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The HO's 20 year anniversary is strongly reflected in our programme this year with academic and cultural events taking place in London, Athens and Nicosia. In May we held a successful 20th Anniversary Conference in Athens on the theme of 'Getting Policy Knowledge into Government: the Greek and European Experiences' hosted at the Bank of Greece. In the same month we held a very popular conference on 'Interpreting the Past, Present and Future of Cyprus' at the University of Nicosia. Our commitment to expanding the HO's work in Cyprus was also reflected in a panel discussion we organised with the LSE Cyprus Alumni Association on 'Cyprus and the Technology Transformation', again in Nicosia. Taking a cultural turn, the HO hosted a well received photographic exhibition, *Imagine Greece* in March at the LSE which was opened by H.E. Konstantinos Bikas, Ambassador of Greece.

The still unsettled economic and political situation in Greece provided a continuous focus for our visiting lecturers, attracting packed audiences for presentations by Euclid Tsakalotos, the Greek Minister of Finance on 'Economic Blues; The Left in Government Times' , as well as Louka Katseli, Chair of the National Bank of Greece who spoke on the theme of 'Lessons from the Greek Crisis'. One of our regular programme highlights is our HO Annual lecture which this year was delivered by Professor Michael Herzfeld of Harvard University, whose lecture was entitled 'The Hypocrisy of European Moralism: Greece and the Politics of Cultural Aggression'. A public lecture by HE Euripides Evriviades, High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus on security issues in the Eastern Mediterannean tackled another major topic of focus for the HO. We also continue our prominent and popular Megaron Plus lectures in Athens in which this year hosted noted LSE academics Conor Gearty and Christopher Coker.

Our commitment to high class research is best exemplified by the publication of *Prime Ministers in Greece: The Paradox of Power* by Kevin Featherstone and Dimitris Papadimitriou, as well as the presentations given in our regular fortnightly research seminar series and the work produced by our visiting fellows and associates which often find a home in highly rated academic publishing outlets and our own GreeSE paper series. We also continue to provide a home for younger scholars through our Postdoctoral Scholarship and Visiting Research Studentships, a commitment to a new generation of researchers which we consider a key part of our contribution to public life in Greece. A vibrant and extensive programme which we hope to continue for the next 20 years with your support and encouragement.

Spyros Economides
Director

Hellenic Observatory 20th Anniversary 1996-2016

The Hellenic Observatory, located in the LSE's European Institute, celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2016. To commemorate this important milestone, we hosted a series of special events and conferences which took place in Greece, Cyprus and the UK. In the mid-1990s, a campaign was launched to establish a chair on Greece that was neither concerned with the ancient or classical past, nor the arts and humanities – the 'Eleftherios Venizelos Chair in Contemporary Greek Studies'. 20 Years later the Hellenic Observatory is now one of the largest 'Departmental Research Units' (DRUs) in the School. We can be very proud of this achievement and can justifiably claim to be the premier international location for the study, teaching and research of contemporary Greek politics, economy and society.



L-R: Allison Kemmis-Price (LSE Advancement); Ismini Demades (HO Manager); Isabella Sarandacos-Hughes (LSE alumna)

Photographic Exhibition

'Imagine Greece'

'Imagine Greece' took place in March 2016, at the Atrium Gallery, LSE Campus, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Hellenic Observatory. Organised by the Hellenic Observatory, LSE Arts and Photoglobe Seminars, it captured Greece through the lens of 34 Greek photographers, showcasing images of the country and its people. The aim of 'Imagine Greece' was to record the connotations, inspirations and emotions that "Greece" evokes through the camera lens.

Find out more about this exhibition on the event section of our website.



L-R: Kevin Featherstone; Ismini Demades; Polly Liouta; Ioannis Felonis; Konstantinos Bikas; Allison Kemmis-Price



Prof Kevin Featherstone and H.E. Konstantinos Bikas (Ambassador of Greece)

The Private View of the exhibition took place on 9 March and H.E. Konstantinos Bikas, Ambassador of Greece in the UK gave the opening speech. Speeches followed by Professor Kevin Featherstone, Head of the European Institute and Mr Ioannis Felonis from Photoglobe Seminars. The event was widely attended by various members of the Greek community in London, journalists, academics and friends of the HO.

The exhibition displayed 102 photographs from different genres - landscapes, portraits, still life and photojournalism.

