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STUDENTS' HANDBOOK



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WELCOME TO THE MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

WELCOME TO OUR 27TH STUDENT COHORT

Dear Students,

Congratulations! Being admitted into your desired programme is a significant achievement. We welcome your interest in Southeast European Studies: Politics, History and Economics at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

The Southeast European Studies: Politics, History and Economics is the oldest English language master's programme in Greece, now in its 27th year. It was launched in 1999 as an international initiative in the framework of the Royaumont process, to promote peace and reconciliation in the Balkans after the Yugoslav Wars. Since then, it has attracted more than 600 students not only from the Balkans but also from many countries around the world, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, France, Italy, Russia, and the US, to mention but a few.

We have a long experience in Southeast European studies, and we continue to see our key role in helping to promote understanding of the historical, political, economic, and legal issues on Southeast Europe and promote good neighborliness among students and future opinion leaders. The aim of our programme is twofold. The first one is purely academic, that is to provide a thorough and multidisciplinary understanding of the key historical, political, economic, and legal issues on Southeast Europe. Students will develop critical theoretical, methodological, and analytical skills on the Southeast European region and understanding of its current affairs and learn to apply them in their own professional context. The second aim is broader. As the program was founded during the Kosovo crisis, at a time of violent upheaval in Southeast Europe, the idea was to bring together students from the region and beyond, students from different cultures, to learn about Southeast Europe with and from each other, and thus contribute to the promotion of peace, democracy, and reconciliation of the region.

Today, the Southeast European region is still the entry point for new challenges for Europe and the Western world: security problems, migration, border disputes, competition for energy sources and the climate change impacts. Therefore, new topics have been including in our programme, such as migration and asylum governance, security and stability in Southeast Europe, a better understanding of contemporary Turkey, peaceful settlement of disputes and the role of international law and justice, nationalism and democratic transition pathways, climate policy and the role of diplomacy in helping the green transition move forward.

I hope this new journey leads you to wonderful destinations.

Sincerely,

Emmanuella Doussis

Professor of international institutions

Director of the program

1. MEET THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE SEE STUDIES MASTER'S PROGRAMME

The Coordinating Committee is the 'management board' of the programme, responsible for all major decisions concerning its functioning, including decisions on student appeals.

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2. MEET THE SEE STUDIES PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATOR



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3. INTRODUCING YOUR NEW ‘HOME’

3.1 OUR BUILDING IN 42-44 AIOLOU STREET

Welcome to 42-44 Aiolou Street, Athens 105 60, the building used by all the Postgraduate Programmes of the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration. The same building also houses our departmental library. We are just a few minutes’ walk from Monastiraki Metro Station and 10 minutes’ walk from Syntagma Square. We are also really close to the well-known neighbourhoods of Plaka and Psyrri.

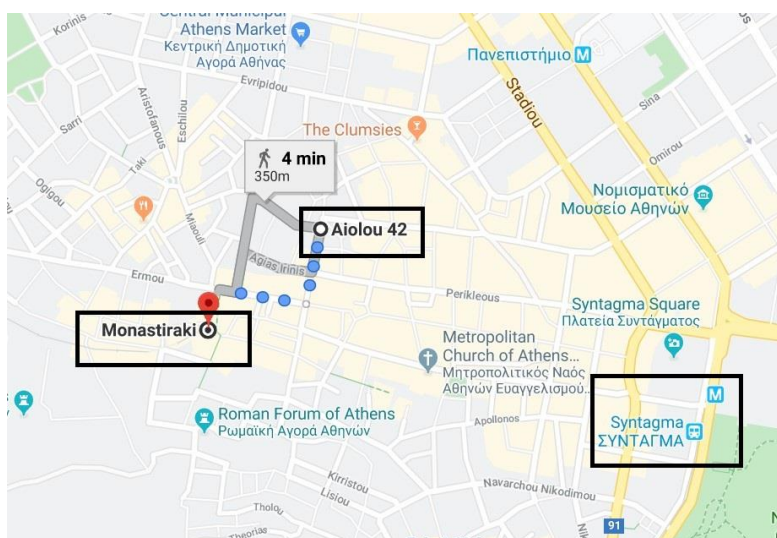


Our classroom



KET

The SEE Studies programme has a dedicated classroom of its own, located on the 2nd floor of the building. Sometimes we may also use the “KET” classroom next door.



The Aiolou building is located 4 minutes walking distance from Monastiraki metro station and 9 minutes walking distance from Syntagma square.

