Tuesday, September 12

18:00–21:00 PRE-REGISTRATION OPENS
Venue: Hotel Grande Bretagne

Wednesday, September 13

10:00 REGISTRATION OPENS
Venue: Hotel Grande Bretagne

17:20 / Hotel Grande Bretagne to Presidential Mansion shuttle bus service

17:30 GUEST ARRIVAL AT THE PRESIDENTIAL MANSION

18:00–19:30 "THE ARISTOTLE ADDRESS"
H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos
Kofi Annan
Former Secretary General of the United Nations and Chairman, Kofi Annan Foundation
(By invitation only)

19:30 / Departure on foot from Presidential Mansion to Zappeion

19:30–19:45 / Hotel Grande Bretagne to Zappeion shuttle bus service

20:00 WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION
Venue: Zappeion
Hosted by Kathimerini and Gastronomos magazine

22:00–
22:30 / Zappeion to Hotel Grande Bretagne shuttle bus service

Thursday, September 14

07:45–
08:00 / Hotel Grande Bretagne to Zappeion shuttle bus service

08:00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
Venue: Zappeion

08:45 WELCOME REMARKS
Achilles Tsaltas
Vice President, International Conferences
The New York Times

Kofi Annan
Former Secretary General of the United Nations and Chairman, Kofi Annan Foundation

09:15 PANEL:
POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN THE “POST-TRUTH” ERA
In an age of widespread voter mistrust and suspicion of “the establishment,” who can be trusted to tell the truth about important issues - the politicians or the media?

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

Shami Chakrabarti
Shadow Attorney General, England and Wales
In conversation with Katrin Bennhold
Staff Correspondent, The New York Times

09:45 SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:
THE ENDURING APPEAL OF OBVIOUS UNTRUTHS
Dr. Philip Fernbach
Cognitive Scientist and Assistant Professor of Marketing, Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado
Thursday, September 14

10:05  PANEL: WHO NEEDS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS?
As nations and voters embrace more self-interested political and economic policies, 2017 appears to mark a break from a smaller, more interconnected world. Are Western organizations of international cooperation like the U.N. or W.T.O. still relevant?

Amina Mohamed  
Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Kenya

Kevin Rudd  
26th Prime Minister of Australia and President, Asia Society Policy Institute

In conversation with Serge Schmemann  
Member of the Editorial Board  
The New York Times

10:35  SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW: THE FUTURE OF POLLING?
How useful is it really?

Lord Robert Hayward, OBE  
Conservative Peer and Psephologist

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

11:00  CASE STUDY PRESENTATION: STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY THROUGH CULTURAL PRESERVATION
Presented by Google Cultural Institute

Laurent Gaveau  
Director, The Lab, Google Cultural Institute  
Sponsor session

11:05 / BREAK

11:30  KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND Q&A
Hyeonseo Lee  
North Korean Defector and Human Rights Activist

Followed by a conversation with Roger Cohen  

12:00  PANEL: GOOD GOVERNANCE, GOOD GROWTH
The debate about whether democracy is a prerequisite for greater prosperity has a long history, dating back as far as Aristotle. What are the most effective policy strategies for developed and developing democracies?

Roby Senderowitzsch  
Practice Manager, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Sergei Guriev  
Chief Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

In conversation with Katrin Bennhold  
Staff Correspondent, The New York Times

12:30  SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION: THE CASE AGAINST ELECTIONS
Democracy = Elections…but does it really? The case for ‘deliberative democracy.’

David Van Reybrouck  
Writer

12:50  PANEL: RETHINKING DEMOCRACY IN A CHANGING WORLD
After all the events over the past year, should we be looking for a new model of democracy? Has the Western template of democracy run its course?

Prof. He Jiahong  
Director of the Center for Anti-Corruption and Rule of Law, The School of Law, Renmin University of China

Keboitse Machangana  
Director of Global Programs, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

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

13:20 END OF MORNING PLENARY SESSIONS AND LUNCH

14:30  Zappeion to Hotel Grande Bretagne  
shuttle bus service
13:30–16:00 SPONSORED LUNCH PANEL:
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM
Fireside Conversation

Michael Ignatieff
President and Rector, Central European University

Pavlo Klimkin
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine

In conversation with Serge Schmemann
Member of the Editorial Board
The New York Times

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM
Democracy on the Brink?
The Central and Eastern Europe Symposium will bring together internationally renowned experts and intellectuals to debate the issues and challenges for the future of democracy in the region.

