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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.



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.



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.



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.



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

Antigone 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.



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.



Yannis Meimaroglou, publisher of the journal “Metarrithmisi”

Yannis Meimaroglou was born in Athens in 1951.

He is a Rural and Surveying Engineer from the National Technical University of Athens (Polytechnio). His post-graduate studies were in “École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (ENPC)-DEA” in Hydraulic Works and the “Institut National D’informatique de Gestion” in Paris, France.

Professionally he was active in the international commerce, merchant shipping and construction sector.

Since 2004 he is the publisher of the journal “Metarrithmisi” which today is an online magazine (metarithmisi.gr). The magazine promotes steadily the democratic dialogue aiming at promoting the necessary reforms in the state, the economy and society.



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

2020 – 2022 : Project Manager, Research project: “Ageing Strategies for Greece”, University of Piraeus.

1999 – 2004 : Governor, Social Insurance Organization of Greece.

2000 – 2004 : Chairman, Asset Management Company of Pension Funds.

1999 – 2004 : Member of the Board of Directors, National Bank of Greece

1993 – 1999 : C.E.O. , ETHNIKI Insurance Company (Market leader)

1993 - 1996 : Chairman, Association of Insurance Companies of Greece

1990 – 1993 : C.E.O. , Northern Greece Securities (Member of the Athens Stock Exchange)

1983 – 1988 : Insurance Commissioner of Greece, Ministry of Commerce.



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



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.



Yiannis Thomatos - Executive Vice President, Delphi economic Forum

Yiannis Thomatos is a founding member and Executive Vice President of Delphi Economic Forum. Yiannis has spent his entire professional career at the intersection of business, public affairs and communications. He is also a Partner at the critical communications consultancy SGT and a Research Fellow at the Research Institute of Applied Communications, University of Athens.



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

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.



Panagiotis Tsakloglou - Deputy Minister for Social Insurance

Born in Thessaloniki in 1960. BA in Economics (University of Thessaloniki), MA and PhD in Economics (University of Warwick).

Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business, Research Fellow of the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn) and Senior Research Fellow of the Hellenic Observatory (LSE, London). He has published over 100 books, scholarly articles and contributions to collective volumes, made over 200 presentations in conferences and workshops and participated in over 50 research and consultancy projects. His research focuses on Economics of Social Policy (inequality, poverty, social exclusion, redistributive role of the state) Labour and Education Economics (determinants of unemployment, returns to education).

Since August 2020, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in charge of Social Insurance. During the period 2012-2014 he was Chairman of the Greek Government's Council of Economic Advisers and member of the EU Economic and Financial Committee (EFC) and Eurogroup Working Group (EWG) as well as alternate member of Ecofin and Eurogroup. He has also been Social Policy advisor to Prime Ministers G. Papandreou (2010-2011) and L. Papademos (2011-2012) and a member of the EU Economic Policy Committee (EPC, 2010-2011). Further, he was member of the Greek Government's Council of Advisors on Employment and Social Insurance (2001-2002), National Council for Research and Technology (2001-2005) Council of Economic Advisers (2002-2004 and 2009-2012) and member of the Independent Authority for the Evaluation of Tertiary Education (2006-2009).