



## ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

# GREEK DIASPORA

*History, Achievements & Contributions to Greece*

Athens, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

ACADEMY OF ATHENS  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR GREEKS ABROAD & PUBLIC DIPLOMACY  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

### **About Conference Objectives**

The pivotal role of the Greek Diaspora regarding the planning and implementation of the national liberation struggle has been highlighted within the framework of the celebrations for the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution. Since then, the Greek Diaspora has decisively contributed through various actions, within Greece but also in many countries worldwide, to the battles for survival of the Greek state.

The role of the Diaspora for Greece remains equally important today, concerning Hellenism as a whole, inside and outside the country. This applies particularly to the hoped-for prospect of repatriation of more than 500.000 Greek citizens that have left their homeland during the past decade, depriving Greece of a crucial source of human potential and talent.

On that basis, this initial conference mainly aims at focusing and emphasizing the goal “*Connecting to Greece: How Greek Diaspora views Greece and how Greece perceives the Diaspora*”. The program of presentations is structured along the lines of the three sections of the Academy: Physical Sciences, Ethical and Political Sciences, as well as Letters and the Fine Arts.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

GREEK DIASPORA –  
*HISTORY, ACHIEVEMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS TO GREECE*

15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021  
ACADEMY OF ATHENS MEGARON  
28 PANEPISTIMIOU STR., ATHENS

08.30 – 09.00 Reception & Registration

09.00 – 10.30 **WELCOME REMARKS // CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES/PLENARY TALK**

Chairs: Christos Zerefos, Dimitris Nanopoulos, Academicians

09.00 – 09.10 Loukas Christoforou, President of Academy of Athens

Welcome Address

09.10 – 09.20 Andreas Katsaniotis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Diaspora Greeks

Welcome Address

09.30 – 09.30 Stamatios M. Krimizis, Member of Academy of Athens, Conference Coordinator

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09.30 – 10.15 Ioannis Chassiotis, Professor Emeritus of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Greek Diaspora: A perpetually open chapter of our national History

10:15-10:30 Questions and Discussion

10:30-11:00 Break

11.00 – 12.30 **LETTERS & FINE ARTS**

Chairs: Chryssa Maltezu, Theodoros Papaggelis, Academicians

11.00 – 11.30 Dinos Siotis, Poet, Publisher of ‘Decata’ Journal

Greek Poetry in North America in the 20<sup>th</sup> century

11.30 – 12.00 Maria Makraki, Camerata Europaea, Berlin (conductor, artistic director)

Fine Arts in the Diaspora

12.00 – 12.30 Alexandros Kitroef, Haverford College

Historiography of Modern and Contemporary Greece in the Diaspora

12.30 – 13.30 Break

13.30 – 15.00 **PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

Chairs: Georgios Kollias, Antonios Kounadis, Academicians

13.30 – 14.00 Stylianos Antonarakis, Université de Genève, corresponding member of Academy of Athens

Greek Diaspora’s contribution to Biomedical Research

14.00 – 14.30 Ioannis Iliopoulos, Ecole Normale Supérieure, French Academy

International Presence in Mathematics and Physical Sciences

14.30 – 15.00 Ioannis Kevrekidis, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg Professor of

Engineering, US National Academy of Engineering  
*International Presence in Engineering Sciences*

**15:00-15:30 Break**

**15.30 – 17.45 *ETHICS & POLITICAL SCIENCES***

**Chairs: Anna Bennaki - Psarouda, Vasileios Rapanos, Loukas Papadimos,**  
**Academics**

**15.30 – 16.00 Ioannis Ioannidis**, Professor of Economics, Tufts University, corresponding member of Academy of Athens

*Greek Diaspora in Economics: Europe, USA and its Role in Greece*

**16.00 – 16.30 Van Koufoudakis**, American Hellenic Institute, Professor Emeritus  
Indiana University-Purdue University, Intercollege Nicosia, Cyprus

*Diaspora presence in Political Sciences/ Management/Entrepreneurship*

**16.30 – 17.00 Vasileios Skouris**, former President, European Court of Justice, Professor Emeritus of Public Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, corresponding member of Academy of Athens

*Presence of Greek Diaspora in Law and legal professions*

**17.00 – 17.45 Loukas Christoforou**, President of Academy of Athens

**Ioannis Chrysoulakis**, General Secretary for Greeks Abroad and Public  
Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs\_

*Conference Summary and Conclusions*