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‘Europe Quo Vadis - Militarisation or Socio-Ecological Transformation?’

Venue: 136, Syngrou Av., 17671 Athens, Greece, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences,
Amphitheatre Sakis Karagiorgas 2

The conference is hosted by:



Conference Program

Monday, 22 September 2025

13.30-14.30 Conference registration

14.30 – 15.00 Opening

Chair: Prof. **Kostas Dimoulas**, Head of Department of Social Policy, Panteion University

Welcome addresses:

- **Christina Koulouri**, Professor, Rector of Panteion University
- **Marika Frangakis**, Co-chair of the EuroMemo Group
- **Maria Repoussi**, Director of Nicos Poulantzas Institute, Athens
- **Maria Karamessini**, Professor, Head of the Organising Committee of the Conference

15.00 – 16.20 Plenary I – The State of the Union

Chair: **Marika Frangakis**, Co-chair of the EuroMemo Group, member of the Board of Nicos Poulantzas Institute

- **Engelbert Stockhammer**, Professor of Political Economy, Department of European and International Studies, Kings College, London
 - The limits to competitiveness
- **Maria Karamessini**, Professor of Labour and Welfare State Economics, Department of Social Policy, Panteion University, Athens
 - Social Europe: To be Lost between Militarisation and "Sustainable Competitiveness"?
- **Hans-Juergen (Leo) Bieling**, Professor of Political Economy and Economic Education, Institute of Political Science, University of Tübingen
 - Political State of the Union – in times of global turmoil and internal fragmentation

16.20 - 16.40 Coffee break

16.40 – 18.00 Plenary II – Socio-ecological transformation: the role of alternative economic forms and the need for planning

Chair: **Claudio Cozza**, Associate professor in Economic Policy, University of Naples “Parthenope”, member of the board of EuroMemo Group

- **Vasilis Kostakis**, Professor of Technology, Governance and Sustainability, Tallin University of Technology, Estonia, and Faculty Associate at Harvard University's Berkman Klein Center, Cambridge MA, USA (online)
 - Beyond Techno-Solutionism: Digital Commons and Solidarity Economies for a Sustainable Future
- **Steffen Lehndorff**, Dr. of Economics, Research Fellow at the Institut Arbeit und Qualifikation, Germany
 - Next generation EU...A window of opportunity that may soon close
- **Sophie Elias Pinsonnault**, PhD Candidate in Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA
 - What kind of planning for the socio-ecological transformation?

18.00 – 19.50 Plenary III – Europe Quo Vadis - Militarisation and alternatives

Chair: **Maria Karamessini**, Professor of Labour and Welfare State Economics, Department of Social Policy, Panteion University, Athens, member of the board of EuroMemo Group

- **Euclid Tsakalotos**, Professor of Economics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, ex-Finance Minister of Greece, MP of the Greek Parliament
 - Alternative Economic Policies in a World without a Hegemon and with no Hegemony
- **Tobias Pflüger**, researcher and member of the board of the Information Centre for Militarisation (IMI), ex MP of the European Parliament and the German Bundestag
 - The European Union now as arms (economic) alliance and military union – the path to it and the most important components
- **Monica Clua Losada**, Senior Professor of Political Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
 - Alternatives to genocide: The importance of the global solidarity movement with Palestine against the neofascist global project.
- **Annamaria Simonazzi**, Professor Emerita, Sapienza University of Rome
 - Rearming for the next war: The battle of the dollar

20.30 Conference Dinner

Tuesday, 23 September 2025

9.00 – 10.40 **Parallel sessions I** – See Workshop Programme

10.40-11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.30 **Parallel sessions II** – See Workshop Programme

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30–16.00 Plenary IV – Reporting from workshops and Discussion

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Chair: **Marika Frangakis**, Co-chair of the EuroMemo Group

Panelists: Workshop Co-ordinators

16.30 – 17.30 General Assembly Meeting of the EuroMemo Group

17.30 – 18.30 EuroMemo Group Planning Meeting