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President of DIKTIO, ex EU Commissioner, ex Minister

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Anna Diamantopoulou is President of DIKTIO – Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, a leading non-partisan, Athens-based think tank. Ms. Diamantopoulou served as the European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, and has held several significant portfolios as a Minister in the Greek government as well. She was Minister of Development, Competitiveness and Shipping, and, prior to that, Minister of Education, Research and Technology, and Lifelong learning. Ms. Diamantopoulou is a member of the Advisory Board of Brenthuster Foundation in South Africa. She is member of the Board of Trustees of the Brussels-based think tank Friends of Europe, a Council Member of the European Council on foreign relations (ECFR), and a member of the Scientific Council of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and member of the Advisory Board of the Delphi Economic forum. Anna also sits on corporate boards, including the Board of Directors of Coca Cola HBC, an FTSE 100 company and the Global Advisory Board of KEKST CNC, a global strategic communications firm, member of Publicis Groupe.



Manos Matsaganis - Professor, Politecnico di Milano

Professor of Public Finance at Polytechnic University of Milan. Prior to this, he worked at the Athens University of Economics and Business (2004-2016), where he founded and directed the Policy Analysis Research Unit. Earlier he had been a lecturer at the University of Crete (1996-1999 and 2001-2004), a special adviser at the Greek Prime Minister's Office (1997-2001), and a researcher at the London School of Economics (1990-1993). He holds degrees from the Athens University of Economics and Business (BSc 1986), the University of York (MSc 1988), and the University of Bristol (PhD 1992).

He has collaborated with international organizations such as the European Commission, the OECD, UNICEF, and the World Bank. He was a member of the Expert Group on Social Investment for Growth and Cohesion, on the invitation of European Commissioner László Andor (2012-2014). He was Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University (2014) and University of California, Berkeley (2015), Visiting Scholar at Boston University (2017, 2018), and Visiting Professor at University of Vienna (2019). He is currently Head of the Greek & European Economy Observatory at the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy ELIAMEP in Athens (since 2021). He sits at the Advisory Board of the diaNEOsis foundation in Athens (since 2016), and at the Scientific Committee of the Feltrinelli Foundation in Milan (since 2022).

His current research focuses on technological change and the future of work, the changing fortunes of the middle class in Southern Europe, and the transformations of the European social model after the Eurozone crisis and Covid-19 (ORCID id: 0000-0002-0369-6280). His book "Who's afraid of the welfare state now?" (with Anton Hemerijck) is due for release from Oxford University Press.



Nicolas Schmit - EU Commissioner

Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights | 2019-present

Member of the European Parliament | 2019

Minister for Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy | 2013-2018

Minister for Labour, Employment and Immigration | 2009-2013

Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Immigration | 2004-2009

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the EU | 1998-2004

Member of the Council of State | 1991-2004

Alternate Member of the European Convention for a European Constitution | 2001-2003

Personal Representative of the Prime Minister to the Intergovernmental Conference leading to the Nice Treaty | 2000

Director of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in charge of Economic and European affairs and Development Cooperation, Member of the EU Trade Committee | 1991-1998

Nicolas Schmit, Luxembourgish nationality, Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU, in charge of the Intergovernmental Conference leading to the Maastricht Treaty | 1990-1991



Dharmendra Kanani - Chief Operating Officer & Chief Spokesperson of Friends of Europe

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Prior to joining Friends of Europe, Dharmendra Kanani was director of policy at the European Foundation Centre (EFC). He was the England director at the Big Lottery Fund, the largest independent funder in the UK and fourth largest in the world. Dharmendra has held senior positions in the public and voluntary sector and advisor to numerous ministerial policy initiatives across the UK.



Miltiadis Nektarios - Professor of Insurance Science, Department of Statistics and Insurance Science, University of Piraeus - ex Governor of the Social Insurance Institute (IKA)

Ο Μιλτιάδης Νεκτάριος είναι Ομότιμος Καθηγητής Ασφάλισης του Τμήματος Στατιστικής και Ασφαλιστικής Επιστήμης του Πανεπιστημίου Πειραιώς. Είναι ο δημιουργός και πρώτος διευθυντής του Εργαστηρίου Διαχείρισης Κινδύνων και Ασφάλισης (LabRMI) του Τμήματος.

