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A Letter from the Director

In the firm belief that to perceive without observing is not the mark of the wise man, as Socrates would have it, the Hellenic Observatory was set up in October 1996 as part of the European Institute at the London School of Economics and Political Science. This was followed by the creation of the Eleftherios Venizelos Chair in Contemporary Greek Studies through a generous endowment by several Greek sponsors. I was greatly honoured to have been elected the first Venizelos Professor and Director of the Hellenic Observatory. I took up my post in April 1998.

This is the first published report on the activities of the Hellenic Observatory. Those who may have visited our website will be familiar with much of the information contained in it. Confirming, nonetheless, our view that there is still value in the printed word, we decided this issue to be the first in a series of regular annual reports on the activities of the Hellenic Observatory.

From the very beginning, one of my primary concerns has been to avoid the kind of marginalisation, which is often associated with 'national' Chairs. The main aim of the Chair and the Observatory is, of course, to promote the study of contemporary Greece in the area of social sciences. But Greece is not a unique case for which special analytical tools are required. In our research and teaching, we have thus tried to focus but also to compare, to look at the whole region and at the European dimension in every approach.

The Hellenic Observatory now extends its vision well beyond Greece, to the Balkans and to Southeast Europe in general, thus filling an important gap in the School. It also plays an active part in EU-related activities within the

European Institute. After all, Greeks today should be as concerned about the federal (or other) future of Europe and about competing models of capitalism on offer as the British, the Germans, the Dutch or the Luxembourgers. Our activities have reflected such concerns and should continue to do so.

Success in such an endeavour as ours, is not, however, dependent on hard work and academic excellence alone. I dare say that if the 'love of money is the root of all evil' according to St Paul, the lack of it is certainly at the root of many a failure. An impecunious 'Observatory' would soon witness a sharp reduction in its visual acuity and would end up observing and recording only its own gradual decline. So fund raising has, unavoidably, been an important and time-consuming part of the job. Until now, we have been fortunate to raise funds from various sources, which have enabled us to finance conferences and publications, new research jobs and student scholarships. We have thus, I believe, made a good start in launching a project that will increase in importance with time.

At the end of the present academic year, I will have completed three and a half years as the first Venizelos Professor. The time will have then come for me to go. I take this opportunity to thank most warmly all those who have contributed in many different ways to the work of the Hellenic Observatory and I wholeheartedly wish the next Venizelos Professor every success in this challenging job.

Loukas Tsoukalis



Teaching

During the academic year 1999-2000, a new MSc course on *Greece and Southeast Europe: Government, Economy and Foreign Policy* was introduced through weekly lectures and seminars by Professor **Loukas Tsoukalis** and **Dr Spyros Economides.**

This course intends to give a thorough overview of the political and economic problems facing post-1989 Southeast Europe in their international context. Particular attention is attached to developments and the difficulties experienced in gradually integrating the countries of the region in the new European system, as well as their relations with the EU and other European organisations. Greece is singled out because of its membership of both the EU and the regional sub-system of Southeast Europe.

The course has proved popular with students from various diciplines and national backgrounds.

Members of the Hellenic Observatory provide supervision for MPhil/PhD candidates working on a wide range of topics related to Greece, other Southeast European countries, and European integration.



Scholars of the Hellenic Observatory

Scholarships

The Hellenic Observatory provides financial assistance to MSc and PhD students, through the granting of scholarships. For the academic year 2000-2001, the Hellenic Observatory offered the following two scholarships:

The Bodossakis Foundation Scholarship has been awarded to **Mr Andreas Antoniades** (MA in International Political Economy, University of Warwick; MA in History and Theory of Science, University of Athens; BA in Political Science, University of Athens) to pursue his PhD research on *Knowledge Structures in the World Political Economy: The Case of Greece.*

In the previous year, the Bodossakis Foundation Scholarship had been awarded to **Ms Sotiria Theodoropoulou** (MSc in Economics, University of London; MA in European Studies, University of Athens; BA in Management, Athens School of Economics and Business) to pursue her PhD research on *Political Economy of Labour Market Reforms in Europe; The Cases of Greece and Spain.*

The National Bank of Greece Scholarship was awarded to **Ms Korina Georganta** (MAin European Studies, University of Athens; BA in International Relations, University of Athens) to pursue an MSc programme in European Political Economy.



