

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chania Forum, 2026**

**THE END OF THE OLD ORDER?  
EUROPE AND GREECE IN A WORLD IN FLUX**



18-19 April 2026

*Kiani Beach Resort*  
Chania, Crete, Greece

A public policy workshop organised by the  
**Greek Public Policy Forum**

## **PROGRAMME**

**Saturday, 18 April**

09.30	<b><i>Welcome by the Organisers</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vassilis Tzevelekos</li></ul> <b><i>Round of Introductions</i></b>
09.45-10.45	<b><i>Opening Plenary Discussion: Understanding the Current Moment</i></b> <i>Chair: Aris Georgopoulos</i>
10.45-11.45	<b><i>Europe at a Crossroads: Internal Strains, External Pressures</i></b> <i>Chair: Nikitas Konstantinidis</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- George Pagoulatos</li><li>- Effrosyni Pavlakoudi</li></ul>
11.45-12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12.00-13.00	<b><i>A World at War? Ukraine, Iran, and Global Geopolitics</i></b> <i>Chair: Mykola Gnatovskyy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ino Afentouli</li><li>- Dimitris Keridis</li></ul>
13.00-14.00	<b><i>The Greek Economy in a Global Environment of Trade, Foreign Direct Investment, and Economic Uncertainty</i></b> <i>Chair: Effrosyni Pavlakoudi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dimitris Skalkos</li><li>- Plutarchos Sakellaris</li></ul>

14.00-15.00

*Lunch break*

15.00-16.00

***Industrial Policy and Competitiveness: Priorities and Challenges for Europe and Greece***

*Chair:* Chris Uregian

- Nathalie Berger
- Nikos Vettas

16.00-16.15

*Coffee break*

16.15-17.15

***The Greek Economy: Reform, Resilience, and Challenges***

*Chair:* Ino Afentouli

- Sotiris Georganas
- Georges Siotis

19.00

*Dinner*

20.15

*Transfer to Old Venetian Harbour of Chania*

Optional transfer for participants to spend the evening in the Old Venetian Harbour of Chania at their discretion, making their own arrangements.

23.15

*Return transfer to the hotel*

**Sunday, 19 April**

09.30-10.30

***Tax, Risk and Debt: The Role of Central Banks***

*Chair:* Plutarchos Sakellaris

- Michel Habib
- Nicolas Véron

10.30-11.30

***Global Trade Governance in Transition: The WTO and Beyond***

*Chair:* Nikos Vettas

- Henrik Horn
- Petros Mavroidis

11.30-11.45

*Coffee break*

11.45-12.45

***Europe's Response(s) to Migration: Challenges, Trade-offs, and Opportunities***

*Chair:* Vasiliki Georgiadou

- Hugo Brady
- Olga Poiedynok

12.45-13.45

***Illiberal Trends in Western Democracies***

*Chair:* Elias Dinas

- Vasiliki Georgiadou
- Lamprini Rori

13.45-14.45

*Lunch break*

14.45-15.45

***Responding to Illiberal Trends: The Council of Europe Between Promise and Constraint***

*Chair:* Lamprini Rori

- Christos Giakoumopoulos
- Mykola Gnatovskyy

15.45-16.00

*Coffee break*

16.00-17.00

***Taking Stock: Where We Stand and What Lies Ahead***

*Chair:* Vassilis Tzevelekos

20.00

*Dinner at the Rooftop Restaurant of the hotel*

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