

Invitation

The **Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)**
is organising a **public discussion** on:

Fake news, Conspiracy Theories and Antivax Movements: the case of Greece

The discussion will be held
on **Tuesday June 28 2022 at 17:00 – 19:15.**

The agenda is available below.

The global pandemic makes part of a sequence of recent crises, the repercussions of which have deeply affected humanity during the last couple of years. With its direct threat against human life, the social isolation measures that it enforced, as well as the complex negative emotions that it triggered, covid-19 has disrupted individual security both physically and ontologically. While its blueprint on political behaviour remains to be seen, movements against vaccination and disobedience to the measures against the diffusion of coronavirus have systematically fuelled political discontent, challenging governments in democratic regimes. Conspiracy theories and fake news are a consistent feature throughout this period: by spreading rapidly, they often precipitate individuals to take action in real life, leading to wrong – if not dangerous – decisions, harmful effects for public health and the economy, mass protest or resistance against the vaccines. Key misinformation stories often spread like wildfire, potentially outpacing the spread of the virus itself, reminding us the role of mass and social media in the phenomenon. By delving into the case of Greece as a case study or in comparative perspective, the aim of this colloquium is twofold: a) to understand the antivaccination attitude and movement, by the means of different disciplines and b) to understand the nature of misinfobelief, its magnitude, as well as ways to tackle its spread.

Live streaming will be available on the **ELIAMEP website**
on ELIAMEP's official accounts on **Facebook** and **YouTube**.

You may submit **your questions**
prior to and during the live discussion at: events@eliamep.gr

AGENDA

Tuesday, June 28 2022

17:00 – 18:00

Panel I: Antivax movement *(in Greek)*

Speakers:

Fotis Bobos, MD Psychiatrist; Training Analyst, International Psychoanalytical Association; Director, Training Institute of the Hellenic Psychoanalytical Society

Dimitra Dimitrakopoulou, Visiting Assistant Professor - Marie Curie Global Fellow, MIT Media Lab & University of Zurich

Vasiliki Georgiadou, Professor of Political Science; Director, Centre for Political Research, Panteion University

Anastasia Kafe, Research Fellow, Centre of Political Research, Panteion University

Lamprini Rori, Assistant Professor in Political Analysis, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Moderator:

Triantafyllos Karatrandos, Research Fellow, ELIAMEP

18:00 – 18:15

Keynote Speech

Margaritis Schinas, Vice President of the European Commission for Promoting the European Way of Life

18:15 – 19:15

Panel II: Fake news and Conspiracy theories in the Covid-19 era *(in English)*

Speakers:

Telmo Baltazar, Principal Adviser for Corporate & Political Communication, DG Communication, European Commission

Tereza Capelos, Associate Professor in Political Psychology; Director, Institute for Conflict Cooperation and Security, University of Birmingham

Nicolas Demertzis, Director and President, National Center of Social Research (EKKE)

Antonis Kalogeropoulos, Assistant Professor in Communication and Media, University of Liverpool; Research Associate, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, University of Oxford

Renate Nicolay, Head of Cabinet of Věra Jourová, Vice-President for Values and Transparency, European Commission

Moderator:

Odin Linardatou, Head of Communications, ELIAMEP