3.2 ALSO INTRODUCING ... 6 THEMISTOKLEOUS STREET



The ground floor entrance

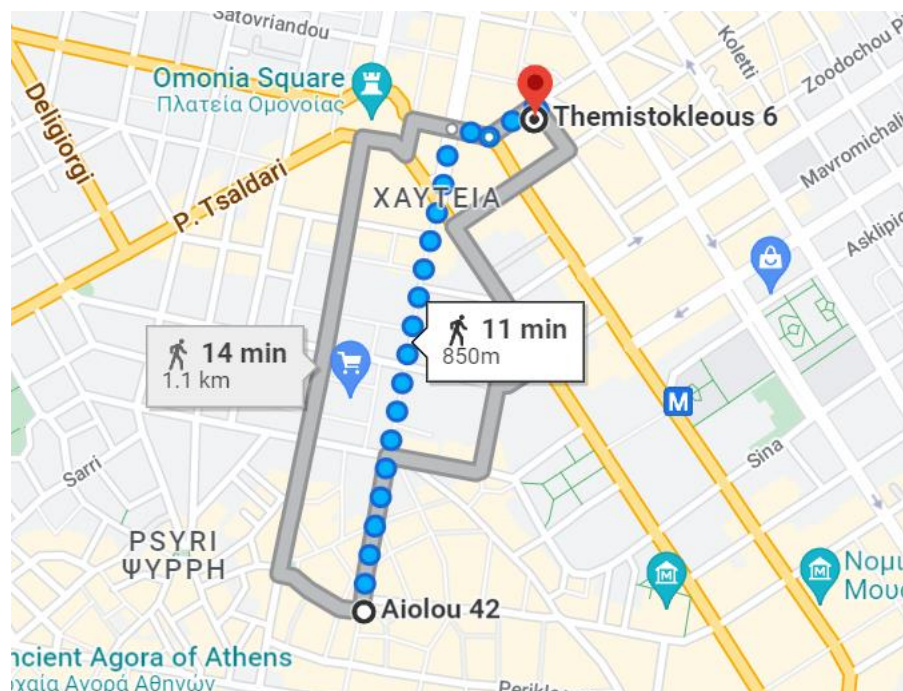


Our secretariat, 2nd floor



The seminar room

Welcome to the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration at **6 Themistokleous Street**, just a few minutes' walk from Omonoia Square and Metro Station. Here you will find the Programme Secretariat as well as the offices of the departmental faculty members. Sometimes classes may also take place here in the Seminar Room on the first floor. We are 11 minutes' walking distance from the building at 42-44 Aioulou Street.



4. WINTER SEMESTER DIARY DATES

Winter - Semester 2025	
Registration at NKUA	Tbc
Teaching begins	Monday 22/9/2025
Orientation meeting	Monday 22/9/2025 (tbc)
Deadline for choosing courses	Friday 3/10/2025
Public Holiday: Celebration of “Ochi Day”*	Tuesday 28/10/25
Public Holiday: Athens Polytechnic uprising **	Monday 17/11/25
End of the 1st semester teaching period	Friday 21/12/2025
Winter Holidays	Monday 22/12/2025-Sunday 4/1/2026
Reading Week	Monday 5/1/2026-Thursday 8/1/2026
Exam Period	Friday 9/1/2026-Monday 19/1/2026

*For Greek and non-Greek speaking students: see further details of the registration process below.

An appointment schedule will be sent to you separately.

**On “Ochi Day” we celebrate the famous ‘No’ of the Greek government to Mussolini’s ultimatum in 1940. The date marks Greece’s formal entry into World War II.

*** The Athens Polytechnic uprising occurred in November 1973. It was a mass student demonstration / popular rejection of the Greek military junta.

5. SPRING SEMESTER DIARY DATES

Spring- Semester 2026	
Beginning of the 2nd Semester	Monday 26/1/2026
Deadline for choosing courses	Friday 6/2/2026
Clean Monday*	Monday 23/2/2026
First May holiday**	Friday 1/5/2026
2nd Semester teaching ends	Friday 8/5/2026
Easter holidays	Monday 6/4/2026 – Sunday 19/4/2026
Reading week	Monday 11/5/2026-Friday 15/5/2026
Examination period	Monday 18/5/2026- Thursday 28/5/2026
Farewell party	Friday 29/5/2026
Submission of the dissertation thesis	Wednesday 30/9/2026

*Clean Monday ("Kathara Deftera") is considered one of the most important annual feasts, opening the 40-day period of Lent, or "Sarakosti," for the Greek Orthodox Church.

**May 1st (International Labour Day) in Greece is called Protomagia and is celebrated as a public holiday. On this day there are many festivities that occur around the country.

6. CHOOSE YOUR COURSES!

Each of the courses on our Programme counts for 10 ECTS. Students choose a total of 6 courses.

Winter Semester Courses

Students will choose 3 courses from the list below and before making their choice, will have the opportunity to follow all classes during the first two weeks of the semester. The final deadline for course selections is **Friday 3/10/2025**.

POLITICAL CHANGE, DEMOCRACY AND CRISIS IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, Professor, NKUA

The course aims to provide students with a comparative and theoretical understanding of the transition to and the consolidation of democracy, and to explore its various manifestations in Southeastern Europe. It begins by examining some of the main theories of the study of democratisation and their critique. Aspects discussed include the formal vs. the substantive concept of democracy; the theoretical and methodological underpinnings; the pitfalls of transferring theories initially constructed to interpret democratisation in Southern Europe and Latin America to the analysis of the transformation and fall of state socialist regimes; the five arenas of democratisation; and the distinction between transition to and consolidation of democracy. The second part of the course addresses cross-national issues and country case studies on Bulgaria, Romania, and the Western Balkans. The emphasis is on how democracy has evolved after democratic transition and has recently started backsliding. The development of democratic regimes in these countries is presented and interpreted, focusing on how democracy has functioned since roughly the early 2000s. Students are divided into small working groups which present specific themes in class. Selected themes may include the rule of law, corruption, and the balance of powers among the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government in two or more of the countries under study.

INTERCONNECTED HISTORIES: THE BALKANS AND THE BLACK SEA FROM THE EIGHTEENTH TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Nassia Yakovaki, Assistant Professor, NKUA

This course is designed to introduce students to modern and contemporary South-eastern European history, yet from an unexpected perspective. The impact of the Black Sea, both as a natural bridge and as the bone of contention between two powerful empires, which opened its ports and hinterlands to international trade (and emigration), on the historical formation of south-eastern Europe as a distinct region (i.e. the Balkan peninsula) will be assessed in various circumstances: from the Russo-Ottoman wars of the 18th century, or the

Crimean War of the 19th to the October Revolution and the Cold War of the 20th century. The specific conditions and processes of nation formation and nation-state building in this predominantly agrarian yet geopolitically strategic region will be discussed in the twofold context of imperial confrontations and of an international system under transformation.

