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Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16

DEMOCRACY & BOOKS WEEKEND* (BESPOKE EVENT)

Location: Costa Navarino, Messinia

Are we armed with the knowledge to defend democracy? Featuring provoking conversations between leading authors and moderated by senior Times journalists, Democracy & Books will explore the role of writers and publishers in defining and explaining the basics of modern democracy and its travails.

Pascal Bruckner

Professor and Writer

Roger Cohen

Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

Stanley Johnson

Author, Environmentalist, and Former Member of the European Parliament

Pamela Paul

Book Review Editor, The New York Times

Alexandra Pringle

Group Editor in Chief, Bloomsbury Publishing

Rob Riemen

Writer, Founder and President, Nexus Instituut

Serge Schmemmann

Member of the Editorial Board and Athens Democracy Forum Program Director
The New York Times

Mark Thompson

President and C.E.O.
The New York Times Company

This panel is programmed by The New York Times and sponsored by Costa Navarino.

*Access to the Democracy & Books Weekend is exclusive to registered Athens Democracy Forum delegates. Delegates are required to book their accommodation at one of the Costa Navarino hotels in order to gain access to the weekend event. Transportation from Costa Navarino to Syntagma Square in central Athens departs Costa Navarino on Sunday, September 16 at 12:00.

Sunday, September 16

14:00–

17:30 / REGISTRATION

Venue: Hotel Grande Bretagne

17:30 / Hotel Grande Bretagne to the Acropolis Museum shuttle bus service

18:15–

19:00 / A SOCRATES-CONFUCIUS DIALOGUE: IS WHAT IS OLD NEW AGAIN?

Venue: Acropolis Museum Auditorium

“If I had engaged in politics, I should have perished long ago and done no good to either you or to myself.” - Socrates

“When a country is well governed, poverty and a mean condition are things to be ashamed of. When a country is ill governed, riches and honor are things to be ashamed of.” - Confucius

With the ideas, institutions and practice of liberal democracy - once a model for the world - coming under fierce attack from various directions, could ‘new’ insights for rebooting democracy be found in classical Greek and Chinese perspectives? What would the great philosophical sages of East and West say 25 centuries later?

Prof. Joseph Chan

Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong

Prof. Angie Hobbs

Professor of the Public Understanding of Philosophy, University of Sheffield

In conversation with **Mark Thompson**
President and C.E.O.
The New York Times Company

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Sunday, September 16

19:00–

19:30 / CULTURAL EVENT: “FORBIDDEN CITY: THE PRIVATE ROOMS OF EMPEROR QIANLONG” TOUR

In September 2017, the Acropolis Museum entered into its second memorandum of understanding with a Chinese museum, the Palace Museum in Beijing. To mark the continuing cultural exchange between the two nations, the Acropolis Museum will curate the temporary exhibition “Forbidden City: The Private Rooms of Emperor Qianlong.”

The exhibition will display 154 items on loan from the private quarters of Emperor Qianlong who lived in the Forbidden City during his formative pre-Imperial years. The exhibition is prepared in cooperation with the Hellenic Ministry of Culture.

20:00–

20:30 / CITY OF ATHENS DEMOCRACY AWARD

Venue: Acropolis Museum

2018 Democracy Award Recipient:

H.E. Joaquim Alberto Chissano

Former President of the Republic of Mozambique and Chairperson, Joaquim Chissano Foundation

Presented by **Georgios Kaminis**

Mayor of Athens, Hellenic Republic

20:30–

22:30 / WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Venue: Acropolis Museum

Hosted by **Georgios Kaminis**

Mayor of Athens, Hellenic Republic

22:30 / Acropolis Museum to the Hotel Grande Bretagne shuttle bus service

Monday, September 17

07:45 / Meet in Grande Bretagne lobby for optional accompanied walk to Zappeion

08:00 / REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

Venue: Zappeion

08:45–

08:55 / WELCOME

H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic

Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos

Introduced by **Achilles Tsaltas**

Vice President, International Conferences,
The New York Times

08:55–

09:30 / THE ALLURE OF THE ILLIBERAL

In countries around the world, voters have recently rallied around leaders who embrace an authoritarian, nationalistic and separatist worldview and curtail civil freedoms, independent institutions and an open media. What is the allure?

