

Why Do People Riot? Causes, Realities, Ways Forward

WORKSHOP

Athens, 5-9 May 2014

Royal Olympic Hotel (*Panorama Conference room, 6th floor*)

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Work languages: Greek and English, with simultaneous translation

PROGRAMME

Monday 5 May 2014

Session 1

09:00-09:15

Registration & Opening

Dr. Thanos Dokos, Director of ELIAMEP & **Dr. George Kassimeris**,
University of Wolverhampton

09:15 – 10:00

Public disorder: A view from the local government

Mr. George Kaminis, Mayor of Athens

10:00 – 11:15

From the rioters' point of view: how rioters think and feel about their actions

Dr. Rosa Vasilaki, University of Bristol

11:15 – 11:45

Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00

Public disorder: a view from the Greek government

Mr. Nikos Dendias, Minister of Public Order and Citizen Protection, Athens

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:15

A Tale of Two Cities - Riots in Manchester and Salford

Mr. Dan Silver & Ms. Amina Lone, Social Action & Research Foundation,
Salford

Tuesday 6 May 2014

Session 2

09:00 – 10:15

Critical Policing Incidents as a catalyst for disorder: A Greek perspective

Mr. Eleftherios Economou, former Chief of Hellenic Police, Athens

10:15 – 11:30

Critical Policing Incidents as a catalyst for disorder: A UK perspective

Mr. Surjeet Manku, West Midlands Police

11:30 – 12:15

Political violence in Greece: A view from SYRIZA

Mr. Yannis Bournous, responsible for the European policy of the main party
of the Syriza coalition, Athens

12:15 – 12:30

Coffee break

12:30 – 13:45

Was racism the main cause for the August 2011 riots in England?

Mr. Simeon Greene, Engage Youth Empowerment Services (E.Y.E.S)

13:45 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 15:45

How the law dealt with the August 2011 riots in the UK

Ms. Alka Brigue, Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)

20:00 **Welcome Dinner** at Strofi restaurant

Wednesday 7 May 2014 Session 3

09:30 – 10:30 The Protests/Riots Environment and the Media Environment / Coverage: Lessons Learned
Mr. Athanassios Kokalakis, former Spokesman, Hellenic Police

10:30 – 11:45 Engagement to influence riots: The role of the social media
Mr. Paul Betts, West Midlands Police

11:45 – 12:15 **Coffee break**

12:15 – 13:15 A view from the Greek media
Mr. Nikos Konstantaras, Columnist and managing Editor, *Kathimerini* daily

13:15 – 14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 – 15:30 Political violence in Greece
Dr. Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, Associate Professor, University of Athens

17:00 Visit to the Acropolis Museum

Thursday 8 May 2014 Session 4

09:00 – 10:15 The Role of the Police: A Greek view
Mr. Vasileios Rokos, Lt Colonel, Hellenic Police

10:15 – 11:30 Medical Support to Public Order Operations
Mr. Justin Burke-Jones, Acting Regional Head of Emergency Preparedness, West Midlands Ambulance Service, NHS Trust

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 13:15 The Role of the Fire Department
Mr. Ioannis Stamoulis, Chief Fire Officer

13:15 – 14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 – 15:30 Them, Us and the Fire and Rescue Service
Mr. Peter O'Reilly, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

Friday 9 May 2014 Final session

09:00 – 11:30 "What did we learn?" Workshop summing-up

11:30 – 12:30 **Lunch**

12:30 Departure to the airport