



October 6-7, 2026
Great Hall,
National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens

Day 1 - The Past | Tuesday, October 6, 2026

09.00 Arrival of Guests - Registration

10.00 Introductory Remarks

- ✓ **Gerasimos Siasos**, Rector, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- ✓ **Periklis Dimitrolopoulos**, Executive Director, To Vima
- ✓ **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Founder and President, Delphi Economic Forum, Greece

10.20 Address by

H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Constantinos An. Tassoulas

10.40 Discussion on the book series: "The Great History of Athens"

Featuring: Editors of the publication from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)

- ✓ **Vangelis Karamanolakis**, Professor of Theory and History of Historiography, Department of History and Archaeology, NKUA
- ✓ **Katerina Nikolaou**, Professor of Byzantine History, Department of History and Archaeology, NKUA
- ✓ **Yannis Papadatos**, Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology, Department of History and Archaeology, NKUA
- ✓ **Selene Psoma**, Professor of Ancient History, Department of History and Archaeology, NKUA

- ✓ **Moderator : Markos Karasarinis**, Editor, TO VIMA



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11.25 In Conversation: Athens as Seen by Others

- ✓ **Bettany Hughes**, *Author, Historian and Broadcaster*
- ✓ **Moderator: Odin Linardatou**, *Editor in Chief, International Edition TO VIMA, Alter Ego Media*

11.45 Coffee Break

12.30 The Trial of Socrates: A Narration and Reenactment

- ✓ **Theodora Antonopoulou**,
- ✓ **Konstantinos Christodoulou**, *Prof., Dr jur., Dr phil., National & Kapodistrian University of Athens Law School*

13.00 In Conversation: Ancient Athens and Us

- ✓ **Daniel Mendelsohn**, *Author, Classics Scholar, Translator, Bard College*
- ✓ **Moderator: Konstantinos Tsalakos**, *Head of Content, Delphi Economic Forum*

13.30 The Sicilian Expedition: A Narration and Reenactment

- ✓ **Vassilis Lentakis**, *Professor of Ancient Greek Philology, Dpt. of Greek Philology, NKUA*
- ✓ **Theodosios Dimos**, *Philologist (Ancient Greek Literature), NKUA*
- ✓ **Christos Frossinakos**, *PhD Candidate in Classics, Department of Classical Philology, NKUA*



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14.00 Address

✓ **Lina Mendoni**, *Minister of Culture, Hellenic Republic*

14.10 Athens Between East and West: A Cultural Clash

✓ **Aristides Hatzis**, *Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

✓ **Soti Triantafyllou**, *Author, Historian*

✓ **Yannis Voulgaris**, *Emeritus Professor of Political Sociology, Panteion University*

✓ *Moderator : Paschos Mandravelis, Columnist, TA NEA - TO VIMA*

14.50 Athens' Contribution to Economic Growth

✓ **Yannis Stournaras**, *Governor, Bank of Greece*

15.05 Light Lunch Break

16.00 The Historical Mission of Knowledge: Universities within the Urban Fabric

✓ **Gerasimos Siasos**, *Rector, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

✓ **Ioannis Chatjigeorgiou**, *Rector, National Technical University of Athens*

✓ **Christina Koulouri**, *Rector, Panteion University*

✓ **Vasileios Vasdekis**, *Rector, Athens University of Economics and Business*

✓ *Moderator : Marnie Papamatthaiou, Editor in Chief, TO VIMA*

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16.45 Landmarks of Power: Untold Athenian Political Stories

Athenian Political moments

✓ **Antonis Samaras**, *Prime Minister of Greece (2012-2015)*

Politics and Memory

✓ **Maria Damanaki**, *VP, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)*

✓ **Evangelos Venizelos**, *Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2013 –2015); Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister (2011 - 2012); Professor emeritus of Constitutional Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

✓ **Moderator : Elli Stai**, *Journalist*

17.30 In Conversation

✓ **Kyriakos Pierrakakis**, *President of the Eurogroup, Minister of Economy and Finance, Hellenic Republic*

✓ **Periklis Dimitropoulos**, *Executive Director, TO VIMA*

End of Day 1



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Day 2 Morning - The Present | Wednesday, October 7, 2026

09.00 Arrival of Guests - Registration

10.00 Welcome Address by the President of the Parliament

✓ **Nikitas Kaklamanis**, *President of the Hellenic Parliament*

10.15 Address

✓ **Nikos Hardialias**, *Governor, Attica Region, Hellenic Republic*

10.25 Presentation of Metron Analysis Survey on Athens

✓ **Giannis Balabanidis**, *Political Analyst, Head of Political & Social Research, Metron Analysis*

✓ **Stratos Fanaras**, *President & CEO, Metron Analysis*

✓ **Moderator : Dimitra Kroustalli**, *Managing Editor for Political Coverage, TO VIMA*

10.45 Discussion

✓ **Haris Doukas**, *Mayor of Athens*

✓ **Christos Chomenidis**, *Writer*

✓ **Moderator : Dimitra Kroustalli**, *Managing Editor for Political Coverage, TO VIMA*

