



**Conference Agenda**  
**The Education System and the Economy:**  
***Building Human Capital in Greece***

**Wednesday, 9 October 2019**

[Cotsen Hall](#), Gennadius Library, 9 Anapiron Polemou Str., Athens

**09:45 Registration**

**10:00 Welcome:**

Panayotis Thomopoulos (Chairman of the Board, IOBE)

Arup Banerji (Regional Director for the European Union Countries, World Bank Group)

**10:15 *Education policy priorities in Greece***, Niki Kerameus (Minister of Education and Religious Affairs)

**10:45 *Global challenges and policy responses***, Harry Patrinos (Education Practice Manager, World Bank Group)

**11:15 *Trends and challenges for the education system in Greece***, Nikos Vettas (General Director, IOBE and Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business)

**11:45 The Greek education system: Performance and challenges**

***Challenges and opportunities; Insights into the Greek education system from the EU Education and Training Monitor 2019***, Denis Crowley (Head of Country Analysis Unit, DG Education, European Commission)

**Panel:**

Charlotte Sammelin (Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden in Athens)

Andreas Boudouvis (Professor, Rector-elect, National Technical University of Athens)

Chryssa Sofianopoulou (Asst. Prof., Harokopio Univ., f. member of PISA Gov. Board)

Harry Patrinos (Education Practice Manager, World Bank Group)

**Moderator:** Daphne Nicolitsas (Asst. Professor of Economics, University of Crete)

**13:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 Education reforms**

***Education finance reform: Lessons for Greece***, Lars Sondergaard (Program Leader, World Bank Group)

**Panel:**

Panos Tsakloglou (Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business)

Danae Diakoulaki (Professor Emeritus, National Technical University of Athens)

Kostas Axarloglou (Dean, ALBA)

**Moderator:** Marnie Papamatthaiou (Journalist, *To Vima, Ta Nea*)

**15:15 Education, jobs, and long-term prosperity in Greece**

***The education system and the Greek Economy: Recent findings***, Svetoslav Danchev  
(Head of Microeconomic Analysis and Policy, IOBE)

**Panel:**

Theodore Fessas (Chairman, SEV)

Spiros Protopsaltis (Governor of OAED)

Aristos Doxiadis (Partner, Big Pi Ventures)

Lars Sondergaard (Program Leader, World Bank Group)

**Moderator:** Nikos Vettas (General Director, IOBE and Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business)

**16:30 Conclusions**

**17:00 Conference close**