GREECE: POLITICAL ECONOMY, CRISIS AND CHANGE

Dimitris Katsikas

Assistant Professor, NKUA

The objective of the course is to provide students with an understanding of the political economy of contemporary Greece. The focus is on the development and change of Greece's political economy from the restoration of democracy in the 1970s to the 2010s' crisis. The course begins by establishing the historical and theoretical background. Following an essentially historical institutionalist approach, students will become acquainted with the evolution of Greece's political economy from the restoration of democracy in 1974 to the run-up to the crisis. The second part of the course is devoted to the analysis of the various aspects of the economic crisis that broke out in 2010 and its handling by the Greek authorities, but also by the country's creditors, including the European authorities and the IMF. The course concludes with the presentation and discussion of the crisis' consequences in the economic, political and social domains.

ATTEMPTING TRANSFORMATION: EUROPEAN UNION ENLARGEMENT AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE

Susannah Verney

Associate Professor, NKUA

Official documents have long described Enlargement as the European Union's most successful policy, extending an area of peace and democracy across the continent. In Southeastern Europe, a region marked by the legacy of authoritarianism and the wars of the 1990s, this self-proclaimed transformation project has met its greatest challenge to date. From the EU side, the integration of Southeastern Europe has significant implications for the further development of the European project and its democratic legitimacy. Meanwhile, for the states of Southeastern Europe (SEE), membership of the European Union (EU), whether as a goal or a reality, has become a central focus with a deep-reaching impact on domestic institutions, politics and policies. In the first part of the course, students are introduced to theoretical debates on how and why EU Enlargement takes place and on Europeanisation as a process of reshaping the state. They also study Enlargement as a process, including the nature and evolution of membership conditionality. The second part of the course offers a deeper investigation of the Southeast European case study, examining the EU's engagement with the region from the divisions of the Cold War era to the present mosaic of differentiated integration. A central theme concerns the role of the region as a laboratory for the study of Europeanisation and a strong test of the EU's capability of living up to its preferred self-image as a peace and democratisation project.

Spring Semester courses

Students choose 3 courses from the list below and before making their choice, will have the opportunity to follow all classes during the first two weeks of the semester. The final deadline for course selections is **Friday 6/2/2026**.

SECURITY AND STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

Panayotis Tsakonas

Professor, NKUA

The seminar focuses on the post-Cold War era of Southeast Europe. It begins by introducing the main theoretical and methodological approaches of International Relations and Security Studies with the aim of making the participants familiar with their strengths and weaknesses in analysing and explaining international phenomena. Course themes include, inter alia, a critical assessment of the disintegration of Yugoslavia; the strategies of external actors (US, Russia, China, Turkey) in the region; the role of international institutions in managing "inter-state", "intra-state" and "inter-ethnic" conflicts in Southeast Europe (i.e., the United Nations in Kosovo; NATO and the European Union vis-a-vis the Greek-Turkish conflict; the European Union and NATO in Bosnia, Serbia/Kosovo and the 2001 insurgency in the then FYROM); the evolution of Greece's post-Cold War foreign policy towards the Balkan region; new threats and challenges (i.e., Islamist radicalization and Jihadism); and the future prospects for building cooperative security schemes in the region.

ECONOMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE: DISRUPTIONS, CHALLENGES, PROSPECTS

Ritsa Panagiotou

Senior Research Fellow, Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE)

The aim of this course is to acquire knowledge of the main characteristics of the centrally planned economy, its strengths and weaknesses, and the complexities inherent in the transition to a market economy. A key focus is on understanding how each country's communist era legacy has informed and influenced its transition process over the years. The theoretical framework will be applied to the countries of Southeast Europe, with an emphasis on how the uniqueness of the Balkan countries' experience in the 1990s shaped their transition. Throughout, students will be asked to assess how political, social and cultural factors played - and continue to play - a crucial role in the region's economic transition and development. Overall, by evaluating the successes and failures of the Balkan countries' transitions, the course will attempt to assess whether this process has brought them closer to a European Union prospect. The course is categorized into three core themes: 1) the Communist Era (main characteristics and inherent weaknesses of centrally planned economies), 2) the Transition Era (collapse of the centrally planned regimes, key steps in the transition process, particularities of Southeast Europe), 3) Current challenges / Prospects for the Future (impact of the crisis; evaluation of the transition process and assessment of future prospects regarding growth and stability; impact of the war in Ukraine on the economies of the Western Balkans and their EU accession prospects).

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

Dr. Ilias Plakokefalos

Assistant Professor, NKUA

The objective of this course is to provide an in-depth analysis of the international law techniques of dispute settlement and their role in Southeast Europe. It analyses the founding principles of international dispute settlement, particularly the obligation to resolve disputes peacefully. Following the traditional approach, it examines the available methods of peaceful settlement of disputes. First, the non-judicial methods and the quasi-judicial techniques, focusing on the interstate settlement of disputes and the settlement of disputes by international organizations, including the World Trade Organization dispute settlement mechanism and the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes. Second, it focuses on the judicial techniques offered by the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, ad hoc Arbitral Tribunals, as well as special tribunals such as the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. It examines how these techniques were used through specific case studies, such as the North Macedonia issue, the Kosovo case, as well as the Genocide cases in former Yugoslavia. The course concludes with remarks on the contribution of these techniques to the settlement of disputes where countries of Southeast Europe are involved.

CONTEMPORARY TURKEY: DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY

Ioannis N. Grigoriadis

Associate Professor, Bilkent University, Ankara

Turkey is a country that has attracted the interest of scholars, analysts and travelers alike because of its position between Europe and Asia, its strategic and economic potential and cultural heritage. This course aims to explore the main themes of the politics of contemporary Turkey, by focusing on crucial domestic and foreign policy issues. The state, the military, civil society, political economy, political Islam, political parties, constitution, minorities and democratization experience are among the topics to be explored and compared. It also aims to examine Turkey's regional and global role from the point of view of foreign policy, history and identity. Turkey's relations with the United States, the European Union, Russia, the emerging powers and its neighbours have been influenced by history, identity politics and foreign policy strategies. In each case, themes such as historical legacy, comparative politics, political economy, international relations and domestic governance will be emphasised.