Closed Symposium

'Getting Policy Knowledge into Government'

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A special 20th Anniversary closed symposium was held at the Bank of Greece on 19 May 2016 to consider how well governments are able to access and to utilise expert advice and evidence-based research in the development, implementation and monitoring of their policies. The discussion covered how well governments recognise the need for such knowledge; how they perceive the available 'supply'; how they manage the inputs; and the public's response to expert advice. These topics were approached from various angles by reflecting on the experiences of other European countries, and by discussing the distinctiveness of the Greek case.



L-R: Dr Spyros Economides, Prof Kevin Featherstone and Dr Platon Monokroussos



A distinguished audience at the Bank of Greece

The conference, with participants by invitation only, brought together leading academics and practitioners from Greece, the UK, Italy, and Portugal .

The main speakers were (in order of presentation) :

Bruno Dente (Rome); Nuno Garoupa (Lisbon); Thanos Dokos (ELIAMEP); Nikolas Demertzis (EKKE); Dimitris Malliaropulos (Bank of Greece); Nicholas Theocarakis (KEPE); Panos Tsakloglou (AUEB); Calliope Spanou (University of Athens); Maria Petmesidou (Thrace); and, Peter John (UCL).

A keynote speech was delivered by Yannis Stournaras, Governor of the Bank of Greece. We were delighted also to welcome many distinguished guests for the event, including former Prime Minister, Costas Simitis.

Find out more about this symposium on the event section of our website.



L-R: Prof Kevin Featherstone and Yannis Stournaras (Governor of the Bank of Greece)

Panel Discussion 'Cyprus and the Technology Transformation: breaking ground in the new economic and social environment'



L-R: Mr Michalis Colocassides (Former Cyprus Minister of Commerce & Industry (1972-76) & LSE alumnus) and Prof Kevin Featherstone

A panel discussion was hosted by the Hellenic Observatory and the LSE Alumni Association of Cyprus as part of our 20th Anniversary programme. The focus was the role that new technology might play in the future economic development of Cyprus. This is an important agenda for Cyprus and one that highlights some key contrasts and challenges.

Find out more about this event on the event section of our website.



The panellists prepare to debate the topic

As a burgeoning business and services hub in the region, IT can play an important role in accelerating growth and increasing investment in the Cypriot business sector. The event took place on 16 May at the Leventis Gallery in Nicosia.

The panellists were leading figures in the IT sector in Cyprus: John Karantzis (iSignthis Ltd), Zohar Shamir (Fularo Holdings Ltd), Michalis Stangos (Industry Disruptors Game Changers) and Andrew Tinney (Wargaming).

We look forward to further collaboration with the Alumni Association.



Welcome reception in the Leventis Gallery

Conference 'Interpreting the Past, Present and Future of Cyprus' at the University of Cyprus, Nicosia

The Hellenic Observatory held a one-day conference in Nicosia in collaboration with the School of Economics and Management of the University of Cyprus on 17 May 2016. The conference, entitled 'Interpreting the Past, Present and Future of Cyprus', was part of the HO's 20th Anniversary events and invited both prominent and junior scholars whose work has focused on Cyprus to reflect on the development of Cyprus-related research over the past two decades. Until approximately the late 1990's, social science research on the island was dominated by the 'Cyprus Problem', which shaped the subjects, scope, and methods of study. While for several decades the social sciences in Cyprus were primarily focused on understanding the emergence and perpetuation of a bi-communal conflict, research over the past approximately fifteen years has challenged the bi-communal assumptions of previous work and has opened the horizons of the social sciences to subjects beyond the conflict. Colleagues from economics, political science, sociology, anthropology, and law discussed shifts in the study of Cyprus, and how these have related to political and economic changes in the island. In particular, there was a discussion of the ways in which the opening of the checkpoints in 2003 created new opportunities for collaboration and comparison, even as political impediments to bi-communal work remain. A final plenary session reflected on areas of research for the future, particularly in the context of ongoing negotiations.



Panellists address the audience at the University of Cyprus



Dr Spyros Economides (HO Director) delivers his speech at the conference



L-R: Sir Christopher Pissarides and Prof Haridimos Tsoukas (Dean of the School of Economics and Management, University of Cyprus)

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HO Annual Lecture with Michael Herzfeld

'The Hypocrisy of European Moralism: Greece and the Politics of Cultural Aggression'



Prof Michael Herzfeld at the Hong Kong Theatre, LSE



An engaged audience member

Michael Herzfeld, Professor of the Social Sciences and Curator of European Ethnology in the Peabody Museum at Harvard University, presented the Hellenic Observatory Annual Lecture on 4 November 2015. His talk, on 'The Hypocrisy of European Moralism: Greece and Politics of Cultural Aggression', took a historical view of the current Greek crisis by examining the ways in which what Herzfeld calls European 'crypto-colonialism' in Greece, both enabled clientelism in the country and contributed to narratives of Greece's decline.

