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Day 1 - The Past | Tuesday, October 6, 2026

09.00 Arrival of Guests – Registration

10.00 Introductory Remarks

- **Gerasimos Siasos**, *Rector, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

- **Periklis Dimitrolopoulos**, *Executive Editor, TO VIMA*

- **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, *Founder and President, Delphi Economic Forum, Greece*

10.20 Opening Address by

H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Constantine An. Tassoulas

10.40 Discussion on the book series: "The Great History of Athens"
Featuring: The editors of the special edition from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)

- **Vangelis Karamanolakis**, *Professor of Theory and History of Historiography, Department of History and Archaeology, NKUA*
- **Katerina Nikolaou**, *Professor of Byzantine History, Department of History and Archaeology, NKUA*
- **Selini Psoma**, *Professor of Ancient History, Department of History and Archaeology, NKUA*
- **Yiannis Papadatos**, *Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology, Department of History and Archaeology, NKUA*

- *Moderator:* **Markos Karasarinis**, *Managing Editor, TO VIMA*

11.20 In Conversation: Athens as Seen by Others

- **Bettany Hughes**, *Author, Historian and Broadcaster*

- *Moderator:* **Odin Linardatou**, *Editor in Chief, TO VIMA International Edition*

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11.50 In Conversation: From Myth to the Modern City – Greek Democracy's Opportunities and Challenges

- **H.E. Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, *Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic*
- **Daniel Mendelsohn**, *Author, Classics Scholar, Translator, Bard College*

- *Moderator:* **Periklis Dimitrolopoulos**, *Executive Editor, TO VIMA*

12.30 Coffee Break

13.00 The Trial of Socrates: Narration and Reenactment

- **Konstantinos Christodoulou**, *Prof., Dr jur., Dr phil., National & Kapodistrian University of Athens Law School*
- **Athina Dimopoulou**, *Professor of Legal History, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens Law School*

Narrators: Grigoris Kontopoulos, Maria Margariti, Maria Fefe, Andreas Christopoulos, *Law students, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

13.30 Address

- **Lina Mendoni**, *Minister of Culture, Hellenic Republic*

13.45 The Sicilian Expedition: Narration and Reenactment

- **Vassilis Lentakis**, *Professor of Ancient Greek Philology, Dpt. of Greek Philology, NKUA*
- **Theodosios Dimos**, *Philologist (Ancient Greek Literature), NKUA*
- **Christos Frossinakis**, *PhD Candidate in Classics, Department of Classical Philology, NKUA*



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14.15 Athens Between East and West: A Cultural Clash

- **Yannis Voulgaris**, *Emeritus Professor of Political Sociology, Panteion University*
- **Soti Triantafyllou**, *Author, Historian*
- **Aristides Hatzis**, *Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

- *Moderator:* **Paschos Mandravelis**, *Columnist, TO VIMA – TA NEA*

15.00 Athens' Contribution to Economic Growth

- **Yannis Stournaras**, *Governor, Bank of Greece*

15.15 Light Lunch Break

16.00 The Historical Mission of Knowledge: Universities within the Urban Fabric

- **Gerasimos Siasos**, *Rector, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*
- **Ioannis Chatjigeorgiou**, *Rector, National Technical University of Athens*
- **Christina Koulouri**, *Rector, Panteion University*
- **Vassilis Vasdekis**, *Rector, Athens University of Economics and Business*

- *Moderator:* **Marnie Papamatthaiou**, *Managing Editor, TO VIMA*

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16.45 Landmarks of Power: Untold Athenian Political Stories

Athenian Political Moments

- **Antonis Samaras**, *Prime Minister of Greece (2012-2015)*

Politics and Memory

- **Evangelos Venizelos**, *Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2013 - 2015); Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister (2011 - 2012); Professor emeritus of Constitutional Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*
- **Maria Damanaki**, *European Commissioner (2010-2014), President of Synaspismos (1991 - 1993)*

- *Moderator:* **Elli Stai**, *Journalist*

17.30 In Conversation: For a City of Equal Opportunities

- **Kyriakos Pierrakakis**, *President of the Eurogroup, Minister of Economy and Finance, Hellenic Republic*

- *Moderator*: **Dimitra Kroustalli,** *Editor in Chief, TO VIMA*

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09.00 Arrival of Guests - Registration

09.50 Opening Remarks
- **Periklis Dimitrolopoulos**, *Executive Editor, TO VIMA*

10.00 Welcome Address by the President of the Parliament
- **Nikitas Kaklamanis**, *President of the Hellenic Parliament*

10.15 Address
- **Nikos Hardalias**, *Governor, Attica Region, Hellenic Republic*

10.25 Hidden Athens: What Unfold as You Unearth the City's History

- **Spyros Vlachopoulos**, *Professor of Constitutional Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Contributor, TO VIMA*

10.40 In Conversation: A Personal Relationship with the City

- **Katerina Sakellaropoulou**, *President of the Hellenic Republic (2020-2025)*

- *Moderator:* **Makis Provatas**, *Journalist-Author, Mega News 104,6*

11.00 Presentation of Metron Analysis Survey on Athens

- **Stratos Fanaras**, *President & CEO, Metron Analysis*
- **Giannis Balabanidis**, *Political Analyst, Head of Political & Social Research, Metron Analysis*