Panel I: Politics in Illiberal Times
Political populism and authoritarianism in the Central and Eastern European region is on the rise. What are the repercussions as this begins to impact attitudes and perceptions to Europe?

Ivan Krastev
Political Scientist and Chairman
The Center for Liberal Strategies

Michael Žantovský
Writer and Former Ambassador, Czech Republic

Péter Krekó
Senior Affiliate, Political Capital Institute

In conversation with Dr. Heather Grabbe
Director, Open Society European Policy Institute

Panel II: Whither Free Media?
An examination of the troubling state of media freedom and autonomy in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as opportunities and threats to democracy generated by the Internet and social media.

Beata Balogová
Editor in Chief, SME

Miklós Haraszti
Special Rapporteur on Human Rights
United Nations

Wojciech Przybylski
Editor in Chief, Visegrad Insight

In conversation with Václav Štětka
Lecturer in Communication and Media Studies, Loughborough University

This panel is programmed and sponsored by Sekyra Group and Open Society Foundations. Session places are limited to delegates who have pre-registered.

16:00 / Zappeion to Hotel Grande Bretagne shuttle bus service
17:30 / Hotel Grande Bretagne to the Stoa of Attalos shuttle bus service
18:00 / GUEST ARRIVAL TO THE STOA OF ATTALOS
18:30 / WELCOME REMARKS
Venue: Stoa of Attalos, Ancient Agora

Stephen Dunbar-Johnson
President, International
The New York Times Company

Annika Savill
Executive Head, United Nations Democracy Fund

Georgios Kaminis
Mayor of Athens, Greece

18:45 / KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Margot Wallström
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
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19:00  GLOBAL CONVERSATION WITH ROGER COHEN, OP-ED COLUMNIST, THE NEW YORK TIMES

Margot Wallström  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Amina Mohamed  
Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Kenya

19:30  Stoa of Attalos to Dionysos Zonar’s and Herodes Atticus shuttle bus service

20:00  COCKTAIL DINATOIRE  
Venue: Dionysos Zonar’s  
Hosted by Georgios Kaminis, Mayor of Athens, Greece

21:00  GUEST ARRIVAL AT HERODES ATTICUS

21:30  CITY OF ATHENS DEMOCRACY AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY  
Venue: Herodes Atticus  
Recipient of Democracy Award: Felipe González Márquez  
Former Prime Minister, Spain

21:40  MARIA CALLAS CONCERT  
Venue: Herodes Atticus  
Organized in collaboration with the Greek National Opera.

23:30  Dionysos Zonar’s parking lot to Hotel Grande Bretagne shuttle bus service  
(NB: transportation before 23:30 will not be provided. Walking distance from the theater to any of our partner hotels is approximately 20 minutes)

Friday, September 15

08:30–
08:45  Hotel Grande Bretagne to Zappeion shuttle bus service

09:00  DELEGATE ARRIVAL

09:30  TALK WITH THE TIMES  
Venue: Zappeion  
In this interactive session, Adam Bryant leads debate with senior Times journalists on topics and questions chosen by Athens Democracy Forum delegates.

Topics:
1. Reporting on the Trump Presidency
2. Fake News and Alternative Facts
3. The Future of Populism
4. America Divided
5. What’s Next for the European Project

Mark Thompson  
President and C.E.O., The New York Times Company

James Bennet  
Editorial Page Editor, The New York Times

Roger Cohen  

Steven Erlanger  
Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, Europe  
The New York Times

Serge Schmemann  
Member of the Editorial Board, The New York Times

Katrin Bennhold  
Staff Correspondent, The New York Times

Farah Nayeri  
Correspondent, The New York Times

In conversation with Adam Bryant  
Corner Office Columnist and Editorial Director, NYTLive, The New York Times

10:30  INTERACTIVE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: BRIDGING THE GENERATIONAL GAP  
Across many Western societies, young people are becoming less engaged with the democratic
process, from voting to civic engagement. In an interactive session featuring 23 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.

