

Program – seminar “Euro(pe) – Crisis Without End?
What is the European Idea for the 21st century?”

Part III (Thessaloniki) from April 14-21, 2013

Project description: German-French-Greek pilot project of the French-German Youth Office (DFJW/OFAJ) in cooperation with the Humboldt-University Berlin, Institute for Historical Sciences, the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Grenoble (Sciences Po) and the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe Thessaloniki.

The first part of the seminar, which took place last December 2012 in Berlin, dealt with a deeper analysis of the crisis including political, economic and media perspectives. The second part, which took place in March 2013 in Paris and Brussels, placed its focus on the future of the EU, its medium- and long-term perspectives and scenarios. During the third and last part of the seminar, taking place in April 2013 in Thessaloniki, the participants will analyze their research, develop statements and deliver approaches to solutions for the crisis.

Sunday - 14.04.2013

Arrival

19:30 - Welcome aperitif at the restaurant “Panellinion”

Monday - 15.04.2013 –Place: City hall of Thessaloniki, multipurpose room

10:00 – 11:30

Introduction to the program

Review of the seminar in Paris

Review and analysis of the material and formation of work groups for the third part of the seminar

12:00 – 14:00

Workshop I: *Greece, the crisis and its meaning:*

A new threat in Europe? Populism and extremism as a reaction to the crisis

- Prof. Nikos Marantzidis, University of Macedonia, Department of Balkan, Slavic, and Oriental Studies, Thessaloniki

14:15 - Lunch – City Hall

16:00 – 18:00

Workshop II: *Greece, the crisis and its meaning:*

How does the crisis of the Greek economy impact everyday life? What is the social price of the crisis? Which economic measures are reasonable to overcome the crisis?

- Prof. Christina Deliyanni-Dimitrakou, Aristotle University, Faculty of Law, International Studies
- Martin Knapp, Coordinator of the "Project Eurozone" for the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Berlin

19:00 - Dinner (Free)

Tuesday - 16.04.2013 –Place: City hall of Thessaloniki

10:30 – 12:30

Workshop III: *Greece, the crisis and its meaning:*

Young Greeks and the crisis – How will the new generation react to the challenges?

- Babis Papaioannou, General Manager "Thessaloniki Youth Capital 2014"
- Prof. Nikolaos C. Varsakelis, Department of Economics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

13:00 – 15:00

Debate: *Greece and its neighbors – back then and today.*

- Dimitrios Stamatopoulos, Assistant Professor, Department of Balkan, Slavic & Oriental Studies

Moderation: Fernando Veliz, Humboldt University, Institute for History, Berlin

15:00 – 16:00 – Lunch – City Hall

16:00 – Debriefing and development of the website

Dinner (Free)

Wednesday - 17.04.2013 – Place: City hall of Thessaloniki

10:00 -12:00

Round Table regarding the topic: *Role and responsibility of media in the current crisis.* With the presence of Greek, German and French media representatives.

- Tassos Telloglou, SKAI TV
- Ewald König, Chief Editor, EurActiv.de
- Christiane Schlötzer, Süddeutsche Zeitung

- Alexia Kefalas, Le Figaro, France 24

Moderation: Nenad Sebek, Executive Director CDRSEE (Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe)

12:00 - Press conference in presence of the participants, the French-German Youth Office and of its partner institutions (CDRSEE, Humboldt University, Berlin, and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble)

13:30 – Lunch at the restaurant "Ntore"

Following: Free time/ cultural visits to Thessaloniki

Thursday - 18.04.2013 - Place: Institut Français, Thessaloniki

9:30 – 11:00

Preparation of the public event:

Based upon the contributions from the numerous speakers, the vivid discussions that followed as well as the personal reflections of the students, the results of the three weeks will be written out:

Evaluation in thematic work groups, development of analysis, statements and approaches to solutions for the European crisis.

11:00 – 12:30

Speech: *A Marshall Plan for Europe – Proposal by the DGB*

- Raoul Didier, Head of Department for fiscal policy, German Confederation of German Trade Unions (DGB)

13:00 – Lunch – University of Makedonia

14:30 – 18:00

Preparation of the public event

21:00 - Dinner at "Eis tin Polin" with Rebetika music

Friday - 19.04.2013- Place: Institut Français, Thessaloniki

All day – 9:30 – 18:00

Preparation of the public event:

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Evaluation in thematic work groups, development of analysis, statements and approaches to solutions for the European crisis.

13:00 – Lunch – University of Makedonia

14:30 – 18:00

Final Meeting: Conclusions and statements

Saturday - 20.04.2013 –Place: City hall of Thessaloniki

Event description: After three weeks of intensive work on the current crisis of the Euro and respectively the political crisis of the European Union (EU) the participants of the seminar “Euro(pe) – Crisis Without End?” will present their results at a **public event** on April 20, 2013. During this occasion the students’ website will be presented and their analysis, reflections and suggestions for approaches to solutions for the Euro(pean) crisis will be discussed.

10:00 – 10:30

Opening of the public debates

- Michael B. Christides, Director General for International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece
- Wolfgang Hoelscher-Obermaier, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Thessaloniki
- Christophe Le Rigoleur, Consul General of France, Thessaloniki

10:30 – 12:30 – Panel 1

Youth and the crisis: „Generation unemployed? “ What are the social and economic aftermaths of the Euro(pean) crisis for the young generation and which are yet to follow?

Presentation of results by students

Discussants:

- Wolfgang Hoelscher-Obermaier, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Thessaloniki
- Haris Kyriazis, Vice-President Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)
- Simon Bensasson, Retired senior official of the European Commission and Michael Doukakis Professor for European Citizenship and Democracy atACT Thessaloniki
- Despina Prinia, Academic Coordinator at the Department of International Relations & European Lobbying at City U via Strasbourg University

Moderation: Kaki Bali, Editor (Greek Newspaper Avgi)

Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 – Panel 2

Recurrence in the wake of the crisis: Populism and nationalism. A current threat for Europe?

Presentation of results by students

Discussants:

- Yannis Boutaris, Mayor of Thessaloniki
- Costa Carras, Vice-President Business Advisory Council of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), Thessaloniki
- Christophe Le Rigoleur, Consul General for France, Thessaloniki
- Jens Bastian, Task Force for Greece, Athens*

Moderation: Prof.Hannes Grandits, Humboldt University, History Department, Berlin

16:30 – 18:30 – Panel 3

Collapse or renewal? Can the EU rise stronger and maturated from the crisis?

Presentation of results by students

Discussants:

- Filippos Sachinidis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament (PASOK), former Minister of Finance
- Prof. Eckart Stratenschulte, Head of the Europäische Akademie Berlin, Free University of Berlin
- Prof. Loukas Tsoukalis, President ELIAMEP (Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy) and University of Athens

Moderation: Georgios Christidis, Correspondent (Spiegel online)

18:30 -Closing remarks

19:00 - Evening Reception

Sunday - 21.04.2013

Departure

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Accomodation

Orestias Kastorias Hotel
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