Tracing Western European attitudes towards contemporary Greece back through more than two centuries of infatuation with their ancient ancestors, Herzfeld showed how a Western European narrative of Greek backwardness in relation to their ancestors paved the way for Greece to become a 'backward' client state, a status maintained by particular conservative politicians who sustained that narrative while exploiting their own constituents.

Find out more about this event on the event section of our website.

As Herzfeld remarked, 'Western moralism about alleged Greek "corruption," "laziness," and "irresponsibility" thus occludes the West's own complicity in generating these attitudes'. Professor Herzfeld is the author of a number of influential anthropological studies that use his fieldwork in the mountain villages of Crete to develop a theory of the intimacies of the nation-state. Following his work in Greece, Herzfeld also conducted research on cultural heritage planning in Rome and is currently completing a book and a film about historic conservation and eviction in Bangkok.



L-R: Prof Kevin Featherstone (chair); Dr Rebecca Bryant; Prof Michael Herzfeld; Dr Spyros Economides

Public Lecture with Euclid Tsakalotos

'Economic Blues: The Left in Government Times'

The challenges faced by a left government in the context of the euro-zone crisis were explored by Euclid Tsakalotos, Greek Finance Minister, in a public lecture at the LSE on 10 November 2015. A packed audience was joined by several notable public figures from the British Left, including Ed Miliband, former leader of the Labour Party. Professor Tsakalotos, himself a university economist, outlined the agenda and the dilemmas for the SYRIZA-led government in Greece. And, noting the compromises that have had to be made, he reflected on the left-wing credentials of the government and the robustness of its commitments to radical reform. The Government, he argued, remained true to the objectives at the time of its January 2015 election victory. Euclid Tsakalotos covered a number of themes in his lecture. Principal amongst these was the topic of debt restructuring, where the need for an extended grace period on debt repayments was discussed.



Euclid Tsakalotos giving his talk at LSE




L-R: Stratos Chatzigiannis, Ed Miliband, and H.E. Konstantinos Bikas

It was suggested also that applying such measures to Greece would place pressure on the Eurozone to apply similar ones to Greece's southern neighbours – principally Portugal and Italy. Moreover, the growing urgency of completing the first review and proceeding with bank recapitalisation was highlighted.

Find out more about this event on the event section of our website.

Public Lecture with Louka Katseli

'Lessons from the Greek Crisis'

Hellenic Bankers Association

In our very first event of 2016 we were extremely lucky to host Professor Louka Katseli in her dual capacity of Chair of the National Bank of Greece and the Hellenic Banking Association. Professor Katseli spoke to a packed Old Theatre on the topic of 'Lessons from the Greek Crisis' and was introduced by Antonis Ntatzopoulos, Chairman, Hellenic Bankers Association-UK (the evening's co-organising body whom we thank for a long-standing and fruitful collaboration).



Prof Kevin Featherstone



Prof Louka Katseli in the Old Theatre, LSE

Professor Katseli captured the audience with her knowledge and expertise derived from her dual capacity that of an academic and public servant. In her lecture, she provided a robust challenge to some conventional wisdom of the origins and causes of the Greek economic and financial crisis, discussed the degree of effectiveness of the policies of successive Greek governments in meeting this challenge and drew lessons for the rest of the Eurozone.

In view of the fact that such crises are likely to re-occur in the future in the context of the Eurozone, it is important to draw lessons from the Greek crisis that could pertain to other Eurozone member countries. In light of this, Professor Katseli focused on the interplay between growth, sustainable public finances and social protection systems, and ways in which similar crises could be forestalled or dealt with in the future. A lively question and answer session followed her lecture which received much publicity in the media in Greece and beyond.



L-R: Kevin Featherstone, Louka Katseli and Antonis Ntatzopoulos

Find out more about this event on the event section of our website.

Public Lecture with Euripides Evriviades

'Cyprus and New Security Issues in the Eastern Mediterranean'

H.E. Euripides L Evriviades, High Commissioner for the Republic of Cyprus to the United Kingdom, gave a public lecture at LSE on Wednesday 10 February 2016 entitled, 'Cyprus and new security issues in the Eastern Mediterranean'.

