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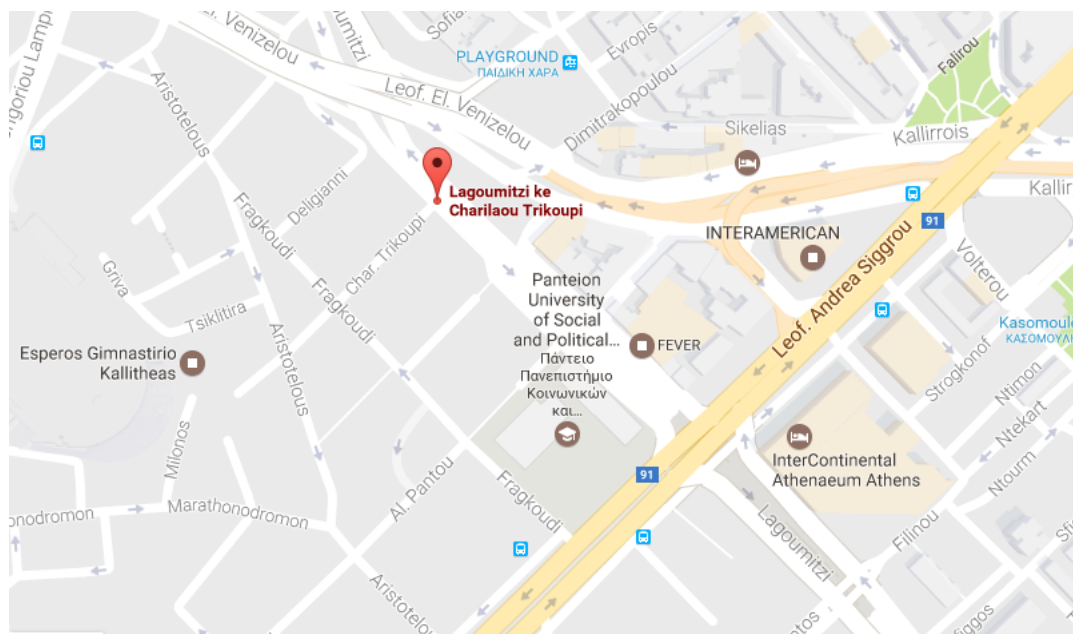
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## Useful information

Panteion University of Athens



**Address:** Building: DESKoi, Xarilaou Trikoupi 1 and Lagoumitzi.

### **How to reach Panteion University of Athens:**

The conference venue is situated only 10 minutes walk from Sygrou-Fix tube station. Buses number A2 and B2 stop right in front of Panteion University; Panteios bus stop.

Alternatively, a taxi will cost you a few euros. **Taxibeat** is a popular app that help people find taxis in Athens.

## Wireless Access WI-FI

Login: GREPOP2017

Password: conference2017

Login & Password are case sensitive.

## Participation fees

The conference fee payment can be paid at the registration desk in **CASH ONLY**. Conference fee is **45 euros**. Delegates who have already paid their memberships at the HPSA for 2017, will pay only a conference fee of 25 euros. Attending the conference is free of charge.

## Local Organizing Committee

Vassiliki Georgiadou  
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## About Us

**GrEPOP** was established in 2012 as the first Standing Group of the Hellenic Political Science Association. Iannis Konstandinidis and Roula Nezi serve as convenor and vice-convenor of GrEPOP. The Group brings together scholars specialising in elections, public opinion and parties. Our primary goal is to promote the development of Quantitative methods in the study of Greek Political Behaviour and to create a network among scholars interested in these issues. We aim to serve this community by organizing conferences and workshops, publishing through our web site information related to upcoming events such as conferences, summer schools and workshops, providing links to databases that might be of the interest of our members, and by offering bibliographic databases relevant to scholars of public opinion and voting.

For further information about our activities, please see our **website**

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The **Centre for Political Research** is a Laboratory of Political Sociology and Comparative Political Analysis at the Department of Political Science and History at the Panteion University of Athens. The aims of the centre are: To design and conduct political and sociological research. To contribute to the continuous improvement of teaching and research activities of the department of political science and History. To cooperate with other educational, research and scientific institutions in Greece and abroad, on subjects of common interest related to political and sociological research and the dissemination of electoral results. Finally, CPS aims at undertaking any other appropriate initiative needed to achieve the above-mentioned objectives.

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The **ECPR Standing Group on Southern European Politics** was established in 1992 with the aim of promoting social science research into contemporary Southern Europe. We aim to attract colleagues at all stages of their professional career including established scholars, PhD candidates, and post-doctoral researchers. Our activities include organizing conferences sections and panels both inside and outside the framework of ECPR (the European Consortium of Political Research). We also aim to promote networking among scholars in the field through our website, email list, and Facebook group.

