

Πενήντα χρόνια από το Σύνταγμα του 1975

Η συνταγματική υπόσχεση της Μεταπολίτευσης
και η ποιότητα της Δημοκρατίας και του Κράτους Δικαίου

10-11 Ιουνίου 2025 | Ζάππειο Μέγαρο



The think tank Kyklos Ideon (Circle of Ideas), in collaboration with diaNEOsis and the Delphi Economic Forum, and with the support of Sakkoulas Publications, is organizing a conference to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the 1975 Constitution.

The event will take place on June 10 and 11, 2025, at the Zappeion Megaron, exactly 50 years since the Constitution came into force, under the special title:

Fifty Years Since the 1975 Constitution

**The Constitutional Promise of the 'Metapolitefsi'
and the Quality of Democracy and the Rule of Law**

June 10-11, 2025

Zappeion Megaron, Athens

Under the auspices of the Hellenic Parliament

DAY 1: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – Zappeion Megaron, Hall 5

- [09:00] Arrival & Welcome Coffee
- [09:30] Opening of the Conference

Evangelos Venizelos

- [Introductory Session] **The Constitutional Transition in Southern Europe**

Chairs: **Panagiotis Pikrammenos**, Former President of the Council of State, Former Interim Prime Minister - **Ioannis Sarmas**, Former President of the Court of Audit, Former Interim Prime Minister

Key note Speakers:

Ana Maria Guerra Martins, Judge, European Court of Human Rights, former Judge at the Portuguese Constitutional Court, Full Professor at the Law School of the University of Lisbon

Maria Isabel González Pascual, Professor of Constitutional Law, Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona). Member of the Cabinet of the Ministry on Regional Policies and Democratic Memory, Spanish Government

Catarina Santos Botelho, Professor of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

Antoni Abat Ninet, Researcher, European Studies Institute, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

- [11:00–12:45] **Session A: The Constitutional Moment of the Post-Junta Era – Foundations and Goals of the 1975 Constitution**

Chairs: **Michalis Stathopoulos**, Academician, Professor Emeritus of Civil Law, NKUA, Former Minister of Justice, **Konstantinos Tsoukalas**, Academician,

Professor Emeritus, NKUA

Speakers:

Nikos Alivizatos, Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law, NKUA

Antonis Kouroutakis, Associate Professor, Law School, IE University, Madrid

Kostas Botopoulos, PhD in Law, Lawyer

Nikos Papaspyrrou, Associate Professor of Public Law, NKUA

Nikos Papachristos, PhD in Law, Lawyer

Evanthis Hatzivassiliou, Professor of History, NKUA, Secretary-General of the Hellenic Parliament Foundation

- **[13:00–14:45] Session B: Constitutional Revisions – 1986, 2001, 2008, 2019**

Chairs: **Prokopis Pavlopoulos**, Former President of the Republic, Professor Emeritus, Law School, NKUA - **Filippos Spyropoulos**, Professor Emeritus, Law School, NKUA, Former Interim Minister of Justice

Speakers:

Apostolos Vlachogiannis, PhD in Law

Panagiotis Doudonis, PhD in Law, University of Oxford, Member of Parliament

Panagiotis Mantzoufas, Professor of Constitutional Law, AUTH

Kyriakos Papanikolaou, Lecturer, Law School, DUTH

Alkmene Fotiadou, PhD in Law, Lawyer

Vasiliki Christou, Assistant Professor, Law School, NKUA,

- **[15:00–16:45] Session C: From Constitutional Supremacy to Multilevel Constitutionalism**

Chairs: **Vassilis Skouris**, Professor Emeritus, Law School, AUTH, Former President of the ECJ- **Julia Iliopoulou-Stranga**, Professor Emerita of Constitutional Law, NKUA

Speakers:

Konstantina Georgaki, Assistant Professor, Law School, AUTH

Antonis Metaxas, Professor of European Law, NKUA

Lina Papadopoulou, Professor of Constitutional Law, AUTH

Eugenia Prevedourou, Professor, Law School, AUTH

Nikos Simantiras, PhD in Law, Lawyer

Haris Tsiliotis, Associate Professor, University of the Peloponnese

- **[17:00–18:45] Session D: Parliamentary Democracy in Greece 1974–2025 – Constitution vs. Political Reality**

Chairs: **Kostas Mavrias**, Professor Emeritus, Law School, NKUA, President of the Scientific Council of the Hellenic Parliament, **Giannis Drosos**, Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law, NKUA

Speakers:

Charalambos Anthopoulos, Professor of Law and Administration, Hellenic Open University

Theodora Antoniou, Professor, Law School, NKUA

Spyros Vlachopoulos, Professor, Law School, NKUA

Ifigeneia Kamtsidou, Professor of Constitutional Law, AUTH

Apostolos Papatolias, PhD in Law (Paris X)