The Honorable Stéphane Dion

Ambassador to Germany and Special Envoy to the European Union and Europe, Canada

Sergey A. Karaganov

Dean, Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Kishore Mahbubani

Former President, U. N. Security Council; Professor in the Practice of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; and Author, “Has the West Lost It?”

In conversation with **Kathleen Kingsbury**

Deputy Editorial Page Editor, The New York Times

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Monday, September 17

09:30–

09:55 / SPOTLIGHT: THE BEGINNING OF THE END?

As people around the world ascribe less importance to living in a democracy, what can Western liberal democracies do to restore their own appeal?

Yascha Mounk

Author

Introduction by **Pamela Paul**

Book Review Editor, The New York Times

09:55–

10:30 / WHAT IS THE BUSINESS OF BUSINESS?

Back in the 1970s, Milton Friedman wrote in The Times that “the business of business is business.” In a chaotic and hyperconnected world, does this still ring true? Where do profit and social responsibility intersect?

Brunello Cucinelli

Chairman and C.E.O., Brunello Cucinelli S.p.A.

Ouided Bouchamaoui

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2015

Royston Braganza

C.E.O., Grameen Capital India

In conversation with **Liz Alderman**

Chief European Business Correspondent
The New York Times

10:30–

10:35 / DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL SOLIDARITY IN A CHANGING WORLD

Presented by the Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation

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Founder and President, Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation

Sponsor Session.

10:35–

10:40 / COFFEE BREAK

11:05–

11:25 / EXPERT INSIGHT: FREEDOM ON THE NET

Sanja Kelly

Director, Freedom on the Net, Freedom House

Introduction by **Kathleen Kingsbury**

Deputy Editorial Page Editor, The New York Times

11:25–

11:55 / DEMOCRACY AND THE LAW

“Law should govern,” declared Aristotle, proclaiming a fundamental principle of democratic rule now under threat as illiberal leaders assail the independence of the courts. What is the response? What is the role of transnational legal bodies?

Elizabeth Andersen

Executive Director, World Justice Project

Thulisile Nomkhosi Madonsela

Law Trust Chair in Social Justice
Stellenbosch University

In conversation with **Steven Erlanger**

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, Europe
The New York Times

11:55–

12:15 / EXPERT INSIGHT: MIGRANTS AT THE GATE

Millions of people fleeing war, hunger and danger have come to be perceived by many as a threat. How have some democracies dealt with this challenge?

Lina Antara

Program Officer, Democracy and Diversity
International IDEA

Introduction by **Serge Schmemmann**

Member of the Editorial Board
The New York Times

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Monday, September 17

12:15–

13:30 / **SPONSORED U.N. GLOBAL GOALS INTERACTIVE LUNCH ROUND TABLES**

In-depth, round-table discussions led by business leaders and policy experts on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals curated with support from the United Nations Democracy Fund.

This interactive session has been further refined with support from the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Greece, CSR Hellas, CSR Europe, the American College of Greece, and the Global Liberal Arts Alliance. Please see online agenda for a detailed session overview.

This year's thematic sustainable development goals are 'Good Health and Well-Being,' 'Quality Education,' 'Reduced Inequalities,' and 'Climate Action.'

This session is sponsored by the Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation.

13:30–

14:00 / **WHEN TECHNOLOGY COLLIDES WITH CITIZENSHIP**

Rapid advances in social media, A.I., robotics and other technological innovations have disrupted all facets of society, government and business, for better and for worse. How can these enormous forces be harnessed, and their dangers managed? What is the role of regulation — if any?

Richard Allan

Vice President Policy Solutions, Facebook

Damian Collins

Member of Parliament and Chair, Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Britain

Raisa Wickrematunge

Editor, Groundviews

In conversation with **Liz Alderman**

Chief European Business Correspondent
The New York Times

14:00–

15:30 / **INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS**

In partnership with the Jefferson Center, Athens Democracy Forum delegates will engage in dynamic, interactive workshops to share ideas and explore concrete solutions to the pressing challenges facing liberal democratic societies.

Given the challenges we have explored throughout this year's forum, what solutions might we pursue in order to strengthen and advance liberal democracy in relation to:

- the rule of law?
- the role of technology?
- identity, diversity and inclusion?
- the responsibility of business?