MIGRATION AND ASYLUM GOVERNANCE IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

Dr Markos Karavias

Director of the Mediterranean Migration and Asylum Policy Hub

International migration is a large, growing and particularly challenging phenomenon. Over 200 million people now live outside their country of origin. Limited legal avenues of entry, global crises (environmental, religious, and political) and rising inequality, combined with multiple methods of travel and communication have significantly shaped migratory flows within and across regions. We are seeing new 'types' of migration, mixed migratory flows comprised of asylum seekers, refugees and economic migrants following similar routes, methods of entry and facing similar difficulties and challenges en route. From source to destination, journeys are less linear, entailing transitory movement and transit countries. Yet, the response from governments and policy makers is to focus more on short-term measures, attempting to 'manage' movement-a fundamentally fluid phenomenon that is currently rapidly unfolding around the globe but especially in the Mediterranean and Southeastern Europe. In 2015, 850,000 migrants entered Greece. Of those the overwhelming majority transited through the Western Balkan route, to their final destination in northern and western Europe. Though Southeast Europe has always had a long tradition of migration, including asylum seeking flow, the events of 2015 had a profound impact first and foremost on Greece, Turkey but also the Balkan countries. The course seeks to guide students through the debates, policies and theories around the governance of contemporary migratory movement, including asylum seeking populations, drawing examples from different countries and with an added focus on Turkey and Greece

7. DISSERTATION / THESIS

The final component of your degree is your dissertation / thesis (15 ECTS). The thesis is 12,000-15,000 words (including notes but excluding bibliography) on a topic directly concerned with Southeastern Europe and in one of the academic disciplines covered by the Programme. The submission date is the last working day in September, which this year means **Wednesday 30/9/2026**.

THESIS REGULATION

The present document refers to the Master's dissertation referred to in Article 7 of the Programme Regulation and provides further detail about it.

1. Thesis Requirement

Each student is required to submit a thesis of 12,000-15,000 words (including notes but excluding bibliography) on a topic directly concerned with Southeastern Europe and in one of the academic disciplines covered in the Postgraduate Programme. Students are required to pass the thesis in order to graduate from the Programme.

2. Thesis Supervisor

The thesis may be supervised by any member of the Programme Faculty.

3. Topic Selection

Students are reminded that the thesis topic should focus on Southeastern Europe and are encouraged to seek advice from the Programme faculty about their choice. Students should agree the thesis topic with their chosen supervisor and should also write a 150-word abstract explaining the goals and methodology of the proposed dissertation. The thesis supervisor is required to sign a form approving the topic and abstract.

4. Topic Notification and Approval

It is the student's responsibility to submit the completed form to the Programme Secretariat no later than **Friday, 6 March 2026**. Following this deadline, all thesis topics will be submitted to the Coordinating Committee for approval. The Coordinating Committee has no responsibility to accept thesis topics submitted after the deadline. A thesis topic which has been accepted by the Coordinating Committee may be changed subsequently only with the written agreement of the thesis supervisor and the approval of the Coordinating Committee.

5. Nature

The thesis is research-based and must present the student's own original work.

6. Format

The thesis should be footnoted and include full bibliographical references in accordance with the “Paper Guidelines”, distributed to all students at the beginning of the academic year.

7. Plagiarism

Students are reminded that the thesis, like all written work submitted on this Programme, will be checked with TurnItIn anti-plagiarism software. Plagiarism will result in the thesis receiving a grade below the pass mark. For a definition of plagiarism, students are referred to the “Anti-Plagiarism” Code distributed at the beginning of the academic year.

8. Thesis Submission

The thesis should be submitted in **three hard copies and one electronic copy to the Programme Secretariat** (not the thesis supervisor) and must be received by the **final deadline of 2 p.m. on the last working day of September**. Late submissions or theses submitted in electronic format only will not be accepted. A student who does not submit a thesis by the deadline will be deemed to have failed the Programme.

9. Deferment

Deferment of thesis submission is only permitted following a decision by the Coordinating Committee of the Programme. Deferments will only be granted for a very serious reason. Only one deferment may be granted. A student who is granted a deferment will be required to submit her\his thesis on a date to be decided by the Coordinating Committee. The maximum deferment permitted is 6 calendar months. A student who is granted a deferment will normally graduate the following year.

10. Examining Committee

For each thesis, the General Assembly of the Departmental Faculty meeting in Special Session will appoint a three-member Examining Committee, following a proposal by the Programme Coordinating Committee. The Examining Committee will include the thesis supervisor and two other members who may be members of the Programme Faculty, regular faculty members of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, or other individuals who meet current legal requirements to undertake teaching on a postgraduate programme. The field of expertise of the Committee members should be identical or relevant to the field of studies of the thesis topic.

11. Grading

The thesis is graded on a scale from 0 to 10. A final grade of 5 or more is considered a passing grade. Students defend their dissertations in front of the examination committees (in person or on line).

12. Resubmission

In the event of a thesis marked below 5, the Coordinating Committee may decide to grant the student the right to resubmit the thesis the following year. Resubmission may take place

only once. Resubmission or regrading of a thesis which has already achieved a passing grade is not permitted.

13. Departmental Library Requirements

After successful evaluation all postgraduate dissertations should be uploaded to the digital repository PERGAMOS database, pergamos.lib.uoa.gr the unified Institutional Repository / Digital Library of the University of Athens (UoA) before graduation, in accordance with separate instructions to be provided on behalf of the Library.

8. MEET YOUR PROFESSORS

We're pleased to introduce you to our faculty who will be teaching the courses on offer.