This was a timely overview of the changing geopolitics of the region and the strategic role that might be played in its future by Cyprus. His lecture covered a number of inter-related themes. The geo-strategic importance of European Union membership to Cyprus was given particular attention, as was the crucial significance of Cyprus as a security-provider in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East.



H.E. Euripides Evriviades addresses the audience in the Wolfson Theatre

Public Lecture with Michalis Sarris and Yiannis Kitromilides

'The current economic developments in Greece and Cyprus: when and how crisis exits are feasible'

On 12 October 2015, we hosted a panel debate on 'The current economic developments in Greece and Cyprus: when and how crisis exits are feasible', in collaboration with the Association for Cypriot, Greek and Turkish Affairs. The panel was moderated by Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis and comprised Dr Michalis Sarris, former Minister of Finance of Cyprus, and Dr Yiannis Kitromilides, an Associate at the Centre of Economic and Public Policy of the University of Cambridge. The two speakers approached the question from two distinctively different perspectives. Dr Sarris represented the mainstream view, emphasising the importance of combining fiscal consolidation with (suitably sequenced) structural reforms and identifying the roots of the crisis with four main parameters: domestic policy failures, structural weaknesses in the architecture of the Eurozone, structural domestic problems with competitiveness, and weak banking supervision. Dr Kitromilides emphasised instead the problems with the logic of the bailouts (especially for Greece) including the wrong policy assumptions about the costs of fiscal consolidation and the origins of the crisis. Consensus seemed to emerge that in both countries the route to sustainable recovery requires the implementation of well-prioritised structural reforms to unblock existing rigidities and facilitate new investments in existing and new sectors.



Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis and Dr Michalis Sarris at Clement House, LSE

Book Launches

Prime Ministers in Greece: The Paradox of Power
Kevin Featherstone and Dimitris Papadimitriou

Kevin Featherstone and Dimitris Papadimitriou presented their new book, published by Oxford University Press, in the Wolfson Theatre, LSE on 7 October 2015 and at the Megaron, Athens, on 15 October 2016. A large audience was joined by a number of leading public figures, including former Prime minister Costas Simitis, former ministers from ND and PASOK, SYRIZA MPs, and the former Governor of the Bank of Greece, Nikos Garganas. Alexis Papahelas, Editor in Chief of 'Kathimerini', was the discussant for the lecture. In their lecture professors Featherstone and Papadimitriou, outlined the key themes of their book. Despite the extensive formal powers of the PM, he was an 'emperor without clothes' due to the severe constraints on the control and coordination of the government from the 'centre'. These constraints stemmed from a lack of trust, the impact of clientelism, and a formalistic administrative culture. Despite changes of party and personality type in power, these constraints had blocked lasting change. But the need for a more effective steer from the centre was increasingly recognised, including by Greece's monitors.



Prof Kevin Featherstone and Prof Dimitris Papadimitriou present their latest book

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Who's to blame for Greece? Austerity in charge of saving a broken economy Theodore Pelagidis, Michael Mitsopoulos and Dimitri Vayanos

Theodoros Pelagidis and Michael Mitsopoulos are no strangers to the scholarship of the Greek crisis. Building on their previous work on the topic, in this -third- book of theirs, they address head-on the question which is on everybody's lips: 'Who is to blame for Greece?'. Their analysis starts with a painstaking examination of the problems and weaknesses of the Greek (political) economy since the country's accession to the EU and prior to the crisis; continues with a detailed examination of the adjustment programmes, their – in part – faulty assumptions and the weaknesses in their implementation; and looks forward to ask what policy solutions can take Greece out of its predicament and help build a democratic and sustainable 'ever closer' Union.



L-R: Dr Thalia Magioglou, Prof Antigone G. Lyberaki and Dr Platon Tinios watch on

A financial crisis manual: reflections and the road ahead Platon Monokroussos, Konstantinos I. Nikolopoulos and Dimitrios D. Thomakos

Was the economic crisis that engulfed the Eurozone following the fiscal crisis in Greece the result of a faulty design and poor policy choices? Is financial repression (near-negative interest rates and quantitative easing) a cure or a cause for further concern? What are the paths back to financial stability and economic prosperity and what are the imbalances that still remain? These are among the collection of very topical and very pressing questions addressed in the edited volume of Dimitris Thomakos, HO Visiting Fellow Platon Monokroussos, and Konstantinos Nikolopoulos, which was presented in a book launch at the HO on 17 March 2016. The presentation by the three editors and authors was followed by a stimulating discussion by LSE Prof Dimitri Vayanos and by an interesting Q&A session with the audience. Comprising a balanced collection of analyses by academic experts and financial industry practitioners, the book offers intimate insights into the past, current and future challenges facing the Eurozone and explores in a systematic and comprehensive way a set of implementable solutions for a faster post-crisis recovery. A must-read!