16:00 / **END OF PLENARY SESSIONS**

16:00–

18:00 / **CULTURAL EVENT: PATH FOR DEMOCRACY***

In the fifth century B.C. during the Golden Age of Pericles, a new kind of government was formed whereby people choose their leaders. The concept of a democratic society was established and wholeheartedly celebrated by the citizens of Athens.

Participants will explore the remains of ancient state buildings, as well as discovering the Temple of Hephaestus, the ancient Agora, the Stoa of Attalos and the Acropolis.

*Complimentary transportation is provided. Tour leaves from the Zappeion main entrance at 16:00 sharp. Tour finishes at approximately 18:00 and delegates will be taken directly to the Stoa of Attalos. Places are limited.

Comfortable shoes, sun protection, and a bottle of water are highly recommended.

17:15 / *Hotel Grande Bretagne to the Stoa of Attalos shuttle bus service*

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Monday, September 17

18:00 / GUEST ARRIVAL AT THE STOA OF ATTALOS

18:30–

18:45 / WELCOME REMARKS

Venue: Stoa of Attalos, Ancient Agora

Mark Thompson

President and C.E.O.
The New York Times Company

Annika Savill

Executive Head
UNDEF: The United Nations Democracy Fund

Georgios Kaminis

Mayor of Athens, Hellenic Republic

18:45–

**19:30 / GLOBAL CONVERSATION WITH
Roger Cohen**

Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mark Malloch-Brown

Chair, International Crisis Group

Monique Villa

C.E.O., Thomson Reuters Foundation

In conversation with **Roger Cohen**

Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

**19:30 / Two-minute walk from Stoa of Attalos to Café
Avissinia**

19:30–

**22:00 / AUTHENTIC DINING EXPERIENCE AT CAFÉ
AVISSINIA**

NB: Event is by invitation only

**22:00 / Café Avissinia to Hotel Grande Bretagne shuttle
bus service**

Tuesday, September 18

08:45 / DELEGATE ARRIVAL AND REFRESHMENTS

09:15–

09:55 / TALK WITH THE TIMES

Venue: Zappeion

In this interactive session, senior Times journalists and editors assess the findings and proposed solutions from the previous day's workshops.

Liz Alderman

Chief European Business Correspondent
The New York Times

Roger Cohen

Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

Steven Erlanger

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, Europe
The New York Times

Kathleen Kingsbury

Deputy Editorial Page Editor, The New York Times

Pamela Paul

Book Review Editor, The New York Times

In conversation with **Serge Schmemmann**

Member of the Editorial Board

The New York Times

09:55–

**10:20 / OPENING KEYNOTE CONVERSATION:
DEMOCRATIC SECURITY IN EUROPE AND
ABROAD**

Thorbjørn Jagland

Secretary General, Council of Europe

In conversation with **Steven Erlanger**

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, Europe

The New York Times

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Tuesday, September 18

10:20–

10:50 / **SPOTLIGHT: THE LITERATURE OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY**

Many books have been written on the problems of democracy. The Times's Book Review editor is joined by two prominent authors to debate whether they might, in fact, offer a solution.

Yascha Mounk

Author

Edmund Fawcett

Author and Historian of Liberalism

In conversation with **Pamela Paul**

Book Review Editor, The New York Times

10:50–

11:20 / **COFFEE BREAK**

11:20–

11:55 / **INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION: BRIDGING THE GENERATIONAL GAP**

The political engagement of women, minorities and young people continues to lag in many democracies, but their participation is integral to the resilience of democratic institutions. In an interactive session featuring student representatives from the American College of Greece and the Global Liberal Arts Alliance, we explore why, and uncover possible solutions and strategies for leaders and policy makers.

Radosław Sikorski

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Thulisile Nomkhosi Madonsela

Law Trust Chair in Social Justice
Stellenbosch University

Two student representatives from the American College of Greece and the Global Liberal Arts Alliance

Discussion moderated by **Serge Schmemmann**

Member of the Editorial Board
The New York Times

11:55–

12:25 / **CLOSING KEYNOTE CONVERSATION: WHAT IS OUR HUMAN OBLIGATION?**

As political, economic and social crises test the underlying foundations of liberal democratic societies, can art and other forms of creative expression help to inspire social and political engagement?

