



**EU and Southeastern Europe: Democracy and Human Rights Challenges
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Program

09:00-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:15 Welcoming remarks
Kalliopi Koufa, Emeritus Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, President of the Kalliopi Koufa Foundation
Dimitris Keridis, Professor, Panteion University, Director of the Navarino Network

10:15-11:45 European Integration and Southeastern Europe: Promoting democracy, the rule of law and human rights
Remzi Lani, Executive Director, Albanian Media Institute
Dusan Reljic, Head of Brussels Office, SWP – Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik/German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin
Sotiris Serbos, Assistant Professor, Democritus University of Thrace, Research Fellow at Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Athens

Chair: Dimitris Keridis

11:45-12:30 Coffee break

12:30-14:00 The return of the strong man: Backpedaling on democracy in Southeastern Europe

Remzi Lani

Dusan Reljic

Ruth Sutton, Development Officer CDRSEE (Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe)

Dimitris Keridis

Chair: Dimitris Triantafyllou, Associate Professor, Kadir Has University, Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES)

14:00-15:30 Lunch break

15:30-17:00 Minorities in Southeastern Europe: Human rights, conflicts and identities

Dobrinka Chankova, Professor, South-West University "N. Rilski", Director of the Institute of Conflict Resolution- Sofia

Ioannis Armakolas, 'Stavros Kostopoulos' Research Fellow & Head of South-East Programme, ELIAMEP

Vassilios Grammatikas, Assistant Professor, Democritus University of Thrace

Maria Varaki, Post doctoral research fellow, Erik Castren Institute of International Law and Human Rights

Chair: Paroula Perraki, f. Professor, University of Macedonia

17:00-17:15 Closing remarks

Dimitris Keridis

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