Winter Semester



Dimitris Katsikas, Assistant Professor of International and European Political Economy, NKUA and Senior Research Fellow, ELIAMEP

Course: GREECE: POLITICAL ECONOMY, CRISIS AND CHANGE

Dimitris Katsikas is Assistant Professor of International and European Political Economy and Director of the Research Centre for Economic Policy, Governance and Development at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He studied Business Administration at the Athens University of Economics and Business, and finance and international political economy at the London School of Economics (LSE). He received his PhD from LSE in the field of international political economy. His research focuses on international and European political economy, with an emphasis on the governance aspects of international monetary and financial affairs. In recent years, the Greek and European crises became his major research interests. He has participated as researcher and coordinator in several Greek and European research programmes related to the crises. He has taught as Visiting Professor at the Greek National School of Public Administration and the Diplomatic Academy of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Between 2013-2019 he was Head of the Crisis Observatory at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP). Between January 2020 and August 2021, he headed ELIAMEP's new Greek and European Economy Observatory and was 'Stavros Costopoulos' Senior Research Fellow. From April to June 2022, he was Visiting Senior Fellow at the Hellenic Observatory, at the European Institute of the LSE. From 2023 he is the Editor-in-Chief of the scientific journal *Regional Integration: Politics, Economics and Governance*. His most recent publication is *Finance, growth and democracy: connections and challenges in Europe and Latin America in the era of permacrisis*, with Maria Antonietta Del Tedesco Lins and Andrea Ribeiro Hoffmann (eds.), Springer (2025).



Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and Senior Research Fellow, ELIAMEP

Course: Political Change, Democracy and Crisis in Southeastern Europe

Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos studied law, sociology and political science at the Law School of the University of Athens (LLB), the London School of Economics (MSc) and Yale University (MA, M.Phil. and Ph.D., awarded with distinction, 1991). In 2003 he was Senior Research Fellow at the Hellenic Observatory

of the London School of Economics, in 2009-2010 Visiting Fellow in South East European Studies at the Centre for European Studies, St. Antony's College, Oxford and in autumn 2015 Visiting Professor at the "Sciences Po", Paris. In 2018-2019 he was Visiting Professor at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University) and Visiting Fellow at Harvard University's Center of European Studies. and in 2023-2024 he was Visiting Fellow at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. He serves on the editorial board of the academic journals South European Society and Politics, Journal of Mediterranean Politics, and Southeast European and Black Sea Studies. His publications on contemporary Greek, South European and Balkan politics and public policies, focusing on democratization, public administration, civil society and the welfare state, include ten books (of which four are co-authored), ten edited volumes and numerous articles published in international political science and sociology journals.



Susannah Verney, Associate Professor of European Integration and European Politics, NKUA and Associate Researcher, University of Glasgow

Course: ATTEMPTING TRANSFORMATION: EU ENLARGEMENT AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE

Susannah Verney is a graduate of the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University of London. Her PhD thesis (King's College London) was about the Greek debate on European Community membership in the 1970s. She previously worked as a Senior Investigator at the Office of the Greek Ombudsman (1998-2001). At NKUA, she has served as the Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programme in Southeast European Studies (2006-10), Programme Director (2022-24) and Athens Coordinator of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree in South European Studies (EUROSUD) (2019-2024). She was Editor for 24 years (1999-2023) of the journal South European Society and Politics and the related Routledge book series. She served as the Convenor of the Standing Group on Southern European Politics of the European Consortium of Political Research for 15 years (2007-2022). Her ten edited or co-edited books include most recently Southern Europe in the Covid-19 Pandemic: The First Phase (2024 forthcoming) with Juan Rodriguez-Teruel and Jose Real-Dato, The Politics of Polarisation: Conflictual Competition in Italy, Spain and Greece (2022) with Anna Bosco and The AKP Since Gezi Park: Moving to Regime Change (2019) with Anna Bosco and Senem Aydin-Düzgıt. Her articles have appeared in journals including The International Political Science Review, European Political Science, The International Spectator and The Journal of European Integration. Her main research interests concern the interface between European integration and domestic politics, including euroscepticism and EU Enlargement.



Nassia Yakovaki, Associate Professor, Modern and Contemporary Social and Political History, NKUA

Course: INTERCONNECTED HISTORIES: THE BALKANS AND THE BLACK SEA FROM THE EIGHTEENTH TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Nassia Yakovaki (a.k.a. Nasia Giakovaki) is a graduate of both Athens and Ioannina Universities, and pursued postgraduate studies at the Universities of Essex and Thessaloniki (2001, Ph.D). Her book *Europe via Greece. A Turning-point in European Self-consciousness, 17th-18th Centuries* has been published in Greek, and in Chinese translation. She has published studies and articles in edited volumes and academic journals in Greek, English and French. Her current research focuses on the Age of Revolution in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

Spring Semester



Ioannis N. Grigoriadis, Associate Professor of Comparative Politics, Bilkent University, Ankara

Course: CONTEMPORARY TURKEY

Dr. Ioannis N. Grigoriadis holds the Jean Monnet Chair of European Studies at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Bilkent University, Ankara. He is also Senior Fellow and Head of the Turkey Programme at the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*. He has been Visiting Professor at the Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University (2017-18); IPC-Stiftung Mercator Senior Research Fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik-SWP) in Berlin (2016-17); and Stanley J. Seeger Research Fellow at Princeton University (2016-17). He has published numerous articles and the following books: *Sisyphus in Anatolia: 150 Essays and Photographs on Turkey* (Epikentro, 2018) [in Greek], *Democratic Transition and the Rise of Populist Majoritarianism: Constitutional Reform in Greece and Turkey* (Palgrave Springer, 2017), *Instilling Religion in Greek and Turkish Nationalism: A "Sacred Synthesis"* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012), and *Trials of Europeanization: Turkish Political Culture and the European Union* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009). His research interests include late Ottoman and republican Turkish politics and history, with a focus on nationalism and democratization.