Ai Weiwei

Artist

In conversation with **Roger Cohen**

Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

12:25–

12:35 / **CLOSING ADDRESS BY**

Roger Cohen

Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

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Tuesday, September 18

12:30–

**14:30 / SPONSORED LUNCH EVENT:
ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRACY IN THE
DIGITAL AGE**

Digital technologies have profoundly altered democratic processes, including elections. This symposium will focus on the broader electoral environment – how are digital technologies, and their application, changing the nature of democratic systems and how citizens engage in democratic processes? Is a perceived or actual lack of integrity in information and news corrupting electoral processes? And how can we bring greater transparency and accountability – the core elements of integrity – to the role of technology?

**KEYNOTE SPEECH*:
SOCIAL MEDIA AS A FORCE FOR
SOCIAL GOOD**

Richard Allen

Vice President Policy Solutions, Facebook

Followed by an expert panel discussion.

Alan Doss

President, Kofi Annan Foundation

Sanja Kelly

Director, Freedom on the Net, Freedom House

Bert Koenders

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Netherland

Lex Paulson

Lecturer in Rhetoric & Political Thought
Science Po

In conversation with **Steven Erlanger**
Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, Europe
The New York Times

This symposium is sponsored by Facebook in association with the Kofi Annan Foundation as a tribute to Mr. Annan, who earlier this year argued that ‘technology does not stand still, and neither should democracy.’ Session places are limited to delegates who have preregistered.

A seated lunch will be served.

*Description courtesy of Declan O’Brien,
Kofi Annan Foundation

12:30–

**14:30 / SPONSORED BRIEFING:
YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT TO
STRENGTHEN THREATENED DEMOCRACIES**

The Arab world is undergoing unprecedented political upheaval, armed conflict, and unrest, with urgent challenges to family structure, the status of women, and livelihoods – particularly related to young people. As powerful drivers of democratic transition, social stability and economic development, what can leaders do to empower this crucial demographic, and instill a sense of purpose? What are the best-practice examples that balance confidence building and engagement in democratic processes and institutions, while also deterring young people from activities like trafficking, terrorism and money laundering?

Sabah Ismail Al-Haidoos

C.E.O., Silatech

Dr. Nabil Ghaleb

Founding C.E.O., Zitouna Tamkeen

In conversation with **Annika Savill**
Executive Head, UNDEF: The United Nations
Democracy Fund

The panel is sponsored by Silatech, a Qatar-based NGO specializing in youth economic empowerment. Session places are limited to delegates who have preregistered.

A buffet lunch will be served after the briefing.

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Tuesday, September 18

12:30–

14:30 / SPONSORED LUNCH EVENT:

CIVIL SOCIETY VS. ILLIBERAL REGIMES?

Liberal political parties are shattered and distrusted; media are tamed, muzzled or bought by oligarchs; and the system of checks and balances is being eroded. However, recent events in some CEE countries suggest that people have not yet become completely apathetic. Should we place hope in civil society as the last stand against the forces of illiberal populism? Under what circumstances can civic values safeguard long-lasting democratic effects?

Prof. András Bozóki

Professor of Political Science
Central European University, Budapest

Prof. Jiří Příbáň

Professor of Law, Cardiff University

Radosław Sikorski

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

In conversation with **Dr. Karolina Wigura**

Head, Public Debate Observatory
Kultura Liberalna, Warsaw

This panel is programmed and sponsored by Sekyra Group. Session places are limited to delegates who have preregistered.

A seated lunch will be served.

15:00–

17:00 / CULTURAL EVENT: FROM TYRANTS TO EMPERORS: THE TEMPLE OF OLYMPIAN ZEUS

What remains of the Temple of Zeus is a major Athenian landmark reflecting the city's long and fascinating history. Participants will be guided through the centuries, from the period of the Athenian tyrants to the Roman Empire and beyond.

*Tour leaves from the Zappeion main entrance at 15:00 sharp. Tour finishes at approximately 16:45. Places are limited.

Comfortable shoes, sun protection, and a bottle of water are highly recommended.

15:00 / CLOSE OF CONFERENCE