Public Lectures, Seminars...

Through the organisation of conferences, seminars and public lectures, the Hellenic Observatory has been addressing a wide range of topics of interest to the academic world and policy makers. Its first major event consisted of a four-day conference on *The Contribution of a Changing Greece to the European Union: The Dynamics of a Complex Relationship, organised in March 1998.*

Subsequently, the Hellenic Observatory invited a number of well-known speakers in their respective fields to present their views and research on contemporary Greek, Balkan, European and other international issues. The lectures and seminars organised during the academic year 1999-2000, include the following:

- **Dr Dimitris Chryssochoou,** (Reader, University of Exeter). Discussant: **Dr Simon Hix** (LSE). *Rationality without Vision: The Amsterdam Treaty and its Critics.*
- **Professor Yannis Stour naras** , (then Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Ministry of National Economy) & **Dr Miranda Xafa**, (Consultant, Salomon Brothers). *The Road towards EMU: Greece's Experience in the 1990s.*
- **Professor Nicos Christodoulakis,** (then Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, Greece). *The Transformation of the Greek Economy.*



All Conferences are well attended

...and Conferences

◆ **Professor Nikiforos Diamandouros**, (National Ombudsman of Greece, University of Athens). Discussant: **Dr Pavlos Eleftheriadis,** (LSE). *The Prospects for Democracy in South Eastern Europe.*

◆ **B. Clark** (The Economist), **Professor V. Gligorov** (Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies), **Professor M. Kaldor** (Centre for the Study of Global Governance, LSE), **J. Pettifer** (University of Bath), **Professor S. Woodward** (King's College, London), **Professor L. Tsoukalis** , (LSE). *The State of the Balkans after the War in Kosovo.* Round table discussion.

◆ **S. Economides** (LSE), **A. Hatzikyriakos** (Mega Channel, Cyprus), **A. Kourkoulas** (Newspaper, To Vima), **C. Stylianidis** , (Political Modernisation Movement, Cyprus), **L. Tsoukalis** (LSE). *The Repercussions of the Helsinki European Council on Greek-Turkish Relations, Cyprus Accession to the European Union and the European Perspective of Turkey.* Round table discussion, co-organised with the Hellenic Centre of London.

◆ **Professor Vivien Schmidt,** (Boston University). Discussant: **Professor David Soskice** (LSE/Berlin). *Globalization,Europeanization and Changing Models of European Capitalism.*

The programme of the academic year 2000-2001

includes lectures and discussions by:

- **Andrew Kenningham** (Senior Economist, Emerging Markets Research, Merrill Lynch). *The Balkans and the Markets.*
- **Professor Paschalis Kitromilides** (University of Athens). Discussant: **Professor Fred Halliday** (LSE). *Diaspora, Identity and Nation-Building.*
- **Professor Dusan Sidjanski** (University of Geneva), **Professor Paul Taylor** (LSE), **Professor William Wallace** (LSE) & **Professor Loukas Tsoukalis** (LSE). *The Federal Future of Europe.*
- **Dr Yasemin Soysal** & **Ms Vasilia Antoniou** (University of Essex). *Projections of the 'Nation' and 'Other' in Greek and Turkish History Books.*
- **Dr Yannos Papantoniou,** Minister of National Economy and Finance. *Policy Co-ordination in the Eurozone.*



Further information on the Hellenic Observatory activities can be obtained at the website address:

http://www.lse.ac.uk/depts/european/hellenic.



The Zappeion Megaron in Athens

LSE Conference in Athens

Organised by the Eleftherios Venizelos Chair and the Hellenic Observatory of the European Institute at the London School of Economics

in collaboration with the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

Globalisation and Regionalism: A Double Challenge for Greece

28-29 March 2001

venue: Zappeion Megaron

Communications sponsors: *Kathimerini* newspaper and *The International Herald Tribune.*

Sponsors: National Bank of Greece, Commercial Bank of Greece and the Latsis Group



Prof. Lucas Papademos, Governor of the Bank of Greece. Second Annual Lecture, May 2000:
"Greece is travelling hopefully to the eurozone".



