

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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**Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
and the Humanistic University Berlin**

Joint Conference on

Democracy in Ancient and Modern Times

The ancient Greek experience and its relevance for our own times

Athens, 2nd - 4th October 2024

Main Building of the University of Athens, (30 Panepistimiou st.)

Opening session: 3.10.24 Oct., at Great Hall

Proceedings: 3. & 4.10.2024 Oct., at Alkis Argyriadis Amphitheatre

Thursday, 3rd October, 2024

Part I: Introductions

Moderator: Professor Kyriazis

09:00 hrs: *Greetings*

09:30 hrs: Conference Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs
Professor Dr. Spyridon Vlachopoulos (University of Athens)
Professor Dr. Winfried Schmitz (University of Bonn)

10:00 hrs: The Ethos of Democracy
Professor Dr. Julian Nida-Rümelin (University of Munich)
Fmr Minister of State for Culture
Founding Rector of the Humanistic University Berlin

10.45 hrs: The Concept of Law and Democracy in ancient Greece and Rome
Professor Dr. Prokopis Pavlopoulos, fmr President of the Hellenic Republic

11:30 hrs: The Democracy of the ancient Greeks and its relevancy for our own times
Dr.h.c. Volos Guy Féaux de la Croix, attorney-at-law (Cologne)

12:15 hrs: Discussion

12.45 hrs: *Lunch break*

Part II: Democracy – why in Greece? Foundations and Beginnings

Moderator: Dr. Katarina Nebelin

14.15 hrs: From Violence to Reform: The painful birth of the Athenian Democracy
Professor Athina Dimopoulou (University of Athens)

15.00 hrs: The Athenian Democracy: A road accident of history?
Professor Dr. Winfried Schmitz (University of Bonn)

15.45 hrs: Graeca non leguntur: The Rule of Law and its roots in Ancient Greece
Professor Dr. Heinz Barta (University of Innsbruck)

16.30 hrs: Discussion

Part III: The Culture of Democracy

Moderator: Professor Schmitz

17.00 hrs: Political Culture in the Athenian Democracy of the 5th and 4th century BC
Professor Dr. Christopher Degelmann (Humboldt University, Berlin)

17.45 hrs: Democratic Socialisation and democratic education
Professor Dr. Marian Nebelin (Technische Universität Chemnitz)

18.30 hrs: Discussion

20.00 hrs: Star Trek Democracy – Cineastic Visions of Living Together, from 1968 until today:
Dr. Nathalie Weidenfeld (University of Munich)

Friday, 4th October, 2024

Part IV: Institutions of the Athenian Democracy

Moderator: Asst. Professor Simantiras

09.30 hrs: Deliberative Institutions of the Athenian Democracy
Professor Dr Vasiliki Christou (University of Athens)

10.15 hrs: Legislator by lot in ancient and modern democracy
Professor Dr. Spyridon Vlachopoulos (University of Athens)

11.00 hrs: Discussion

11.30 hrs: Direct Democracy in ancient and modern times
Prof. Dr. Nicholas Kyriazis, University of Thessaly Volos
Prof. Emmanouil M.L. Economou, University of Thessaly Volos

12.15 hrs: Autonomy, Immediacy and Participation -
Keywords on the crisis of representative democracy
Prof. Dr. Peter-Alexis Albrecht, Goethe-University of Frankfurt/M

12.45 hrs: Discussion

13.15 hrs: *Lunch break*

Part V: Democracies in Crisis

Moderator: Professor Dimopoulou

14.30 hrs: From epistemic democracy to democratic expertise:
The Constitutional challenge of effective governance
Professor Nikolaos Simantiras (University of Athens)

15.15 hrs: The Defense and Failure of Democracy
Dr. Katarina Nebelin (University of Klagenfurt)

16.00 hrs Athenian Democracy under Roman Rule:
Crisis, Rebirth and its reception in modern times
Professor Dimitris Karambelas (University of Athens)

17.30 hrs: Discussion

Part VI: Conclusions and Outlook

Moderator: Professor Albrecht

18.00 hrs: **Summary / Outlook**
Professor Dr. Nicholas Kyriazis (University of Athens)
Professor Dr. Winfried Schmitz (University of Bonn)

18.30 hrs: Discussion

19.00 hrs: **Concluding remarks**
Professor Dr. Julian Nida-Rümelin, fmr Minister of State
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