Irina Bokova  
Director General, Unesco

Kerry Kennedy  
President, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

Brian Smith  
President, Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) Group, The Coca-Cola Company

Conversation moderated by Serge Schmemann  

11:15  BREAK

11:45  CLOSING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:  
DEMOCRACY IN CARTOONS  
How have political cartoonists responded to what is happening in the world? A New York Times editorial cartoonist examines the state of democracy through his drawings

Patrick Chappatte  
Editorial Cartoonist, The New York Times

12:10  CLOSING ADDRESS  
by Roger Cohen  

12:30  SPONSORED UN GLOBAL GOALS  
INTERACTIVE LUNCH ROUND TABLES:  
In-depth, round-table discussions led by policy experts on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

This panel is sponsored by The Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation, and programmed by the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development and the newDemocracy Foundation.

14:30  Zappeion to Hotel Grande Bretagne  
shuttle bus service

Saturday and Sunday, September 16-17

SPONSORED SESSION:  
DEMOCRACY & FILM WEEKEND  
Location: Costa Navarino, Messinia

For more than a century, film and filmmakers have framed the way people perceive life, current events and the world at large. But do filmmakers have a political responsibility, or is their only duty to art? Has film's power to influence political action been eroded by an era of changing political discourse and media consumption habits? Does Hollywood still have a monopoly in its self-proclaimed role of global conscience?

Paul Mason  
Journalist and Filmmaker

In conversation with Ali Hossaini, Artist and Producer

Roger Cohen  

This panel is programmed and sponsored by Costa Navarino.

*Access to the Democracy & Film 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. Complimentary bus transportation to Costa Navarino to be provided. Bus departs Grand Bretagne Hotel on Friday, September 15 at 15:30. Return trip to Syntagma Square, Athens departs Costa Navarino on Sunday, September 17 at 12:00.
Athens Democracy Forum
Affiliated Events

Cartoon and Photo Exhibition – A Year in the Democratic World

**Date:** September 13 – 17, 2017  
**Time:** Opening 8:00 p.m. on September 13  
**Location:** Zappeion

The exhibition will feature works by New York Times editorial cartoonist Patrick Chapatte and works from Kathimerini and other media outlets, each accompanied by the words of ancient Greek philosophers expressing the ideals on which democracy was founded. An exhibition of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs from The New York Times and Reuters led by renowned Greek photojournalist, Yannis Behrakis will also feature.


**Organized by:** Oikomedia and Hostwriter  
**Date:** September 12, 2017  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Impact Hub Athens, Karaiskaki 28, 10554 Athens

Never before has public distrust in the media been as high as in recent years. Are labels like “dishonest media” driven purely by political games, or are journalists partly to blame for the flailing confidence of citizens in their capacity to report the news fully and fairly? Are journalists players, or referees, in the game of democracy?

For more information please contact Elina Makri, co-founder, Journalist at elina.makri@gmail.com or at +30 69 812 7150

Children’s Exhibition

**Organized by:** The City of Athens and the Hellenic Children’s Museum  
**Date:** September 12-17, 2017  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Athens Conservatoire, Vasileos Georgiou II Avenue 17-19, Athens 10675

The Hellenic Children’s Museum will organize an exhibition of materials from the “My Democracy” educational program undertaken in a number of elementary schools in the municipality of Athens. The event will also include children’s artworks, and games for both children and adults.
Trump, ‘Brexit,’ and the Crisis in Political Language - Mark Thompson in Conversation with Alexis Papahelas

Organized by: Kathimerini
Date: September 15, 2017
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, Andrea Syngrou Avenue 364, Kallithea, Athens 17674

Mark Thompson, president and C.E.O. of The New York Times, is joined by executive editor of Kathimerini Alexis Papahelas, to explore how changes in the language of politics have undermined public trust in politicians and the media alike - and now endangers politics itself.

For more information please contact Rita Kanatoula, Head of International Publications, Kathimerini at rkanatoula@kathimerini.gr or at +30 210 4808 223

Then and Now: Women, Immigration, Democracy

Organized by: The American School of Classical Studies at Athens
Date: September 15, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: The American School of Classical Studies at Athens (ASCSA), Souidias 54, Athens 10676

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Mary Lefkowitz, Wellesley College - Women’s Role in Democracy
Prof. Geoff Bakewell, Rhodes College - Anxiety in the Polis: Politics, Sex and Refugees in the Ancient World
Prof. Sheila Dillon, Duke University – Women on the Move in the Mediterranean
Prof. Jenifer Neils, Director ASCSA – Women and Politics on the Parthenon

Please note: Affiliated events are part of the 2017 Athens Democracy Forum taking place in Athens from September 13 – 17, 2017, but not organized by The New York Times.