

Programme

Third Demographic Summit

HANDLING THE DEMOGRAPHIC  
EMERGENCY

The role of science, governments and citizens



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Thursday, January 18th 2024

19:00

**OPENING GALA DINNER**

**Arrival of guests - Cocktail reception**

19:30

Introductory remarks:

**Joan Hoey**, editor, The Democracy Index, & senior analyst for Greece, The Economist Group

**Stefanos Chandakas**, founder and president, HOPEgenesis, chairman of the BoD, "Mitera" Hospital, HHG Group, associate professor of gynecology, University of Nicosia Medical School

19:45

**HOW POPULATION CHANGE WILL TRANSFORM OUR WORLD**

• **Europe's demographic challenges: The way forward**

**Sarah Harper**, director, Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, University of Oxford, former advisor, UK Prime Minister's Council for science and technology

• **Demographic challenges for Greece**

**Adonis Georgiadis**, minister of health, Greece

20:10

Discussion

20:30

Dinner is served

22:00

End of dinner

Friday, January 19th 2024

09:00

**Welcome coffee - Registration**

09:30

**Official opening session**

**WITNESSING EUROPE'S DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE – AND ACTING**

• **Can immigration contribute to the reversal of Europe's demographic decline?**

• **Rural and urban imbalances: What is the optimum strategy to address regional inequalities?**

**Dubravka Šuica**, vice-president for democracy and demography, European Commission

**Sofia Zacharaki**, minister for social cohesion and family affairs, Greece

09:45

Discussion

10:00

## **EVALUATING GREECE'S DEMOGRAPHIC POLICIES**

- **The current demographic trends**
- **The pandemic's aftermath, migration flows, natural disasters: How are they affecting the demographic landscape?**
- **Enhancing the need for confidence between government and citizens in uncertain times**
- **The government's role: in need of new policies and new incentives?**
- **Is immigration part of the solution?**

**Maria Kefala**, deputy minister for social cohesion and family, Greece

**Konstantina Giannakopoulou**, MP, PASOK-Movement for Change

**Fay Makantasi**, research director, diaNEOsis

- **The academic perspective**

**Byron Kotzamanis**, professor, department of planning and regional development, University of Thessaly

**Alexandra Tragaki**, professor, demography economics, department of geography, Harokopio University

10:30

Discussion

10:55

## **HANDLING THE DEMOGRAPHIC EMERGENCY: NEXT STEPS FOR EUROPE**

**Ivanka Shalapatova**, minister of labour and social policy, Republic of Bulgaria

**Jo Etienne Abela**, minister for senior citizens and active ageing, Malta

**Gunnar Andersson**, professor in demography and head, Stockholm University Demography Unit (SUDA)

- **How can Greece overcome its challenges?**

**Wolfgang Fengler**, former lead economist, The World Bank, CEO, World Data Lab

11:30

Discussion

12:00

**Break**

12:30

## **DEMOGRAPHIC CRISIS AND THE LABOUR MARKET: IS THE GLASS HALF EMPTY OR HALF FULL?**

**Domna Michailidou**, minister of labour and social welfare, Greece

**Alexander Sarrigeorgiou**, chairman & chief executive officer, Eurolife FFH Insurance Group, chairman of the board of directors, Hellenic Association of Insurance Companies

**Nikos Vettas**, director-general, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE), professor, Athens University of Economics and Business

**Yiannis Karouzos**, lawyer-labour expert

12:55

Discussion

13:20

## **SOCIAL SECURITY AND DEMOGRAPHIC SUSTAINABILITY: HOW ARE THEY INTERRELATED?**

- **Europe: Re-evaluating the priorities for social security in times of unpredictability**
- **Capitalisation schemes: an assessment**
- **How will the social insurance sector respond to the need for new services in view of the population ageing?**
- **The paradigm of the Dutch pension system**

**Nikos Milapidis**, secretary general for social security, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Greece

**Edith Maat**, managing director, Federation of Dutch Pension Funds

**Miltiadis Nektarios**, professor, University of Piraeus, chairman, Institute for the Economics of Ageing

13:40

Discussion

14:00

**Networking luncheon**

15:00

## **ADDRESSING LOW FERTILITY: THE ROLE OF SCIENCE**

- **Why is the co-operation between scientists, the state and the civil society so significant?**
- **Latest developments in reproductive health and assisted reproduction**
- **The scientists' role in family planning**
- **Surrogate motherhood-egg donation-egg freezing: the scientific perspective**

**Stefanos Chandakas**, founder and president, HOPEgenesis, chairman of the BoD, "Mitera" Hospital, HHG Group, associate professor of gynecology, University of Nicosia Medical School

**Andreas Edel**, executive secretary, Population Europe (via connection)

**Antonia Charitou**, president, Hellenic Society of Perinatal Medicine

- **The role of the public sector in resolving fertility problems in Greece**

**Nikolaos Petrogiannis**, IVF specialist, general secretary, Hellenic Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology (HSOG)

- **The impact of maternity & assisted reproduction policies on Greece's ageing population**

**Nikos Vrachnis**, associate professor in obstetrics & gynecology, Attikon University General Hospital

15:30

Discussion

15:50

## **GENDER INEQUALITIES AND THE DEMOGRAPHIC CRISIS IN EUROPE**

- **The importance of human rights and gender equality in tackling the demographic crisis**
- **Talking about Greece's position in the Gender Equality Index for 2024**
- **Examining traditional roles, stereotypes and cultural patterns in the context of Greece's demographic crisis**
- **Violence against women worldwide: Do social pathologies affect demographics?**

**Zefi Dimadama**, secretary-general for equality and human rights, Ministry for Social Cohesion and Family Affairs, Greece

**Gabriela Alvarez Minte**, regional gender adviser, Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)

**Valia Aranitou**, associate professor, department of sociology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

**Venetia Kantsa**, professor of social anthropology, department of social anthropology and history, University of the Aegean

16:15

Discussion

16:35

## **HOW DO REGIONAL DISPARITIES EXACERBATE SOCIAL INEQUALITIES?**

- **Europe's policies and measures to be taken**
- **Focusing on Greece's reality**

**Marina Stefou**, secretary-general for demography and housing policy, Greece

**Elena Akrita**, MP, SYRIZA PA

**Lois Labrianidis**, fmr professor in the department of economics, University of Macedonia

- **Under a multi-dimensional demographic perspective the future looks more manageable**

**Wolfgang Lutz**, interim deputy director general for science, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, founding director, Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital

16:55

Discussion

17:10

## **GEOPOLITICAL AND SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF GREECE'S POPULATION ISSUE**

- **How can the geopolitical risks that are related to the demographic crisis be eliminated?**

**Ioannis Kefalogiannis**, deputy minister of national defence

**Georges Prevelakis**, emeritus professor of geography and geopolitics,  
Panthéon-Sorbonne University (Paris 1)

17:25

Discussion

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**End of conference**

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