

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

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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 Schmemmann**
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**

Hyeonsoo Lee

North Korean Defector and Human Rights Activist

Followed by a conversation with **Roger Cohen**
Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

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 Senderowitsch

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 Schmemmann**

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 DÎNATOIRE

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

Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

Steven Erlanger

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, Europe
The New York Times

Serge Schmemmann

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 Schmemmann** Member of the Editorial Board, The New York Times and **Katrin Bennhold**, Staff Correspondent, The New York Times

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**
Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

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 new Democracy 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

Roger Cohen
Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

In conversation with **Ali Hossaini**, Artist and Producer

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.

Young Journalists Public Debate: “Media Under Suspicion – A Matter of Trust: How Can Journalism Regain Public Faith”

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.