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The evolution of
**MODERN
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THREATS AND CHALLENGES



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THE HELLENIC PARLIAMENT FOUNDATION
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Wednesday 21 October 2026

Hall of the Senate, Hellenic
Parliament

17:00-17:30 Welcoming
addresses

Nikitas M. Kaklamanis, 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
Nadia Urbinati

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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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