Dr Platon Monokroussos sharing his reflections with the audience

Post-Ottoman Coexistence: Sharing Space in the Shadow of Conflict Rebecca Bryant

The Hellenic Observatory celebrated the publication of Dr Rebecca Bryant's edited volume, 'Post-Ottoman Coexistence: Sharing Space in the Shadow of Conflict' (Berghahn Books, 2016) with a launch on 8 June 2016. Speakers at the event included Dr Rebecca Bryant, editor of the volume; Professor Glenn Bowman of Kent University, one of the volume's contributors; and Dr David Henig, also of Kent University and the editor of the journal History and Anthropology. There was a lively discussion around the book's theme of coexistence in the post-Ottoman space. The volume interrogates ways of living together and asks what practices enabled centuries of cooperation and sharing, as well as how and when such sharing was disrupted. Contributors to the volume discuss both historical and contemporary practices of coexistence within the context of ethno-national conflict and its aftermath, as explained by Bryant and Bowman in their presentations.



Dr Rebecca Bryant (left) and Prof Glenn Bowmann (right) discuss their work with the audience

Find out more about this event on the event section of our website.

Megaron Plus Lecture Series

'The Rule of Law in Europe: Friend or Foe of Democracy'
Conor Gearty, Kevin Featherstone and Nikos Alivizatos



Prof Conor Gearty addressing the audience at the Megaron

Conor Gearty, Professor of Human Rights Law at LSE, gave a public lecture at the Megaron on 2 December 2015, discussing the increasing tension between legal norms and representative democracy in Europe. The discussant for the lecture was Nikos Alivizatos, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Athens. The lecture was chaired by Professor Kevin Featherstone. Professor Gearty argued that there has been a steady roll-back of democracy in Europe, something he attributes to increasing nationalism brought about, in turn, by fear of religious extremism and economic instability.

'Prime Ministers: The Paradox of Power'
Kevin Featherstone and Dimitris Papadimitriou

On 15 October 2015, Professors Kevin Featherstone and Dimitris Papadimitriou discussed their latest book 'Prime Ministers in Greece: The Paradox of Power', one week following its initial launch at LSE. Please see top of page 10 for a summary of its content. The event was attended by a number of notable figures in Greek public life.



L-R Prof Dimitris Papadimitriou, Prof Kevin Featherstone and journalist Alexis Papahelas

'Why Thucydides is our Contemporary: What his History has to tell us about the Face of War Today'
Christopher Coker, Spyros Economides and Theodore Couloumbis



Dr Spyros Economides chairs the discussion

In the last of this year's Megaron Plus Lecture Series we were very happy to host Professor Christopher Coker of the LSE's International Relations Department. Professor Coker spoke on 'Why Thucydides is our Contemporary: What his History has to Tell us About War Today', captivating a 300 strong audience with his erudition and ability to entertain.

Research Seminars 2015-16

Synopsis

As in previous years, the focus of much of the HO Research Seminars was the Greek crisis, bringing together a breadth of topics and approaches from different disciplinary perspectives within this frame. The series kicked off with presentations by Dr Panagiotis Zervopoulos (Structural reform of central government departments in Greece) and Dr Bettina Davou (Exploring the psychological effects of the Greek financial crisis). The latter's work drew on participant observation, content analysis, and in-depth interviews to investigate the emotional atmosphere during the financial crisis and its effects on individuals.

Following seminars by Dr Platon Tinios (Pension Poor and Household Rich) and Dr Antonis Ellinas (The rise of the Golden Dawn), the Michaelmas (autumn) Term concluded with a presentation by Prof Margot Salomon on how austerity measures under the Adjustment Programmes constitute violations of human rights obligations. In the Lent Term the seminars had a stronger focus on foreign policy and social-psychological issues.

On the former, we had the presentations by Dr Dimitris Triantafyllou (Greek foreign policy elites' perceptions of Turkey, a project also funded by the NBG Research Fund), Dr Giorgos Evangelopoulos (Foreign Policy Analysis approach of the "Macedonian" issue under the Agent-Structure prism), and Dr Angelos Chryssogelos (Europeanisation and Greek foreign policy during the crisis).