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# Academic Programme

## Thursday 8th of June

10:30 – 11:00 **Registration and welcome message**

11:00 – 12:15 **Panel 1 – Social Media: New Players in Politics** (In English)

Discussant: Vicky Triga, Cyprus University of Technology.

Online dynamics of the far-right and the far-left in Greece.

Lamprini Rori, Ioannis Katakis and Pantelis Agathagellou

University of Oxford, University of Athens, Open University of Cyprus.

Exploring the most important political issues using Twitter.

Ioannis Andreadis, Evagellia Kartsounidou, Dimitra Papachanthi, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Contagion and Post-Truth Politics Effects.

Theodoros Tsekeris, Charalabos Tsekeris, Centre of Planning and Economic Research & Academy of Athens.

Coffee Break

12:30–14:15 **Panel 2 – Political Parties and Democracy in Greece and Turkey** (In English)

Discussant: Kostas Gemenis, University of Twente.

What Kind of Democracy for Whom? Exploring the Relationship among Political Islam, Conservative Democracy and Authoritarianism by Quantitative Text Analysis.

Berna Öney, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Germany.

Destined to be the political (green) margin? The Ecologists Greens of Greece.

Iosif Botetzagias, University of the Aegean.

Electoral Drift, Political Parties and the Greek Crisis.

Alexandros Kyriakidis, University of Macedonia.

Lunch Break

15:30–17:00 **Panel 3 – Radical Right activism and xenophobia** (In English)

Discussant: Roula Nezi, GESIS-Lebniz Institute for the Social Sciences.

Exploring aspects of extreme right activism and xenophobic manifestations.

Vasiliki Georgiadou, Zinovia Lialiouti\*, Anastasia Kafe\* and Ioannis Galariotis

Panteion University of Athens\* and European University Institute.

Far-right activism and racist violence against refugees in Greece.

Carmen Missiou, Panteion University of Athens.

Between movement and party: the Golden Dawn and ELAM.

Antonis Ellinas, University of Cyprus.

Coffee Break

17:15 – 18:30 **Keynote Elias Dinas, University of Oxford** (In English)

Waking Up the Golden Dawn: How Exposure to the Refugee Crisis Affects Natives' Political Behaviour and Attitudes towards Immigration.

Coordination and introduction to the subject by **Vasiliki Georgiadou**, Panteion University.

## Friday 9th of June

11:00 –12:15 **Panel 4 – Game-playing and data science** (In English)

Discussant: Fernando Mendez, c2d.

Political Attitudes and the Breakdown of Cooperation: Evidence from a Public-Good game.

Roula Nezi \*, Alexia Katsanidou \*, Gerhard Reiner.

GESIS–Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences \*, University of Dusseldorf.

Parties' Mobility on Issues 2009–2015; An Interpretation Based on Game Theory.

Georgia Panagiotidou, Theodoros Chatzipantelis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Data Visualization in the electoral behavior analysis- Greek elections 2007-2015.

Sophia Messini, Yannis Skarpelos, Panteion University of Athens.

Coffee Break

12:30 –14:15 **Panel 5 – The Ideology of the Greek Extreme Right** (In English)

Discussant: Antonis Ellinas, University of Cyprus.

Protest or Ideology? The problem of the popular support to fascism in the context of the crisis.

Evangelos Lagos, Panteion University of Athens.

Anti-Westernism, xenophobia, racism, bigotry, nationalism, conspiracy theories, and free market unease: An empirical investigation of the "Greek national ideology".

Kostas Gemenis, University of Twente.

Class and national identity under negotiation: the case of the industrial zone of Piraeus.

Giorgos Bithimitris, Panteion University.

Lunch Break

15:30- 16:15 **Panel 6 – The Radical Left: Comparative Experiences from Southern Europe** (In English)

Discussant: Iannis Konstantinidis, University of Macedonia.

The influence of incumbency during crisis on the organization of radical left parties: The Greek SYRIZA and the Cypriot AKEL inside and outside of office.

Giorgos Charalambous, Kostas Eleftheriou, University of Cyprus, University of Athens.

Iberian Janus: The Relations Between Social Democracy and Radical Left in Portugal and Spain.

Iannis Vlastaris, Giorgos Xezonakis, Vivian Spyropoulou, Panteion University.

Are Syriza and Podemos populist on Facebook? An analysis of political communication of the first three months of 2016.

Alessandro Albertini, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Italy.

Break

16:30 – 17:15 **Panel 7 – The Contestation of European Integration** (In English)

Discussant: Othon Anastasakis, University of Oxford. The political contestation of European integration in southern Europe: A story of friction among and within parties.

