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The evolution of

MODERN CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

THREATS AND CHALLENGES

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Wednesday 21 October 2026
Hall of the Senate, Hellenic Parliament

17:00-17:30 *Welcoming addresses*

Georgios Georgantas, Second Vice-President of the Hellenic Parliament
Konstantinos A. Papageorgiou, President of the Academic Committee of the Conference

17:30-18:45 Keynote speech
CHAIR: **K.A. Papageorgiou**

Philip Pettit, *The Idea and the Institutions of Democracy*

Discussion

18:45–19:15 Coffee break

19:15- 20:15 Roundtable
Democracy: The Modern Greek Experience: post-1974

CHAIR: **Nikos Alivizatos**
Vassiliki Georgiadou
Evanthis Hatzivassiliou
Dimitris A. Sotiropoulos

Thursday 22 October 2026
Conference Hall, Hellenic Parliament, 22–24 Amalias St.

10:00-11:30
CHAIR: **Stelios Virvidakis**

Klaus Günther, *From Spirit to Spectre of Laws? Liberal Democracy and Abuse of Law*
George Letsas, *Who is Afraid of the Living Constitution?*

Discussion

11:30–12:00 Coffee break

12:00–13:30
CHAIR: **Arthur Ripstein**

Filimon Peonidis, *Democracy and Freedom of Expression: Ancients and Moderns*
Nicholas Papaspyrou, *Democracy and Freedom: Institutional Interdependence*

Discussion

17:00-18:30
CHAIR: **Ioannis A. Tassopoulos**

Nadia Urbinati, *The Populist Turn*
Vassiliki Christou, *Democracy as Political Liberty. Between Participation and Deliberation*

Discussion

18:30-19:00 Coffee break

19:00–20:00 Roundtable
Democracy and Culture

CHAIR: **K.A. Papageorgiou**
Céline Spector
Stathis Kalyvas
Alexander Nehamas
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10:00–11:30
CHAIR: **Vasso Kindi**

Céline Spector, *The Nation Against the People? Nationalism and Democracy*
Konstantinos A. Papageorgiou, *Just War, Peace and Democracy*

Discussion

11:30–12:00 Coffee break

12:00–13:30
CHAIR: **Grigoris Molivas**

Arthur Ripstein, *Giving Laws to Ourselves*
Vassilis Voutsakis, *Disagreement in and about Democracy*

Discussion

17:00 -18:30
CHAIR: **Nadia Urbinati**

Sabine Müller-Mall, *Democratic Constitutionalism in the Age of Computation*
José Luis Martí, *AI and the Crisis of Democracy: a Normative Framework for an Augmented Democracy*

Discussion

18:30-19:00 Coffee break

19:00-20:10 Roundtable
On the Future of Democracy

CHAIR: **Hugo Dixon**
Klaus Günther
Arthur Ripstein
Vasso Kindi
Céline Spector

▸ *Certificates of attendance will be available upon request*

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