Prof. Christos Rozakis delivering the first Annual Lecture on 6 May 1999 on human rights in Europe."In East Europe, striving for the western paradigm clashes with the emergence of nationalism".

The Annual Lectur e

The main formal event of the Hellenic Observatory is its Annual Lecture. Every year, an eminent personality is invited to deliver a lecture on an important contemporary issue.

The first Annual Lecture was given on 6 May 1999 by **Professor Christos Rozakis** , Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights, on *The Protection of Human Rights in Europe Evolving Trends and Prospects* (Discussion Paper No 1).

The second Annual Lecture was delivered on 3 May 2000. **Professor Lucas Papademos** , Governor of the Bank of Greece, discussed the prospects of *The Greek Economy in the Euro Area* presenting the challenges facing Greece as a member of the Euro zone.



Research Seminar

The Hellenic Observatory organises an annual research seminar in which young academics are invited to present their current research. The programme of the Research Seminar 2000 included the following:

◆ *Old Wines in New Bottles? The Macedonian Question(s).* **Dr D. Livanios** (University of Cambridge).

◆ *Inflation and Stabilisation in Early Post-War Greece.* **Dr A. Lykogiannis** (LSE).

◆ *Flexible Labour Markets, Unemployment and Trade Union Decline in Greece.* **Dr S. Seferiades** (University of Cambridge).

◆ *An Impossible Country: The Failure of the Dayton Process to Reintegrate Bosnia-Herzegovina.* **Dr S. Bose** (LSE).

◆ *The Search for Regionalism in the Balkans.* **Ms D. Papahadjopoulos** (LSE).



Participants at the Vouliagmeni meeting in July 1999. From left to right: Prof.Woodward, Ms Pavlova, Dr Dimitrov, Prof. Kaldor.

Balkan Reconstruction Obser vatory

The Balkan Reconstruction Observatory (BRO), is a project set up jointly by the Hellenic Observatory, the Centre for the Study of Global Governance (LSE) and the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW). Its aim is to monitor developments in the region of Southeast Europe, to offer data, comments and analyses and to produce research on the economic, political and security aspects of the region's reconstruction and integration into the European Union.

The BRO initiated its activities with a two-day brainstorming meeting on *Reconstruction and Regional Co-operation in the Balkans*, held in Vouliagmeni, Greece, 8-10 July 1999.

A group of high-level experts from different countries exchanged views on alternative policies aiming at democratic transformation, economic development and integration of Southeast Europe in the European Union.



The Greek Foreign Minister G.Papandreou (left) at the Vouliagmeni meeting.

The Balkan Reconstruction Observatory produced a policy paper on *Balkan Reconstruction and European Integration* drawing on ideas and discussions that were generated at the brainstorming meeting in Vouliagmeni. A second meeting on *Reconstruction and Integration in Southeast Europe*: *Economic Aspects* was held in Vienna, 12-13 November 1999.

As part of its research on the Balkans, the Hellenic Observatory will be conducting a seven-month research project focused on *Regional Co-operation in the Balkans and European Integration*, which will be funded by the European Commission.



Publications:
Books, Policy Papers and …

A number of publications have been produced as a result of activities by the Hellenic Observatory:

◆ *Contemporary Greece and Europe*. Mossialos E., & Mitsos, A.(eds). London: Ashgate Press 2000.This book is based on papers presented at the Conference held in London in March 1998.

◆ *Balkan Reconstruction; Economic Aspects*. V. Gligorov, (ed.). Vienna: WIIW 2000.
This book is based on the papers submitted at the Conference held in Vienna in November 1999.

◆ *Balkan Reconstruction and European Integration.* V. Gligorov, M. Kaldor & L. Tsoukalis. London: LSE/WIIW 1999.
This is a policy paper, that emerged as a follow up to a brainstorming session held in Athens in July 1999.



...Discussion Series

The series of Discussion Papers launched in October 2000, include the following:

◆ *"The Protection of Human Rights in Europe: Evolving Trends and Prospects" Discussion Paper No1* by Christos Rozakis. The Hellenic Observatory: October 2000.