Markos Karavias, Director of the Mediterranean Migration and Asylum Policy Hub

Course: MIGRATION AND ASYLUM GOVERNANCE IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE

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Course: ECONOMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE: DISRUPTIONS, CHALLENGES, PROSPECTS

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Course: INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

Ilias Plakokefalos holds an LLB from the University of Essex, an LLM from Tulane University, and a PhD from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He has worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Amsterdam (2012-2015) where he was a member of the SHARES project on Shared Responsibility in International Law. He was an assistant professor at Utrecht University (2015-2017) where he was also a fellow at the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea. Ilias has worked as an advisor to the Greek government (2017-2019) and to the Greek Parliament (2019-2023). He was a Research Fellow at the Marangopoulos Foundation of Human Rights (2021-2022) and is currently a Fellow at the Athens Public International Law Centre of the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. His work has appeared, inter alia, in the *European Journal of International Law*, the *Journal of International Dispute Settlement*, and the *Yearbook of International Environmental Law*.



Panayotis Tsakonas, Professor of International Relations, Security Studies and Foreign Policy Analysis, NKUA; Director, Institute for Migration & Diaspora Studies and Head of the programme on security, ELIAMEP

Course: SECURITY AND STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

Panayotis Tsakonas studied political science, international relations and security studies at the Panteion University of Athens and Reading University, UK. He has been post-doctoral fellow at Harvard University, NATO Research Fellow, Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Yale University and Academic Visitor at St Antony's College, Oxford University. He taught for fifteen years at the University of the Aegean in Rhodes, Greece and has also taught at various Universities and institutions in Greece, Turkey, United Kingdom, Germany, the United States and Canada. He has served as a Special Advisor at the Greek Ministries of National Defense and Foreign Affairs, as a member of the Academic/Scientific boards of various institutions in Greece and abroad, and as President of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Security Studies/KE.ME.A. His monographs, books, articles in professional journals and contributions to edited volumes have been published in Greek, English, German, French and Italian.

9. UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS: PRACTICAL INFORMATION

9.1. REGISTERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

For Greek-speaking students: Your registration will take place through the university's online registration platform. A manual for your registration at the University, academic ID and electronic services will be sent to you.

For non-Greek-speaking students: The SEE Studies Programme administrator will help with your registration. The registration date at the University of Athens will be announced in September. We will send you the appointment schedule nearer the time. Each student will be given a specific appointment. At the specified time, please report to the Secretariat of the **Master's Programme in Southeast European Studies** at 6, Themistokleous Street, 2nd floor, office 7. Please have the following documents with you:

- Your passport – please bring the original and a photocopy of the photo page
- A passport photo in JPEG format on a USB stick

We will also need to know your address and mobile phone number.

9.2. GETTING AND USING YOUR STUDENT CARD



Your student card will be issued by the Ministry of Education. At the time you register with us, we will also register you on the Ministry system. It normally takes around 2 weeks after registration for the Ministry to issue your card.

You will be informed by SMS when the student card is ready. (For this reason, we would recommend getting a Greek mobile phone number).

Card collection takes place at a Vodafone store nominated by you during registration.

Once you have your student card, you will be able to buy reduced tickets on public transport, including intercity buses. You will also be able to visit all state museums and archaeological sites free of charge. Make the most of it!

9.3. LANGUAGE COURSES

The University of Athens offers language courses. Please note that these are offered by another Department of the University and are not part of our Master's Degree programme.

For Greek language courses you may find more information at the following link <https://en.greekcourses.uoa.gr/>

In case you are interested to learn other languages, including languages of the SEE region, you may visit the following link

https://en.uoa.gr/about_us/services_units/foreign_language_teaching_center/

For your reference the University offers courses in English, Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, Czech, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Ethiopian, French, Finnish, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish and Turkish.

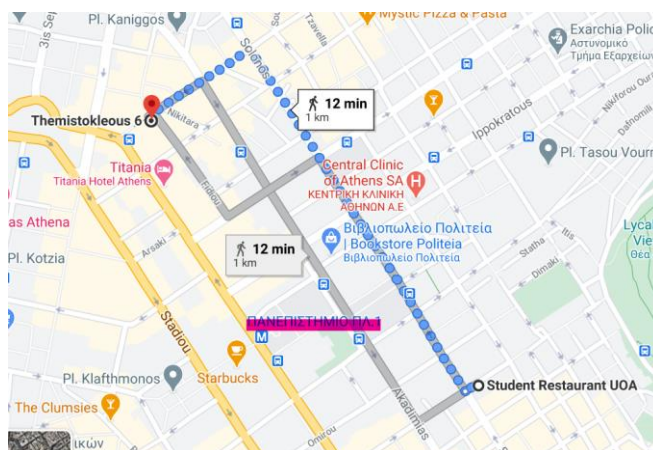
The SEE Studies Programme Administrator is at your disposal should you need more information or help with your registration.

9.4. UNIVERSITY RESTAURANT

Students may eat at the University Restaurant for a low price and may also be able to apply for [free meals](#).

You may find more information about the operation of the Restaurant and your registration [here](#).

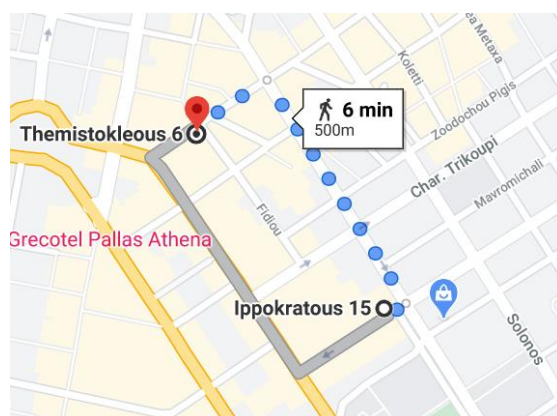
Location: 14, Lykavittou Street (approximately 12 minutes walking distance from the Themistokleous building). The closest metro station is Panepistimio metro station.