On the latter, presentations by Dr Thalia Magioglou (Social representations and imaginaries of young Greeks during the crisis) and Dr Vassilis Arapoglou (The social consequences of austerity policies in Greece and how the issues of poverty, social exclusion and the humanitarian crisis have been treated during the period.

As always, our seminars have been attended by diverse audiences, comprising LSE academics, students from many London universities, and members of the public, including – but not exclusively – from the Greek and Cypriot community in London.



Dr Thalia Magioglou presenting her research

Seminar by Apostolos G. Papadopoulos

'From Migration Crisis to Refugee Crisis in Europe: Securitization Policies vs Integration Policies'

Apostolos G. Papadopoulos gave a seminar at the LSE on 18 January 2016, discussing the ongoing migration and refugee crises engulfing Southeast Europe. The presentation's objective was to uncover the perplexity of the migration/refugee issues that seem to trouble Europe, while at the same time touching upon the antinomies of EU migration and refugee policies. Professor Papadopoulos' analysis aimed at stressing the social and economic aspects of the migration crisis rather than the political aspects of the theme. Through this, he sought to demonstrate how Southeast Europe, and in particular Greece, bear the burden of the refugee crisis and how the effects of this are manifested.



Dr Apostolos G. Papadopoulos at the European Institute

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Research from Permanent Academic Staff



Professor Kevin Featherstone

Professor Kevin Featherstone's book with Professor Dimitris Papadimitriou (Manchester), 'Prime Ministers in Greece: The Paradox of Power', was published by Oxford University Press in 2015 and was the subject of a book launch at the Megaron (Athens) in October 2015. His paper, 'Conditionality, Democracy and Institutional Weakness: the Euro-crisis Trilemma', will be published in the Annual Review 2016 of the Journal of Common Market Studies. A paper entitled, 'Greece; a crisis in two-level governance' (with D Papadimitriou) will appear shortly in a volume published by Palgrave. A further paper, ''Behind the 'Mask': the Greek Crisis as a challenge to 'Europeanisation'' (with D Papadimitriou) will be published in a new volume shortly. He has continued to conduct research on quality of governance across EU member states.

Dr Spyros Economides continues his research into the effects of the Greek Crisis on Europe's external relations and international standing and also the relationship between the European Union and the Western Balkans, as part of his broader interest in European Foreign Policy. His research centres on questions of security, enlargement, conditionality and Europeanisation. In the last year he has focused more narrowly on the issue of Europeanisation. He is currently editing a volume entitled 'Europe's Security Strategies' to be published by Routledge to which he is also contributing a chapter on 'The EU and the Challenge of Revisionist Powers'. In addition, with Dr James Ker-Lindsay, he is currently finalising an article on the EU-Western Balkan enlargement process and the impact of 'outsourced conditionality'.



Dr Spyros Economides



Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis

Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis' research this year encompassed topics in economics, regional science and political economy. He contributed three major studies for Environment Planning, Oxford Economic Papers, and Regional Studies respectively. While continuing past work on regional disparities and labour market adjustments in Greece, he embarked on new projects including education choices, labour market sorting and youth unemployment in Croatia, new approach of EU conditionality within the EU, candidate countries and ENP states. He delivered a lecture on the latter at the Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes (FEMISE) in Athens, publishing a short piece in the Forum's newsletter. Other activities included conference presentations at the Association of American Geographers, the European Regional Science Association, the joint IZA/Cedefop workshop on Skills and Skill Mismatch, and at 'Albanian Studies Days' organised by the European University of Tirana.

During 2015-16, **Dr Rebecca Bryant** published an edited volume, 'Post-Ottoman Coexistence: Sharing Space in the Shadow of Conflict' (Berghahn Books, 2016) and completed a co-authored book manuscript, 'De Facto Dreams: Building the So-Called State' (with Mete Hatay), currently under review with University of Pennsylvania Press. In the fall, she organised an international conference, 'The Everyday Lives of Sovereignty: Conflicts and Contests in a Transnational Era', in collaboration with the Peace Research Institute Oslo and held in Cyprus, while in the spring she convened an international workshop, 'Interrogating the Post-Ottoman'. She is additionally the recent recipient of a Newton Fund Grant, with Koç University in Istanbul, for the project 'Integration and Well-Being of Syrian Youth in Turkey', to begin in August 2016.