Giorgos Charalambous, Nicolò Conti, Andrea Pedrazzani

University of Cyprus, University of Rome - Unitelma Sapienza, University of Bologna.

National anti-austerity protests as actors of EU politicization.

Kostas Kanellopoulos, University of Crete.

The official discourse of Greek extreme right parties in the European Parliament from 2009 until today: A content analysis.

George Kordas, Panteion University.

Coffee Break

17:30-19:00 **United Kingdom General Election Round-table** (In English)

**Susannah Verney**, University of Athens, **Fernando Mendez**, Centre for research on direct democracy, Switzerland, **Roberto Foa**, University of Melbourne, Australia, **Iannis Konstantinidis**, University of Macedonia, Greece

## Keynote speakers – Short-bios



**Elias Dinas** is Associate Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Oxford and Tutorial Fellow at Brasenose College. His research interests lie in the fields of political sociology, the formation of partisan and ideological identities and the legacy of the authoritarian rule on political attitudes. His research has been published in various journals and has been discussed in various media outlets, including the Economist, the New York Times and the Atlantic. He took his PhD in 2010 from the European University Institute.



**Roberto Foa** is Lecturer in Political Science in the Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne. He completed his Ph.D. at the Department of Government of Harvard University in 2016. His research interests centre on how institutions vary across the world, and why these patterns of variation prove so persistent and resistant to change over time. As a Principal Investigator of the World Values Surveys, he has published articles on quality of government, democratic transition, comparative social indicators, social trust, and patterns of global civil society, and conducted fieldwork in Central Asia, India, and Africa. He is also interested in political methodology, in particular global survey research, index construction and design, and geospatial analysis. His academic publications have appeared in journals such as Governance and the Journal of Democracy, and his non-academic publications in outlets including the New York Times, Vox, and the Financial Times.



**Vassiliki Georgiadou** is Associate Professor of Political Science at the Department of Political Science and History (Panteion University, Greece). She studied Political Science in Athens and in Münster, Germany and she holds her PhD from the Westphalian Wilhelms-University of Münster. Her research interests focus on far right parties, populism, radicalism and political extremism. She was lead researcher in a research project on xenophobia in Greece and she was participating in a research program on social and political radicalism in Greece. She is a member of the board of directors of the Centre for Political Research at Panteion University and a member of the editorial board of Science and Society: Journal of Political and Moral Theory. Since April 2016 she is a member of the National Council Against Racism and Intolerance in Greece.





**Iannis Konstantinidis** serves as convenor of GrEPOP. He holds a Ph.D. in British Politics from the Department of Government, University of Essex, UK. He has also studied Quantitative Methods (MA) at the University of Essex and Computer Science (BSc) at the University of Macedonia, Greece. He is currently an Assistant Professor in Political Behaviour and Research Methodology at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Greece. From 2012 to 2015, he has been the principal co-ordinator of an EU-funded, three-year research project on measuring political radicalism in Greece. He has also been involved as a member of the Main Research Team in four other EU-funded research projects during the same period. He has also been the Academic Coordinator of the Public Opinion Research Unit of the University of Macedonia from 2010 until May 2015 and the Head of Research at Prorata, a private polling company from 2015 to 2017. He is currently the Chief Executive of  $\Pi^2$  - Progress in Practice".



**Fernando Mendez** is a Senior Researcher at the c2d. Apart from his work at c2d he also directs the eDemocracy Centre, which is affiliated to the c2d, and is the coordinator of the Preference Matcher research consortium. Dr. Mendez holds a PhD in Political Science from the European University Institute, Florence. Fernando Mendez's academic interests include direct democracy, comparative federalism, European integration, comparative public policy, and internet politics. He has published across these various fields in journals such as the Journal of European Public Policy; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; Representation; Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies; Acta Politica; Revista de Ciencia Politica. His most recent books, Patterns of Constitution Making (Ashgate 2013); Referendums on European Integrations (Cambridge University Press 2014) and Voting Advice Applications in Modern Political Campaigns and Elections (IGI Global forthcoming) reflect his interdisciplinary interests.



**Susannah Verney** is the Convenor of the ECPR Standing Group on Southern European Politics. She is an Assistant Professor at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She is co-editor (with Anna Bosco) of the journal South European Society and Politics and of the related Routledge book series. She is also a former Associate Editor of The Journal of Modern Greek Studies. Her edited volumes include Protest Elections and Challenger Parties: Italy and Greece in the Economic Crisis (2014), Elections in Hard Times: Southern Europe, 2010–11 (2013) (both co-edited with Anna Bosco) and Euroscepticism in Southern Europe: A Diachronic Perspective (2011). Recent articles have appeared in The International Political Science Review, The Journal of European Integration and The International Spectator.