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DEBT SOVEREIGNTY AND CIVIL SOCIETY APRIL 26TH & 27TH, 2012

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Conference Outline:

The collapse of Lehman brothers in the fall of 2008 was not greeted in Greece with anything like the urgency currently on display in the media and the streets of the country. An event of global proportions required at the time all the world's attention, as assumptions about the proper functioning of government, financial institutions, regulatory bodies, and instruments of global governance were put to the test.

And yet, in the years that followed, what started as a banking crisis morphed into a broad systemic challenge on states (the so-called PIGS and beyond), transnational bodies of social, political, and economic governance (EU), and the world economy in general.

The proposed conference seeks to understand the Greek crisis in historical, political, and economic contexts. It looks at the history of debt crises and locates the seeds of the current events in concrete historical and political circumstances. It examines the effects of the crisis on sovereign nations and the challenges of crisis management for transnational institutions.

Finally it examines the response of civil society to the demands of supranational institutions and to the abstract forces of world finance. Overall the proposed conference brings together scholars who have thought about Greece, Portugal, Europe in general, Argentina, ethics, world finance, sovereignty, transnational institutions, and debt crises in historical, political, social, and economic contexts. Fulfilling SFU's commitment to think of the World, this conference attempts to put our university at the centre of important conversations regarding current affairs.

Schedule

Thursday, April 26, 2012:
Strategy Room 420 at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Morning Session

9:30-10:00
Coffee and Tea

10:00-10:15
Welcoming Address

10:15-10:55
Welcoming Keynote Address

Edward McWhinney (SFU Emeritus)

11:00-12:00
Keynote Speaker

George Dertilis (ÉHÉSS) –
War, Politics, and Public Debt: the Greek Case, 1824-2012
(provisional)

12:00-1:30
Lunch Break

Thursday, April 26, 2012:
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Afternoon Session

1:30-3:00

Historical perspectives and Political contexts

- Chair Dimitris Krallis (SFU)

Lawrin Armstrong (University of Toronto) –
Debt Crises, Ethical, and Legal Questions

Katerina Lagos (California State University, Sacramento) –
Contextualizing the Greek Crisis: Historical Reflections and Perspectives

André Gerolymatos (SFU) –
The noxious legacy of World War II:
The Greek crisis and its less obvious Roots

3:00-3:15

Coffee Break

3:15-4:15

Politics and the question of Europe

- Chair André Gerolymatos (SFU)

Michalis Spourdalakis (University of Athens) –
The Crisis and the two-party System

Dimitris Papadimitriou (Manchester University) –
Europeanization and Crisis

Friday, April 27, 2012:
Strategy Room 420 at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Morning Session

9:00-9:30

Coffee and Tea

9:30-10:30

Institutional framework and the DNA of the Crisis

- Chair Alec Dawson (SFU)

Stavros Thomadakis (University of Athens) –
The Greek fiscal crisis: debt, market illusions and the content of reform

Emilios Avgouleas (University of Edinburgh) –
Systematic Governance Failures, Debt, and the Greek Crisis

10:30-10:45

Coffee Break

10:45-11:45

Civil Society and the Crisis

- Chair Dimitris Krallis (SFU)

Kostis Kornetis (Brown University) –
Youth Mobilization and the Crisis

Valia Aranitou (University of Crete) –
Organized Interests and the Crisis in Greece

12:00-1:30

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

1:30-2:30

Comparative Approaches

- Chair Mark Leier (SFU)

Othon Anastasakis (University of Oxford) –
The Comparative Politics of the Debt Crisis

Gaston Gordillo (UBC) –
The Argentinean Past of the Greek Future

2:30-2:45

Coffee Break

2:45-3:45

Reflections on the Responses to the Crisis – The way forward

- Chair André Gerolymatos (SFU)

Stephen Easton (SFU) – Title TBA

Álvaro Santos Pereira (Minister of Economy and Labour, Portugal/SFU) –
The Portuguese Perspective on the Crisis

**Saturday, April 28, 2012:
Strategy Room 320 at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue**

10:00

A Roundtable Conversation on the Crisis.

This event will be recorded for media exposure and also streamed live through a variety of local and international news outfits.

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The aim of the Centre is to make Hellenic Studies accessible to university and non-university students with teaching and research as the cornerstone of the Centre's activities. These tasks are accomplished by training future scholars in Greek history, language and culture. The Centre is dedicated to the survival of Greek studies both in the West and in Asia.

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