Dr Rebecca Bryant

GreeSE Papers 2015-16: Continuity and Change

In a year of milestones for the Hellenic Observatory, 2016 saw a notable one also for GreeSE Papers, with the publication of issue No. 100. Overseeing these achievements was new Editor of the Series Dr Rebecca Bryant, whose energy and excellent academic credentials have been a great asset. Rebecca, who is Associate Professorial Research Fellow at the HO, replaced the outgoing Dr Andreas Kornelakis at the start of this year. The Series continues to influence academic debates relating to Greece and Southeast Europe, as evidenced by the numerous citations in journal articles published during 2015. For example, GreeSE No. 45 was cited in South European Society and Politics (2015); No. 17 was cited in the British Journal of Religious Education (2015); and No. 46 was cited in Business History (2015). For this, appreciation must be shown to our Series referees for 2015/16, Dr Rebecca Bryant and Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis, as well as to Polly Liouta, Ioanna Kontogeorgou and Aleksandra Stankova, our Editorial Assistants.

Their painstaking work in editing and reviewing submissions contributes greatly to the overall quality of the Papers.

Lastly, let us not underestimate the continued success of the Series over the last few years. Since its establishment, the Series has covered an ever widening spectrum of themes and disciplines. Naturally, the focus of the Papers has, in recent years, been on the effects of the sovereign debt crisis on all aspects of Greek society. However, a multitude of new topic areas have been broached with the growing academic interest in Greece, and an expanding list of contributors, the Papers represent an increasingly crucial international reference point for research on contemporary Greece.



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92. Tsekeris, Charalambos; Kaberis, Nikos; Pinguli, Maria, *The Self in Crisis: The Experience of Personal and Social Suffering in Contemporary Greece*, June 2015

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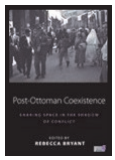
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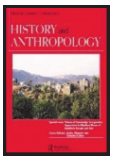
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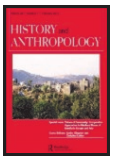
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The Hellenic Observatory welcomes applications for Visiting Fellows and Visiting Professors by academics or policy practitioners who may want to spend a period of between 6-12 months at the LSE to conduct independent research on a topic relevant to the work of the Hellenic Observatory. It is anticipated that Visiting Fellows will play an active part of the Hellenic Observatory during their fellowship.

In 2015-2016 the Hellenic Observatory welcomed: **Dr Vassilis Arapoglou**, Assistant Professor in Social Inequalities and Social Exclusion at the Department of Sociology at the University of Crete; **Prof Antigone G. Lyberaki**, Professor of Economics at Panteion University in Athens, Greece; **Dr Thalia Magioglou**, Researcher affiliated to the Centre Edgar Morin, IIAC of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, in Paris, France; **Dr Platon Monokroussos**, Group Chief Economist, Deputy General Manager, Eurobank Ergasias S.A.; **Dr Platon Tinios**, Assistant Professor at the University of Piraeus; **Dr Daniel M. Knight**, Addison Wheeler Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Durham Energy Institute; **Dr Antonis A. Ellinas**, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Cyprus.

HO PhD Scholar and Visiting Research Students

Katerina Glyniadaki is a PhD scholar with the European Institute, under the supervision of Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis and Dr Rebecca Bryant. Katerina's PhD is sponsored by the Hellenic Observatory.

In 2015/16 the HO launched a new initiative supporting two **Visiting Research Students** (VRS) in the European Institute, LSE for one academic term each. This scheme was open to research students who were registered for a PhD at a university in Greece or Cyprus. Their research topics were within the social sciences, focussing on the EU and/or SE Europe. **Stelios Sakkas** joined the European Institute for the Michaelmas Term (September-December 2015). Stelios is a PhD Candidate in Economics in the Economics Department at the Athens University of Economics and Business. His research spans across Fiscal Policy in DSGE models, Political Economy and Public Sector Reforms, and Regional Policy. **Kaliope Ousantzopoulou** joined the European Institute for the Lent Term (January-March 2016). Kaliope is a PhD candidate in the Social Anthropology Department of the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Athens, and her research focuses on issues of kinship, gender and sexuality in contemporary Greece. The Hellenic Observatory are pleased to be repeating the scheme in the academic year 2016/17 and look forward to welcoming our new scholar in September.

