Economics and holder of the Eleftherios Venizelos Chair in Contemporary Greek Studies at the Hellenic Observatory.
- **Assistant Professor Pantelis Kostis**, Department of Economics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Website: <https://www.econ.oua.gr/en/conference-call-for-papers-dissemination/>

About IEDL

IEDL is a research initiative at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens dedicated to investigating growth dynamics, economic integration, and structural transformation, with a particular emphasis on global public goods and the role of financial markets in fostering innovation.

About LSE-HO

The Hellenic Observatory at LSE, established in 1996, is a leading research centre focused on the social sciences of contemporary Greece and Cyprus. It promotes high-quality research, public debate, and policy impact through events, publications, and academic programs. Since 2024, it has evolved into an independent centre with an expanded research scope.