Pinelopi Foundetaki, Professor of Constitutional Law, Panteion University

- **[19:00–20:45] Session E: The Greek Constitution in the European**

Constitutional Context

Chairs: **Petros Pararas**, Professor Emeritus, DUTH, Former Vice-President of the Council of State, **Theodoros Fortsakis**, Professor Emeritus of Public Law, NKUA, Membre de l'Académie française (Institut de France),

Speakers:

Achilleas K. Emilianides, Dean, Law School, University of Nicosia, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society Cyprus

Pavlos Eleftheriadis, Professor of Law, University of New York & University of Oxford

Neda Kanelopoulou, Professor of Constitutional Law, Panteion University

Athanasios Rantos, Advocate General of the ECJ, Former President of the Council of State (online)

Kostas Stratilatis, Associate Professor, Law School, NKUA,

DAY 2: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – Zappeion Megaron, Hall 5

- **[09:00] Arrival & Welcome Coffee**
- **[10:00–11:45] Session F: Rule of Law in Greece 1974–2025 – Constitution and Case Law**

Chairs: **Michalis Pikramenos**, President of the Council of State, Professor, Law School, AUTH - **Ioannidis Symeonidis**, Professor, Law School, AUTH, General Commissioner of the State at the Regular Administrative Courts

Speakers:

Katerina Iliadou, Associate Professor of Public Law, NKUA

Giorgos Karavokyris, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, AUTH

Antonis Karampatzos, Professor of Private Law, NKUA

Konstantinos Gogos, Professor of Constitutional Law, AUTH

Christos Mylonopoulos, Professor Emeritus, NKUA, President of the Institute of European and International Criminal Law

Christos Ntouhanis, Vice President of the Council of State

- **[12:00–13:45] Session G: Major Constitutional Crises (1975–2025) and Their Impact on Interpretation**

Chairs: **Antonis Manitakis**, Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law, AUTH, Former Minister, **Kostas Menoudakos**, Former President of the Council of State, President of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority

Speakers:

Giorgos Dellis, Professor, Law School, NKUA

Ioannis Konidaris, Professor Emeritus of Ecclesiastical Law, NKUA

Xenophon Kontiadis, Professor, Panteion University, President of the Centre for European Constitutional Law

Katerina Papanikolaou, PhD (Panthéon-Assas Paris II), Lawyer

Katerina Savvaidou, Associate Professor Public Law, AUTH

Kostas Chrysogonos, Professor of Constitutional Law, AUTH

- **[14:00–15:45] Session H: The National Constitution and Major International & Domestic Challenges**

Chairs: **Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos**, Professor of International Law, NKUA, Former President of the ECHR, **Kostas Remelis**, Professor, Law School, DUTH, Former Rector, DUTH

Speakers:

Christina Akrivopoulou, Assistant Professor, Hellenic Open University

Dimitris Vervesos, President, Athens Bar Association

Ivi Mavromoustakou, Professor, University of Crete

Lilian Mitrou, Professor, University of the Aegean

Fereniki Panagopoulou, Associate Professor, Panteion University

Vasilis Tzemos, Associate Professor, University of Thessaly

- **[16:00–17:30] Session I: Is There a Need to Revise the Constitution (1975/1986/2008/2019)?**

Chair: **Spyros Flogaitis**, Professor Emeritus, Law School, NKUA, Director of EPLO- **Fay Makadasi**, DiaNEOsis

Speakers:

Katerina Sakellaropoulou, Former President of the Republic, Former President of the Council of State,

Evangelos Venizelos, Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs,

Giorgos Gerapetritis, Professor of Constitutional Law, NKUA, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Giorgos Katrougalos, Professor of Public Law, DUTH, Former Minister and MP

- **[17:30–17:45] Intervention**

Sergio Verdugo, Professor of Law, IE University, Spain, Co-President of the ICON•S, Editor of the ICON

- **[17:45–18:00] Conference Summary**

Antonis Pantelis, Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law, AUTH

- **[18:00–19:00] General Discussion**

- **[19:30–21:00] Closing Ceremony**

Zappeion Megaron, Peristilion

Coordinator: Pavlos Tsimas, journalist

Greetings & Official Addresses

Symeon Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum

Dionysis Nikolaou, DiaNEOsis

Evangelos Venizelos, Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

The President of the Hellenic Parliament, Mr **Nikitas Kaklamanis**

Closing of the Conference declared by His Excellency, the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. **Konstantinos Tasoulas**

Musical Performance by Metallon – Brass & Percussion Ensemble of the Athens State Orchestra
Conducted by Maestro **Nikos Chaliasas**

Free Admission

Start: Tuesday 10.6.2025. Time: 9.00 am

The conference is broadcast live via [YouTube](#) with automatic subtitling and real-time translation in multiple languages via the Greek inclusive communication platform [Evenly](#)