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11.15 Coffee Break

12.00 The Economic Capital of Greece: Current Realities and Future Prospects

- ✓ **Agapi Sbokou**, *President, Greek Tourism Confederation (SETE)*
- ✓ **Spyros Theodoropoulos**, *Chairman of the BoD, Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)*
- ✓ **Moderator: Nikos Vettas**, *Gen. Dir, Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research - IOBE, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business*

12.30 In Conversation

- ✓ **Katerina Sakellaropoulou**, *President of the Hellenic Republic (2020-2025)*
- ✓ **Moderator: Makis Provatas**, *Journalist-Author, MEGANEWS RADIO- ERT*

12.50 Where Athens stands: A Comparative City Perspective

- ✓ **Christos Cabolis**, *Adjunct Professor of Economics and Competitiveness, IMD*



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13.00 In Conversation

- ✓ **Nikos Androulakis**, *President, PASOK-Movement for Change*
- ✓ **Moderator: Pavlos Tsimas**, *Journalist, MEGA TV*

13.30 Everyday Athens: A Welcoming or Unwelcoming City?

- ✓ **Michalis Afolayan**, *Actor, Musician, Cultural Manager, and Founder & Director of ANASA Cultural Centre*
- ✓ **Adam Markakis**, *Founder & Executive Director, Astylab*
- ✓ **Katerina Vrana**, *Stand up comedian, FIZZBOX PRODUCTIONS E.E.*
- ✓ **Moderator: Angeliki Korre**, *Journalist, TO VIMA*

14.00 Athenian Families: Growing Up and Raising Children in the Capital

- ✓ **Effie Achtiotsoglou**, *Former Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity, PhD in Law*
- ✓ **Christos Chomenidis**, *Writer*
- ✓ **Aikaterini Papageorgiou**, *Theatre Director & Artistic Director, Theatre Facilitator at Korydallos Men's Prison*
- ✓ **Moderator: Ntinos Siomopoulos**, *Journalist, MEGA TV/TO VIMA/Ot.gr*

14.30 Light Lunch Break

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15.20 In Conversation

- ✓ **Alexis Tsipras**, *President of the Greek Left Coalition (EL.A.S.)*
- ✓ **Moderator: Niki Lymperaki**, *Journalist, MEGA TV, TO VIMA*

15.50 Car-Free Cities: A Desirable Future or a Mission Impossible?

- ✓ **Kent Larson**, *MIT Professor of the Practice (online)*
- ✓ **Panagiotis Tournikiotis**, *Professor Emeritus, National Technical University of Athens*
- ✓ **Moderator: Kostas Bakoyannis**, *Mayor of Athens (2019-2023)*

16.30 Resilience & Climate Crisis: Can the City Endure the Next Decades?

- ✓ **Constantinos Cartalis**, *Professor NKUA, Member of the European Scientific Advisory Body on Climate Change, IPCC Lead Author*
- ✓ **Panagiotis Kafousias**, *Director, Philodassiki Society of Athens*
- ✓ **Maria Logotheti**, *President and CEO, Climate Change Hub*
- ✓ **Moderator: Angelos Alexopoulos**, *Staff Writer, TO VIMA*



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17.00 Aesthetics of Athens: Public Spaces, Residential Development, and Urban Identity

- ✓ **Andreas Giacumacatos**, Professor Emeritus of Architecture, Athens School of Fine Arts
- ✓ **Eirini Gratsia**, MSc Archaeologist, Coordinator of MONUMENTA
- ✓ **Manolis Korres**, Architect, President of the Committee for the Conservation of the Acropolis Monuments
- ✓ **Andreas Kourkoulas**, Professor, NTUA, Architect, Kokkinou Kourkoulas Architects and Associates

- ✓ **Moderator: Giorgos Polymeneas**, Head of Culture & Lifestyle, TO VIMA / Alter Ego Media

17.50 The Spirit of the City: The Future of Art and Culture

- ✓ **Maria Georgopoulou**, Director of the Gennadius Library
- ✓ **Xenia Kaldara**, President of the BoD and Managing Director of the Michael Cacoyannis Foundation
- ✓ **Syrago Tsiara**, Director of the National Gallery

- ✓ **Moderator: Myrto Loverdou**, Journalist, TO VIMA / TA NEA / Alter Ego Media

18.20 Aesthetics and Ethics of the City of the Future

- ✓ **Massimiliano Fuksas**, Architetto, Studio Fuksas
- ✓ **Bas Smets**, Landscape Architect, Bureau Bas Smets (online)

- ✓ **Moderator: Kostas Bourousis**, Senior Journalist & Staff Writer, MEGA Channel



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19.00 In conversation

✓ **Haris Doukas**, *Mayor of Athens*

✓ **Carlos Moreno**, *Scientific Director of the research lab “Entrepreneurship Territory Innovation”, IAE Paris-Sorbonne, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (online)*

19.35 Closing Remarks

End of Day 2