- *Moderator:* **Dimitra Kroustalli,** *Editor in Chief, TO VIMA*

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11.20 Discussion

- **Haris Doukas**, *Mayor of Athens*
- **Christos Chomenidis**, *Writer*

- *Moderator:* **Dimitra Kroustalli,** *Editor in Chief, TO VIMA*

11.50 Coffee Break

12.20 The Economic Capital of Greece: Current Realities and Future Prospects

- **Spyros Theodoropoulos**, *Chairman of the BoD, Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)*
- **Agapi Sbokou**, *President, Greek Tourism Confederation (SETE)*

- *Moderator:* **Nikos Vettas**, *Gen. Dir, Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research - IOBE, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business*

12.50 Where Athens Stands: A Comparative City Perspective

- **Christos Cabolis**, *Adjunct Professor of Economics and Competitiveness, IMD*

13.00 In Conversation: A Plan for the City, a Plan for the Country

- **Nikos Androulakis**, *President, PASOK-Movement for Change*

- *Moderator:* **Pavlos Tsimas**, *Journalist, MEGA TV, TO VIMA, TA NEA, Mega News 104,6*

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13.30 Everyday Athens: A Welcoming or Unwelcoming City?

- **Katerina Vrana**, *Stand-up comedian*
- **Michael Afolayan,** *Actor, Musician, Cultural Manager, and Founder & Director of ANASA Cultural Centre*
- **Adam Markakis**, *Founder & Executive Director, Astylab*

- *Moderator:* **Angeliki Korre**, *Columnist, TO VIMA*

14.00 Athenian Families: Growing Up and Raising Children in the Capital

- **Domna Maria Michailidou**, *Minister of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs, Hellenic Republic*
- **Effie Achtsioglou**, *Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity (2016 – 2019)*
- **Christos Chomenidis**, *Writer*
- **Aikaterini Papageorgiou**, *Theatre Director & Artistic Director, Theatre Facilitator at Korydallos Men's Prison*

- *Moderator:* **Ntinos Siomopoulos**, *Journalist, MEGA TV, TO VIMA*

14.40 Light Lunch Break

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15.20 Car-Free Cities: A Desirable Future or an Impossible Mission?

- **Kent Larson,** *MIT Professor of the Practice* (online)
- **Panayiotis Tournikiotis**, *Professor Emeritus, National Technical University of Athens*

- *Moderator:* **Kostas Bakoyannis**, *Mayor of Athens (2019-2023)*

16.00 In Conversation: A Plan and Prospects for Creece's Capital

- **Alexis Tsipras,** *President of the Greek Left Alliance (EL.A.S.), Prime Minister of Greece (2015 - 2019)*

- *Moderator:* **Niki Lymperaki**, *Journalist, MEGA TV, TO VIMA, Mega News 104,6*

16.30 Resilience & Climate Crisis: Can the City Endure for Decades to Come?

- **Constantinos Cartalis**, *Professor NKUA, Member of the European Scientific Advisory Body on Climate Change, IPCC Lead Author*
- **Panos Kafousias**, *Director, Philodassiki Society of Athens*
- **Maria Logotheti**, *President and CEO, Climate Change Hub, Senior Policy Advisor ELIAMEP*

- *Moderator:* **Angelos Alexopoulos,** *Editor, TO VIMA*



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17.00 Public Spaces, Residential Development, and Urban Identity

- **Manolis Korres,** *Architect, President of the Committee for the Conservation of the Acropolis Monuments*
- **Andreas Giacumacatos**, *Professor Emeritus of Architecture, Athens School of Fine Arts*
- **Andreas Kourkoulas**, *Professor, NTUA, Architect*
- **Eirini Gratsia**, *MSc Archaeologist, Coordinator of MONUMENTA*

- *Moderator:* **Giorgos Polymeneas,** *Head of Culture, Digital Edition, TO VIMA*

17.45 The Spirit of the City: The Future of Art and Culture

- **Argyro Chioti**, *Artistic Director of the National Theatre of Greece*
- **Syrago Tsiara**, *Director of the National Gallery*
- **Maria Georgopoulou**, *Director of the Gennadius Library*
- **Xenia Kaldara,** *President of the BoD and Managing Director of the Michael Cacoyannis Foundation*

- *Moderator:* **Myrto Loverdou,** *Journalist, TO VIMA*

18.30 Keynote Speech: Less Aesthetics More Ethics 2.0

- **Massimiliano Fuksas**, *Architect, Studio Fuksas*

18.45 Form, Function and Values: Shaping the City of Tomorrow

- **Bas Smets**, *Landscape Architect, Bureau Bas Smets* (online)
- **Alexandra Daliani**, *Architect, Founder Creative Architects*

- *Moderator:* **Kostas Bourousis**, *Editor, TO VIMA, BHMAGAZINO*

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- **Haris Doukas**, *Mayor of Athens*

- **Carlos Moreno**, *Scientific Director of the research lab "Entrepreneurship Territory Innovation", IAE Paris-Sorbonne, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne* (online)

19.35 Closing Remarks

- **Periklis Dimitrolopoulos**, *Executive Editor, TO VIMA*

- **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, *Founder and President, Delphi Economic Forum, Greece*

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