



# **Progressive Youth Academy**

19.10. – 21.10.2018 Spetses

#### Venue:

Anargyrios and Korgialenios School of Spetses

Friday, 19.10.	
10:00	Departure from Athens Meeting Point: Leof. Vasilissis Sofias Corner Neofitou Vamva
14:00	Arrival at the Hotel & Lunch
15:45	Welcome Coffee and Frame-in
	Ulrich Storck, Resident Director FES Greece Xenophon Contiades, Director of the Tsatsos Foundation
16:00	Getting to Know Each Other

#### **Session #1: Temporary Social Democracy**

In this session we will discuss the foundations of Social Democracy as a political ideology. We will explore why its values are now more relevant than ever and how they can help us to overcome the political struggles of our day and age.

16:30	"The Future of Social Democracy – Equality, Freedom and Solidarity in the Age of Populism"
	<u>Input:</u> <b>Prof. Xenophon Contiades</b> , Director of the Tsatsos Foundation
	<b>Ania Skrzypek</b> , Senior Research Fellow at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)
17:15	Idea Labs Round #1: The Future of (a) Social Democracy
	<ol> <li>Freedom, Equality, Solidarity – Their relevance today</li> <li>Democracy without Democrats? – Fighting the rise of populism in europe</li> <li>Social Democracy for Europe – Can more solidarity heal</li> </ol>





	a fragmented union?
18:15	Presentation and Discussion of Idea Lab Results in the Plenary
19:15	Closing of the Day
20:00	<b>Dinner</b> tba

#### Saturday, 20.10

09:30 Welcome & Frame-in

#### Session #2: Inequality and its discontents

In this session we will explore the implications of widening inequality on our societies. We will analyze the pressures exerted by globalized capitalism on our democracies and discuss necessary policy responses.

10:00 "Inequality and the Welfare State – Can Capitalism and Democracy be reconciled?"

Input:

**Max Neufeind,** Policy Fellow at the Progressives Zentrum **Panagiotis Vlachos,** Founder of "Forward Greece" & "Vouliwatch"

#### 10:45 Idea Labs Round #2: Capitalism and Democracy

- 1) The end of security? The future of the welfare state in a globalized economy
- 2) Inequality vs. democracy? Political equality and representation in an unequal world
- 3) The European Union More than a market?
- 4) The 4th Industrial Revolution How can we address inequality through digitisation, automation and innovation?

#### 11:45 Coffee-Break





12:00 Continuation of Idea Labs Round #2 & Presentation and

**Discussion of Results** 

13:30 Lunch Break

#### Session #3: Progressive politics in practice

In this session we will focus on the practical dimension of doing progressive politics. We will discuss the challenges related to what is often referred to as the "post-factual age" and debate the future of Greece with a political practitioner.

**15:00** Panel Discussion

"Our truth is the intersection of independent lies." - Politics between alternative facts, fake news, and the desire for authenticity

#### Participants:

Maria Exner, Deputy Editor in Chief of DIE ZEIT Online Raphael Geiger, correspondent for the German magazine Stern (tbc)

Valentinos Tzekas, Founder of fighthoax.com (tbc)

Vaggelis Vitzileos, Web & Social Media Manager of ENA Institute

Empty chair for voices from the audience

Facilitator:

Marianna Skylakaki, Founder of the news website and newsletter a8inea.com

17:00 Coffee Break

17:30 Fish-Bowl

"The center-left in Greece and Europe – Rebuilding Trust, Regaining Support"

#### **Discussants:**

Manolis Christodoulakis, general secretary of KINAL Ania Skrzypek, Senior Research Fellow at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)

### Facilitator:

Prof. Xenophon Contiades, Director of the Tsatsos

Foundation





Closing of the Day 19:00

20:30 **Dinner** tba

## **Sunday, 21.10**

Welcome and Frame-in 09:00

Session #4: Drafting the "Spetses Program"
In the final session of the program we will get together in an innovative format and develop a strong political statement. We will formulate a written memorandum containing our visions, goals and instruments to achieve a solidary, free and equal society.

09:30	Our voice can be heard – The "Spetses Program" - Introduction
10:00	Drafting of the Program in Thematic Working Groups
	<ol> <li>Labor and the Welfare State</li> <li>European Politics</li> <li>Representative Democracy &amp; State Effectiveness</li> <li>Education and equal opportunities</li> </ol>
11:30	Coffee Break
11:45	Presenting the Program in the Plenary and Feedback
12:45	Closing of the Academy and Reflection
13:15	Lunch and Departure





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