◆ *"High Politics and European Integration: From EMU to CFSP". Discussion Paper No 2* by Erik Holm. The Hellenic Observatory: November 2000.

◆ *"Extreme Right in Europe: A Comparative Study of Recent Trends". Discussion Paper No 3* by Othon Anastasakis. The Hellenic Observatory: November 2000.

Forthcoming topics will include:

◆ *Diaspora Capitalism; the Greeks in the Balkans.*

◆ *EU-Balkan Relations; Conditionality and Differentiation.*

◆ *Religion, Politics and Identities: Profiling the Recent Discourse of the Greek Church.*

◆ *Interest Groups and Greek Foreign Policy, 1945-1995.*

Research Appointments

Successful fundraising has enabled the Hellenic Observatory to appoint researchers working on contemporary Greece, Southeast Europe and the European Union.

◆ **Dr Othon Anastasakis** (PhD in Comparative Politics, University of London; former Expert at the Department of European Integration in the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs) was appointed as Research Officer. During the last academic year he conducted research on the comparative nature of the extreme right in contemporary Europe(Discussion Paper No 3). He has also been working on the subject of EU enlargement and the European integration of Southeast Europe (see forthcoming discussion paper).

◆ **Mr Antonis Kamaras** (MSc in Political Theory, University of London; former Advisor to the Governor of the Bank of Greece) has been appointed Research Officer on Balkan economies. He has been conducting research on *Foreign Direct Investment in Southeast Europe* (see forthcoming publication). This post has been funded by three Greek companies, namely Eurobank, Titan and the 3E firm.

◆ A research proposal for a two year study on *EU Enlargement and Multi-Level Governance in European Regional and Environment Policies* has been approved by the European Commission. The Hellenic Observatory is one of six major partners in a consortium from the EU and associate countries in Central Europe involved in this study. **Dr C. J. P arask evopoulos** (PhD, University of London) at the Hellenic Observatory, will be the scientific co-ordinator of this project.

◆ In March 2000, **Professor Susan Woodward**, a leading expert on the Balkans, was appointed Visiting Fellow of the Hellenic Observatory.



Advisory Boar d

The Advisory Board of the Hellenic Observatory consists of several personalities from the worlds of academia, policy-making and business. The Advisory Board meets twice a year, once in Athens and once in London, to discuss and decide on the strategic guidelines of the Hellenic Observatory. Its members are:

- **Professor Lucas Papademos** , Chairman of the Advisory Board; Governor, Bank of Greece
- **Dr Nikos Gar ganas** , Deputy Governor, Bank of Greece
- **Mr Theodore Karatzas** , Governor, National Bank of Greece
- **Dr Spiro J . Latsis** , Member of the LSE Board of Governors
- **Dr Ho ward Machin** , Director, The European Institute, LSE
- **Dr Achilleas Mitsos** , Director General, European Commission
- **Dr Elias Mossialos** , Deputy Director, The Hellenic Observatory; Reader in Social Policy, LSE
- **Professor Nicos Mouzeli** s, Department of Sociology, LSE
- **Mr John Platsidaki** s, President of the LSE Alumni Association in Greece
- **Professor George Prov opoulos** , Economic Advisor, Alpha Bank
- **Professor Loukas Tsoukalis** , Director, The Hellenic Observatory; Eleftherios Venizelos Chair in Contemporary Greek Studies.



Member of the staff in action

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Professor Susan Woodward, Visiting Fellow.

Dr Othon Anastasakis , Research Officer.

Mr Antonis Kamaras , Research Officer.

Ms Demetra Nicolaou , Research Administrator.

Ms Eleni Vambouli , Assistant to the Director and Administrator.



Updating the website.

website

The Hellenic Observatory introduced its website in September 1999. The website became very popular and the number of visitors has been steadily increasing. It is one of the main sources of information on the research interests, activities, events and teaching of the Hellenic Observatory. It also includes all the announcements on student scholarships, research fellowships and other research posts.

The website is also used for the dissemination of the entire texts of the publications of the Hellenic Observatory. The Hellenic Observatory website is being updated regularly.



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