

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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Joint Conference on

**Democracy in Ancient and Modern Times**  
The ancient Greek experience and its relevance for our own times

Athens, 3rd - 4th October 2024

Alkis Argyriadis Amphitheatre, Main building, 30 Panepistimiou st.

**Thursday, 3rd October, 2024**

**Part I: Introductions**

Moderator: Professor Kyriazis

- 09:00 hrs: Greetings
- 09:30 hrs: Conference Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs  
Professor Dr. Spyridon Vlachopoulos (University of Athens)  
Professor Dr. Winfried Schmitz (University of Bonn)
- 10:00 hrs: The Ethos of Democracy  
Professor Dr. Julian Nida-Rümelin (University of Munich)  
Fmr Minister of State for Culture  
Founding Rector of the Humanistic University Berlin
- 10:45 hrs: The Concept of Law and Democracy in ancient Greece and Rome  
Professor Dr. Prokopis Pavlopoulos, fmr President of the Hellenic Republic
- 11:30 hrs: The Democracy of the ancient Greeks and its relevancy for our own times  
Dr.h.c. Volos Guy Péaux de la Croix, attorney-at-law (Cologne)
- 12:15 hrs: Discussion
- 12:45 hrs: Lunch break

**Part II: Democracy – why in Greece? Foundations and Beginnings-**

Moderator: Dr. Katarina Nebelin

- 14.15 hrs: From Violence to Reform: The painful birth of the Athenian Democracy  
Professor Athina Dimopoulou (University of Athens)
- 15.00 hrs: The Athenian Democracy: A road accident of history?  
Professor Dr. Winfried Schmitz (University of Bonn)
- 15.45 hrs: Graeca non leguntur: The Rule of Law and its roots in Ancient Greece  
Professor Dr. Heinz Barta (University of Innsbruck)
- 16.30 hrs: Discussion

**Part III: The Culture of Democracy**

Moderator: Professor Schmitz

- 17.00 hrs: Political Culture in the Athenian Democracy of the 5th and 4th century BC  
Professor Dr. Christopher Degelmann (Humboldt University, Berlin)
- 17.45 hrs: Democratic Socialisation and democratic education  
Professor Dr. Marian Nebelin (Technische Universität Chemnitz)
- 18.30 hrs: Discussion

Friday, 4th October, 2024

**Part IV: Institutions of the Athenian Democracy**

Moderator: Asst. Professor Simantiras

- 09.30 hrs: Deliberative Institutions of the Athenian Democracy  
Professor Dr Vasiliki Christou (University of Athens)
- 10.15 hrs: Legislator by lot in ancient and modern democracy  
Professor Dr. Spyridon Vlachopoulos (University of Athens)
- 11.00 hrs: Discussion
- 11.30 hrs: Direct Democracy in ancient and modern times  
Prof. Dr. Nicholas Kyriazis, University of Thessaly Volos  
Prof. Emmanouil M.L. Economou, University of Thessaly Volos
- 12.15 hrs: Autonomy, Immediacy and Participation -  
Keywords on the crisis of representative democracy  
Prof. Dr. Peter-Alexis Albrecht, Goethe-University of Frankfurt/M
- 12.45 hrs: Discussion
- 13.15 hrs: Lunch break

**Part V: Democracies in Crisis**

Moderator: Professor Dimopoulou

- 14.30 hrs: From epistemic democracy to democratic expertise:  
The Constitutional challenge of effective governance  
Professor Nikolaos Simantiras (University of Athens)
- 15.15 hrs: The Defense and Failure of Democracy  
Dr. Katarina Nebelin (University of Klagenfurt)
- 16.00 hrs: Athenian Democracy under Roman Rule:  
Crisis, Rebirth and its reception in modern times  
Professor Dimitris Karambelas (University of Athens)
- 17.30 hrs: Discussion

**Part VI: Conclusions and Outlook**

Moderator: Professor Albrecht

- 18.00 hrs: Summary / Outlook  
Professor Dr. Nicholas Kyriazis (University of Athens)  
Professor Dr. Winfried Schmitz (University of Bonn)
- 18.30 hrs: Discussion
- 19.00 hrs: Concluding remarks  
Professor Dr. Julian Nida-Rümelin, Imr Minister of State  
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