Student restaurants are open: Daily from 12:00 to 16:00 and from 18:00 to 21:00. During weekends they are open from 13:00 to 20:00.

9.5. UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SERVICES

University Health Club Service (15, Ippokratous str., 1st floor) (6 minutes walking distance from Themistokleous building)



a) Pathologist (tel. 210 3688241, 210 3688243)

Monday - Wednesday – Friday: 8.00 a.m.- 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 8.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

(b) Ophthalmologist (tel. 210 3688240)

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 8.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday 9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

c) Dental clinic (tel. 210 3688210, 210 3688211)

Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

(d) Psychological Unit

Psychiatrist, Monday - Thursday – Friday: – 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday - Wednesday, 8.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

tel. 210 3688226

Psychologists, Monday to Friday: 8.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

210 3688282, 210 3688209

Dermatological examination

Students of NTUA have the opportunity to be examined at the Andreas Sygros Hospital (5, I. Dragoumi str., 16121 Athens) after referral from the Secretariat of the University Club Health Service.

Tel. 210 3688208, 210 3688218

10.ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN ATHENS



OUR DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARY

At 42-44 Aiolou Street (5th and 6th floors, just three floors up from our classroom) you can find the Library of the Faculties of Political Science and Public Administration, of Turkish and Modern Asian Studies and of Communication and Media Studies.

Library cards are issued, after registration, by the library staff and after filling in the attached [application form](#).

As postgraduate students registered in the Faculty of Political Science & Public Administration, you are entitled to borrow four books for a period of three days. Weekends are included in the lending period. (Please keep in mind that books can be returned up to 10 minutes before the end of library working hours). The 3-day lending period can be extended once. If you wish to borrow the same material again, you may do so following a one-week break.

- Photocopying: There are two photocopy machines in the Library. You may buy photocopy cards from the library staff.

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 9.00 - 19.30, Friday 9.00-16.00

Tel. (+30) 210 368 9533, 210 3689570, 210 3689571, (+30) 210 368 9572, 210 368 9573

Emails: pepistdimd@lib.uoa.gr epic; mme@lib.uoa.gr; tourkiko@lib.uoa.gr

Working hours change during the Christmas, Easter and summer holidays (specific hours will be announced).

****You can follow the library on Facebook «Βιβλιοθήκη Σχολής ΟΠΕ»**

You may search the Library Catalogue [here](#)

OTHER LIBRARIES

At most university libraries, you will have free access to read in the library, but not the right to borrow books.

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARIES AT THE NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

LIBRARY OF THE LAW SCHOOL

Address: 17-19, Mavromichali str & 104, Solonos str., City centre.

Working hours: Monday- Thursday 8.30 a.m. -7.00 p.m. and Friday 8.30 a.m – 5.00 p.m.

Tel: (+30) 210 3688067, 210 3688068, 210 368 8065, E-mail: nomiki@lib.uoa.gr

LIBRARY OF THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

Address: 13A, Navarinou str. 9, City centre.

Working hours: Monday –Thursday: 9.00 a.m. – 7.30 p.m., Friday: 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Tel: 210 3688023-25, E-mail: oikonepist@lib.uoa.gr

LIBRARY OF THE SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY

Address: University Campus, Zografou

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 8.30 a.m.-6.00 p.m.

<https://maps.uoa.gr/en/50/140>

Tel: 210 727 7687

OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN ATHENS

PANTEION UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

Address: 136, Syggrou Avenue.

Working hours: Monday to Thursday: 9.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m.

Tel.: 210 9201001 & 210 9201401.

Email: libp@panteion.gr, Website: <http://www.library.panteion.gr/>

ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

Address: 76, Patission Avenue (1st floor), City centre.

Working hours: Mon- Thu: 8.30 a.m.- 8.00 p.m., Friday: 8.30 a.m.-7.30 p.m.

Tel: 210 8203263 (books), 210 8203259 (periodicals)

E-mail: library@aueb.gr, Website: <http://www.lib.aueb.gr>

UNIVERSITY OF PIRAEUS

Main Library

Address: 80, Karaoli & Dimitriou, Piraeus.

Working hours: Monday to Friday: **08.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.**

Tel: 210-4142022

Email: anthi@unipi.gr, Website: <http://www.lib.unipi.gr/multi.php?lng=en>

RESEARCH INSTITUTES



NATIONAL LIBRARY

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre, Syggrou Avenue 364, 17674 Kallithea

Working hours: Monday to Friday: 9.00 a.m.- 8.00 p.m., Saturday: 9.00 a.m.- 2.00 p.m.

Tel: +30 216 8091000, website: <https://www.nlg.gr>, E-mail: info@snfcc.org

Address: 31, El. Venizelou (Panepistimiou), City centre.

Working Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Tel: 210 3608597, 210 3608246

E-mail: info@nlg.gr, Website: www.nlg.gr

NATIONAL HELLENIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION - LIBRARY K. TH. DIMARAS

Address: 48, Vas. Konstantinou Av., (Evangelismos Metro Station).

Working Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tel: 2107273710 & 210.7273712

E-mail: eie@eie.gr, Website: <http://www.eie.gr/index-en.html>

BANK OF GREECE LIBRARY

Address: 21, El. Venizelos (Panepistimiou) Ave. (3rd floor), City centre.

Center for Culture, Research and Documentation Library Section

Tel.: 210 3202446, 210 3202522, 210 3202396, library@bankofgreece.gr

Working hours: Monday to Friday: 9.00 a.m.-1.30 p.m.