Απόφοιτος του Οικονομικού Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνών (πρώην ΑΣΟΕΕ) και κάτοχος διδακτορικού διπλώματος του TEMPLE University (Philadelphia USA), έχει ειδικευθεί στην ιδιωτική και κοινωνική ασφάλιση και στη δημόσια οικονομική. Διετέλεσε διευθύνων σύμβουλος στη Χρηματιστηριακή Β. Ελλάδος (1991-93) και στην Εθνική Ασφαλιστική (1993- 99), Διοικητής του ΙΚΑ (1999 2004) καθώς και Πρόεδρος της Ένωσης Ασφαλιστικών Εταιριών Ελλάδος (1993 -96) και της ΑΕΔΑΚ Ασφαλιστικών Οργανισμών (2000-2004). Πρ. Μέλος της επιτροπής για την μεταρρύθμιση του ασφαλιστικού συστήματος (2015). Είναι συγγραφέας αρκετών βιβλίων και τα ερευνητικά του ενδιαφέροντα καλύπτουν τις περιοχές των εφαρμογών της θεωρίας διαχείρισης των κινδύνων, της σύγκλισης ασφαλιστικών και χρηματοοικονομικών αγορών, της κοινωνικής ασφάλισης για συντάξεις και των συστημάτων υπηρεσιών υγείας. Μελέτες του έχουν δημοσιευθεί από την Παγκόσμια Τράπεζα (World Bank) και επιστημονικά περιοδικά υψηλού κύρους όπως τα εξής: European Journal of Operational Research, The Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance - Issues and Practice, Risk Management and Insurance Review, Asia-Pacific Journal of Risk and Insurance, Journal of Insurance Regulation, International Journal of Social Economics, The Journal of Risk Finance, Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation, Journal of Hospital Administration, και άλλα.



Platon Tinios - Associate Professor of Statistics and Insurance Science, University of Piraeus

Interventions and discussion

Platon Tinios, is an economist, associate professor at the University of Piraeus. He was educated in Egypt, Greece and the UK. He studied economics at the Universities of Cambridge (MA, Ph.D) and Oxford (M.Phil). He served as Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Greece from 1996 to 2004, specializing in the economic analysis of social policy and pensions. He was a member of the EU Social Protection Committee and the EPC Ageing Working Group from 2000 to 2004. He has participated in IMF Technical Assistance missions in the areas of social expenditure and pensions. In 2015/6 he was a Visiting Senior Fellow at the London School of Economics. His research interests include pensions, ageing, social policy, gender, economics of insurance and public finance. He has written numerous books and journal articles in English and in Greek.



Γιάννης Μειμάρογλου

Γεννήθηκε στην Αθήνα το 1951.

Τοπογράφος μηχανικός του ΕΜΠ - DES στα Υδραυλικά έργα (École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées) - Απόφοιτος Institut Nationale d' Informatique de Gestion - Παρίσι)

Δραστηριοποιήθηκε επιχειρηματικά στις κατασκευές, το διεθνές εμπόριο και τη ναυτιλία.

Εκδότης, από το 2004, του - ηλεκτρονικού σήμερα - περιοδικού «Μεταρρύθμιση» (metarithmisi.gr) που προωθεί σταθερά τον δημοκρατικό διάλογο με στόχο την πρόωση των αναγκαίων μεταρρυθμίσεων στο κράτος, την οικονομία και την κοινωνία.



Adonis Georgiadis - Minister of Labour and Social Security

Ο Άδωνις-Σπυρίδων Γεωργιάδης γεννήθηκε στις 6 Νοεμβρίου του 1972, στην Αθήνα. Είναι παντρεμένος με την Ευγενία Μανωλίδου και έχουν δύο παιδιά, τον Αθανάσιο-Περσέα και τον Αναστάσιο-Αλκαίο. Είναι απόφοιτος του Τμήματος Ιστορίας και Αρχαιολογίας της Φιλοσοφικής Σχολής Αθηνών. Το 1993 ανέλαβε τη διεύθυνση των εκδόσεων «ΓΕΩΡΓΙΑΔΗΣ-ΒΙΒΛΙΟΘΗΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ». Το 1994 ίδρυσε το Κέντρο Ελευθέρων Σπουδών «ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΑΓΩΓΗ». Εκλέχθηκε βουλευτής στην Β' Αθηνών στις εκλογές του 2007 και του 2009 με το πολιτικό κόμμα του ΛΑΟΣ. Τον Φεβρουάριο του 2012, προσχώρησε στο πολιτικό κόμμα της Νέας Δημοκρατίας, παραδίδοντας τη βουλευτική του έδρα. Εκλέχθηκε με τη Νέα Δημοκρατία στην Β' Αθηνών στις εθνικές εκλογές του 2012 και του 2015. Το 2011 διετέλεσε Υφυπουργός Ναυτιλίας στην Κυβέρνηση του κ. Λουκά Παπαδήμου και το 2013 Υπουργός Υγείας στην Κυβέρνηση του κ. Αντώνη Σαμαρά. Στις 18 Ιανουαρίου 2016, με απόφαση του Προέδρου της Νέας Δημοκρατίας κ. Κυριάκου Μητσοτάκη, ορίστηκε ένας εκ των δύο Αντιπροέδρων της Νέας Δημοκρατίας, με αντικείμενο τον έλεγχο του κοινοβουλευτικού έργου. Στις 9 Ιουλίου 2019, ο Άδωνις Γεωργιάδης ορκίστηκε Υπουργός Ανάπτυξης και Επενδύσεων στην Κυβέρνηση του Κυριάκου Μητσοτάκη, θέση στην οποία παρέμεινε επί 4 έτη. Στις εκλογές της 21ης Μαΐου 2023, ο Άδωνις Γεωργιάδης επανεκλέχθηκε βουλευτής Βορείου Τομέα Αθηνών. Στις 27 Ιουνίου 2023 ορκίστηκε Υπουργός Εργασίας και Κοινωνικής Ασφάλισης.



Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Ph.D. - Chair of Macrosociology, University of Mannheim

Bernhard Ebbinghaus is Professor of Social Policy at University of Oxford, and also

Senior Research Fellow of Green Templeton College, Oxford. From October 2017 until December 2020 Professor Ebbinghaus had been Head of the Department of Social Policy and Intervention (2017-20). In addition, he is Mercator Fellow (2018-22) at the Collaborative Research Centre (SFB 884) Political Economy of Reform, University of Mannheim, where he will resume his Professorship of Sociology as of January 2022. His research studies the politics and outcomes of welfare state reforms, comparing pension systems, employment policies during crises, and the role of public attitudes and organized interests. He is co-PI of the Oxford Supertracker project, a directory of Covid-19 related policy trackers and surveys.



Antigoni Lymberaki - Professor of Economics, Department of Economic and Regional Development, Panteion University

Antigoni Lyberaki is Professor of Economics at Panteion University in Athens. She has a PhD in Economics on Greek small and medium enterprises and an MPhil in Development Studies from The Institute of Development Studies (IDS) of the University of Sussex. She was visiting professor in New York (CUNY), Paris (EHESS), London (LSE) and Visiting Fellow at the IDS at Sussex in 2016. She has been Country Team Leader for Greece since 2002 in a large-scale European survey, SHARE (Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe). She was elected as a Member of Parliament for To Potami in 2015 and later in 2019. She served as board member of ActionAid Hellas (2004–14), and of SolidarityNow (2014–2017), an NGO active in refugee relief. Since October 2017 she is General Manager of SolidarityNow. Her research interests are SMEs and migration, ageing, and gender economics.



Sofia Zacharaki - Minister of Social Cohesion and Family

Sofia Zacharaki is the Minister of Social Cohesion and Family of Greece.

Prior to her current position she served as the Deputy Minister for Tourism Education and Special forms of Tourism.

From July 2019 to January 2021, she served as the Deputy Minister of Education and Religious Affairs responsible for Primary, Secondary and Special Education.

Before her appointment as member of the Hellenic Government, she served as the spokesperson for Nea Demokratia, the then leading opposition Centre-right party in Greece, an EPP member party. Prior to that and for more than 2 years, Sofia had served as the party's deputy spokesperson.

Her professional experience includes working as an advisor to the Minister of Development on European and International Affairs, a position she held from 2012 until 2014. During that period, she had also been actively involved in the preparation of the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

A state department program alumnus, in 2015 she represented Greece in the International Leadership Visitor Programme in the USA under the title "The role of Private Public Partnerships in restructuring economies".

In the past, she has also worked as a teacher in state and private schools in Greece and as a European Affairs executive in the Greek Ministry of Education and the Secretariat for lifelong learning and youth policies.



Yves Stevens, Ph.D. - Social Law Professor, Coordinator of the specialized pension law program, Director of the legal post-academic training programs, University of Leuven

Yves Stevens is a full time professor at the University of Leuven. He is specialized in social and pension law. He teaches classes in social security law, labor law and social insurances. As a social law researcher he is both nationally and internationally involved in various research projects. He has done international project research in i.a. Australia, USA, Japan, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Spain, Finland, France and the Netherlands. He also coordinates a special pension law course. His main publications relate to ageing and pensions.