NBG Post-Doctoral Research Fellow 2015-16

Dr Angelos Chryssogelos



I arrived at the Hellenic Observatory with the intention to conduct research on Greek foreign policy, but very quickly found out that the HO – and the LSE more generally – provided an environment where I could do much more. Through interaction with colleagues at the HO and the European Institute, attendance of public and research events, and use of the infrastructure and support mechanisms in place, I was able to broaden and enrich my perspective on Greece and its place in a changing Europe. For somebody interested in Greek affairs, the HO provides a unique environment to discuss Greece but always within the broader context of European politics. Spyros Economides, who is my research mentor, Kevin Featherstone and Vassilis Monastiriotis have always been helpful and generous with their time. All three have not just challenged me to improve the actual research I am conducting, but have also prompted me to think in new ways about Greece and Europe. They have also shown a sincere interest in my career progression – a looming agony for any postdoctoral fellowship. Ismini, Polly and Ioanna have done the utmost to support my stay at the HO. My research has been supported by generous assistance for attending conferences, conducting fieldwork, and receiving training on various transferable skills such foreign languages. As I conclude my fellowship, the next steps include finalizing an academic paper that will be published as a GreeSE working paper and will develop into an academic article.

All this has been made possible by the generous assistance of the National Bank of Greece, to whom I extend my gratitude.

The Hellenic Observatory gratefully acknowledges the National Bank of Greece for the funding of the post-doc research fellow posts.

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Provisional Events Schedule

Cyprus in Time - Public Photography Exhibition

Monday 24 October-Friday 25 November 2016

Atrium Gallery, LSE

An exhibition of black and white photography by Cypriot artist photographer Antigoni Solomonidou-Droussiotou. The exhibition is supported by the A.G. Leventis Foundation.

One-Day Conference on *'Greece: Modernisation and Europe 20 years on'*

Friday, 25 November 2016, LSE

Drawing on the conference organised at the European Institute of LSE in November 1994, this retrospective conference asks participants to reflect on the modernisation of Greece-particularly over the past two decades. Has Greece been modernised and where are we now? Is modernisation still relevant to Greece in times of crisis?

The Panel speakers will come from both academic and policy backgrounds. Names TBC.

8th Biennial Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus

June 2017

The HO's PhD Symposium has become one of the most important international meetings for PhD students working on contemporary Greece and Cyprus in the social sciences. We are delighted to be able to provide this platform and facilitate collaboration between international students.

RESEARCH SEMINARS Michaelmas Term 2016-17

Tuesday, 4 October 2016

Structural Adjustment in Greece: Ownership vs. Conditionality

Dr Eleni Panagiotarea, Research Fellow at the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Greece

Tuesday, 18 October 2016

Title TBC

Dr Myria Georgiou, Associate Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Media and Communications, LSE

Tuesday, 8 November 2016

The Analytics of the Greek Crisis

Professor Dimitri Vayanos, Professor of Finance and Head of the Department of Finance at LSE; Director of the Paul Wooley Centre for the Study of Capital Market Dysfunctionality at LSE

Tuesday, 22 November 2016

Greece's new Emigration at times of Crisis

Professor Lois Labrianidis, Secretary General for Strategic and Private Investments Greek Ministry of Economy, Development & Tourism; Professor of Economic Geography, Department of Economics, University of Macedonia

Dr Manolis Pratsinakis, Marie Curie Post-doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Macedonia; Research Fellow, Institute of Migration and Ethnic studies, University of Amsterdam

Tuesday, 6 December 2016

Advance or Regression? Gender balance and the crisis in Greece

Professor Antigone G. Lyberaki, Professor of Economics at Panteion University, Greece; Visiting Professor, Hellenic Observatory

Dr Platon Tinios, Assistant Professor at Piraeus University, Greece; Visiting Research Fellow, Hellenic Observatory

National Bank of Greece - External Research

In July 2015 the Hellenic Observatory invited researchers with a recognised interest in contemporary Greece to submit an application for funding, in order to carry out a project on one of the following themes:

(1) An evaluation of Reform Implementation
(2) What model of employment relations for Greece?
(3) Immigration, asylum and the EU

The three successful projects are:

THEME 1 - An evaluation of reform implementation

Project title: ***'The Reform of the Public Revenue Administration in Greece: Rebuilding the Ship During the Storm?'***

THEME 2 - What model of employment relations for Greece?

Project title: ***'Prospects for New Employment Relations and Labour Market Model in Greece'***

THEME 3 - Immigration, asylum and the EU

Project title: ***'Back to Basics: Asylum Procedure in Greece. Manoeuvring between Economic Crisis and Statelessness'***

The call has been made possible by funding generously provided by the National Bank of Greece, to which we wish to record our gratitude. This initiative is consistent with the HO's mission to promote public policy research and to foster academic collaboration and networks and follows on from previous successful calls made in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014.

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