GENNADIUS LIBRARY

Address: American School of Classical Studies, 61 Souidias Street, Kolonaki (Evangelismos Metro Station)

Working hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00-16.45, Thursday: 9.00-19.45, Saturday 9.00-13.00 (Rare books collection has more limited working hours)

Tel.: +30 210 72 10 536

Website: <https://www.ascsa.edu.gr/research/gennadius-library>

THE LIBRARY OF THE GREEK PARLIAMENT

Address: 2 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue, Athens, 100 21

Working hours: Monday – Friday: 9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Tel: 210 370 7212, 210 370 7545

Email: reference@parliament.gr, Website: <https://library.parliament.gr/>

11. PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR STAY IN ATHENS

11.1. PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN ATHENS

The quickest way to move around Athens is by metro, which has three lines (Red, Green and Blue). The city also has a network of buses, trolleys and the tram.



Map of the Metro in Athens

Transportation to/from the Airport

For those students coming to us from outside Greece, for your trip from the airport to the city centre, we recommend you take Metro Line 3 (Aghia Marina – Douk. Plakentias - Athens International Airport). Trains run every 36 minutes, 7 days a week from 6:30 to 23:30. The trip from/to the Airport to Syntagma station lasts 40 minutes. A one-way ticket costs 9 €

(full price) and 5 € (half price). See the Metro timetable to the airport [here](#). For tickets information and cards check [here](#).

Another option for your trip from the airport to the city centre is using the express bus X95: Syntagma – Airport. The route is approximately 40 minutes (one hour at peak times). This bus operates 24h and the ticket costs 6 € (full price) and 3€ (half price). You may find the timetable [here](#).

In case you want to use a taxi for your travel from the airport to the city centre, we recommend you book a taxi in advance. You can find companies online.

If you want to use a taxi when in Athens, the taxi beat app is widely used and may be useful.

Transportation in Athens

Operating hours of the **metro** are 5:30 a.m. to 00:30 a.m. On Friday and Saturday nights, lines 2 & 3 stay open until 2:00 a.m. You can find information about the Athens metro, including timetables, maps, parking and safety information on [this website](#). For ticket info see [Athens Transport tickets and cards](#).

If you use public transportation we recommend you issue the personalised Ath.ena Card-long term ticket for 30 days. This card allows you to use public transportation in Athens for 30 days and it costs €27 full price and €13.50 half price, using your student ID. Please note that this price excludes airport transfers. If you want to include airport transfers it will cost you €45 full price and €22.50 half price for 30 days.

For **buses** you can find routes, maps and real time bus movement information for every line on this [website](#) as well as the app 'OASA Telematics' for Android and iOS. You can also get additional information by calling 11185 from a Greek phone.

If you want to visit the nearby seaside you may use the tram. Operating hours are 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays it operates approximately from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Information on the **Athens Tram**, including timetables, can be found on [this website](#). For ticket info see [Athens Transport tickets and cards](#)

11.2. EMERGENCY NUMBERS

WHERE TO FIND HOSPITALS AND PHARMACIES ON DUTY

We hope you won't need any of these numbers during your stay in Athens – but better to be safe than sorry!

Emergency Service	Telephone
Medical Emergency	Tel: 112
Fire Service	Tel: 199
Ambulance service	Tel: 166
Police	Tel: 100
SOS Doctors	Tel: 10 16
Tourist Police	Tel: 1571
Coast Guard	Tel: 108

European SOS 112

The number 112 can be dialled to reach emergency services - medical, fire and police - from anywhere in Europe. This Pan-European emergency number 112 can be called from any telephone (landline, pay phone or mobile cellular phone). Calls are free. It can be used for any life-threatening situation, including:

- Serious medical problems (such as accident, unconscious person, severe injuries, chest pain, seizure)
- Any type of fire (house, car)
- Life-threatening situations (crimes)

Information on the 112 number from the European Commission [website](#)

Pharmacies

In general, pharmacies in Greece are open Monday and Wednesday from 08:00-14:30, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08:00-14:30 and 17:30-20:00. Some pharmacies also open on Saturdays, notably in the city centre.

At least one local pharmacy will be open at any time of the day. Details of and schedule for this "duty pharmacy" can be found in every pharmacy window and in the local newspapers.

To find a pharmacy on duty in Athens Tel: 14 944

Hospitals

There are many state hospitals that work on an on-call rotation. Public and some private hospitals provide emergency services. To find out which hospital is on duty for emergencies: Tel: 14 944 or 171

Public Hospitals	
Alexandra Hospital <i>Vassilissis Sofias street 80 and K. Lourou street, 115 28 Ilisia</i>	Tel: 210 338 1100
Asklepieion Hospital of Voula <i>Vassileos Pavlou street 1, 166 73 Voula</i>	Tel: 210 895 8301
Evangelismos <i>Ipsilantou street 45-47, 106 76 Kolonaki</i>	Tel: 210 720 1000
KAT Hospital <i>Nikis street 2, 145 61 Kifissia</i>	Tel: 210 628 0000
Konstantopouleio Agia Olga Hospital <i>Agias Olgas street 3-5, 142 33 Nea Ionia</i>	Tel: 210 277 6612
Laiko Hospital <i>Agiou Thoma street 17, 115 27 Athens</i>	Tel: 210 745 6000
Sismanoglio Hospital <i>Sismanogleiou street 1, 151 26, Maroussi</i>	Tel: 210 803 9911
Sotiria Hospital <i>Mesogeion 152, Athens</i>	Tel: 210 777 8611
Tzaneio Hospital <i>Zanni street and Afentouli street 1, 185 36 Piraeus</i>	Tel: 213 208 1000 / 210 451 9411
Private Hospitals	
Hygeia Hospital <i>Erithrou Stavrou street 4 and Kifissias avenue, 151 23 Maroussi/Nea Filothei</i>	Tel: 210 686 7000
Metropolitan Hospital <i>Ethnarhou Makariou street 9 and Eleftheriou Venizelou street 1, Neo Faliro</i>	Tel: 210 480 9000
Henry Dunant Hospital <i>Messogion avenue 107, 115 26 Athens</i>	Tel: 210 697 2000

“Be a free thinker and don’t accept everything you hear as truth. Be critical and evaluate what you believe in”

Aristotle

