

Five lectures at the Netherlands Institute at Athens

Exploring narratives on the Greek crisis

Organisers: The Netherlands Institute at Athens, in collaboration with Panteion University Athens and the Institute for Migration & Ethnic Studies of the University of Amsterdam.

How Greek is the current Greek crisis? Or how European is it? Is it an extreme symptom of the margins of Europe? Or rooted in the particularities of the Greek history and society? Is it a part of the Southern European crisis? Of the South-Eastern - alias Balkan - crisis? Or what? Or both?

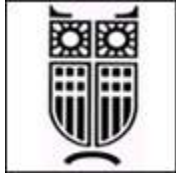
Why financial crisis showed its most ferocious face in this country and not elsewhere. What is said and what is meant on the crisis in Greece and about Greece in Europe. To what extent economy and welfare State default affects the institutional infrastructure: democratic legitimacy and rule of law. Should we be talking about a 'post-democracy'? How particular after all is Greece today?

These are questions – among others – targeted within the framework of the 'five lectures' to be held at the Netherlands Institute. The idea is not only to explore and present the impact of the crisis in different fields or levels of social life, but also to contribute to the construction of a new crisis narrative on Greece, about Greece, and to construct the necessary articulations between different State experiences in crisis.

Let's reflect beyond stereotyping. We must present the widest possible European profile to the initiative since many things are taking place in Greece on the matter today. What is important is to export the ideas, not to consume them internally.

The language of the lectures will be English. The lectures will be recorded in order to be presented as video conferences in the Netherlands and elsewhere.

Each lecture will take place on the second or the third Thursday of each month, starting from February 2014.



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CONFERENCE IN THE NETHERLANDS

Somewhere in the autumn of 2014, this serial of lectures at the Netherlands Institute will be presented by the speakers, at a conference that will take place in the Netherlands, probably at the University of Amsterdam, and in cooperation with the Institute for Migration & Ethnic Studies of the University of Amsterdam [*to be confirmed*].

Experts dealing with the topic of the European crisis, and with Greece in particular, from different Dutch universities will also be invited to take part in the conference and to present their views on the crisis in order to create a debate between the lecturers and – eventually – the audience. Important is to come to an open dialogue and to a fruitful exchange of ideas on the subject, leading up to new insights into the Greek and European problems. From this may arise suggestions for a common approach of the crisis in a broad European context.

The lectures and the contributions at the conference will be published as a collective volume in the serial by the Netherlands Institute *Pharos Supplements*, published by Peeters Publishers Leuven (Belgium).

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