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Maria Telalian is, since 2013, the Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic and the Head of the Legal Department of that Ministry. From 2003-2004 she served as Councillor/legal advisor at the Permanent Mission of Greece to the UN and from 2005-2007 Deputy Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN. From 2008-2011 Agent of Greece before the International Court of Justice and from 2013 Member (for Greece) of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

Representative of Greece in the negotiations of many international human rights instruments and Head of Delegation before various Human Rights Treaty bodies such as the Human Rights Committee of the UN Covenant on Civil Political Rights, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (during the oral presentation of the relevant Greek Reports) and in 2011 before the Human Rights Council (UPR). Has a deep knowledge of human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law and has participated in many international committees, working groups, conferences etc. in the context of the UN, the Council of Europe, OSCE, UNESCO etc. She is also author of many articles and contributions to collective volumes.

Representative of Greece to the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly, and Chairperson of many UN Committees (Criminal Accountability of UN Officials and Experts on Mission, international terrorism, etc). Representative of Greece at the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law of the Council of Europe (CAHDI) and of the Working Party of the European Union on Public International Law (COJUR).



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Graduate of the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Ph.D., Faculty of Law, University of Geneva; Legal Counselor, Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic. Among his main tasks are the drafting of legal opinions on public international law issues, including international human rights law; the drafting, coordination and participation in the presentation of Greece's national reports submitted to international human rights bodies; the participation in meetings of the United Nations General Assembly and the Human Rights Council, in intergovernmental negotiations of international human rights instruments, as well as in committees, working groups and meetings of the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the OSCE. He is the author of monographs, articles and chapters in collective works, including:

-« Unité et diversité: notions autonomes et marge d'appréciation des Etats dans la jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme», Editions Bruylant, Bruxelles, 1996 (in French) ;

-Contribution to the collective volume: L.-A. Sicilianos (ed.), "The European Convention of Human Rights. Commentary article-by-article", Nomiki Bibliothiki, Athens, 2013 (in Greek).

He also participates in colloquia and seminars in the field of international human rights law.

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She has worked as a member of the independent committees of the Hellenic Appeals' Authority on refugee status determination (2nd degree), for the NGO "Greek Council for Refugees" providing legal assistance to refugees and asylum seekers and she has conducted projects/researches in the fields of asylum and human rights as an independent contractor.

She has been working as an attorney at law, since 2004.

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THEODOSIOS PELEGRINIS, regular member

I was born in 1948 in Sudan. I am Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the National Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). I am graduate of the mentioned University and I have accomplished my postgraduate studies and PhD in Philosophy at the University of

Exeter, England.

I have been teaching in the School of Philosophy of the NKUA since 1977, where I serviced as Dean from 2001 to 2007, Head of the Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology from 2007 to 2011, Director of the Postgraduate studies Program in philosophy from 2005, and Rector of the NKUA from September 2010 to August 2014.

Aside my teaching and publications I have collaborated with public television channels, proving diligence for and presenting a series of TV programs: ‘Your ID card, please’ (1999), ‘And the journey goes on’ (2000) and ‘The 25th hour’ (2002), where top moments of modern Greece were outlined, through the visions and actions of certain special historical figures and preeminent intellectuals. I have also collaborated, with the Third Channel of the Greek National Radio, presenting ideas and figures from the intellectual world through series such as ‘the Manual of Philosophy’ (2001) and ‘Dictionary of Philosophy’ (2002).

From 1993 to 2000, I organized in the premises of the Old University, in Plaka, seven national and international scientific conferences: ‘Faust: The magic of philosophy’ (1993), ‘Galileo Galilei: Heretical Voices’ (1994), ‘The Revenge’ (1996), ‘The malice of Laughter’ (1997), ‘The eternal female’ (1998), ‘Ode to the night’ (1999) and ‘The value of Decay’ (2000).

At these conferences, theatrical plays of classical pieces were performed, like Shakespeare’s ‘Othello’ directed by N. Kountouris, Moliere’s ‘Don Juan’ directed by V. Nikolaidis, Goethe’s ‘Faust’ directed by G. Kalantzopoulou, Ritsos’ ‘Helen’ directed by V. Papavasileiou, ‘La Locandiera’ of C. Goldoni directed by S. Ralli, ‘She Stoops to Conquer/Mistakes of a Night’ by Goldsmith directed by Al. Milonas. Incorporating these theatrical plays in the program of the philosophical conferences aimed to bring in harmony drama art of drama and philosophy.

Having a strong belief that philosophy and theatre are finely interrelated, I presented from 2006 to 2012, in the Concert Hall of Athens, the series ‘Philosophy on stage’, concerning 14 original theatrical plays (Thales, Heraclitus, Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, Aristoteles, Marcus Aurelius, Cartesius, Hume, Kant, Nietzsche, Schopenhauer, Kierkegaard, Wittgenstein), exhibiting the life and intellectual action of the philosophers. In winter 2011, I presented in a bar in the Kolanaki area, Athens, my monologue ‘Decay, decay, decay’, while in January 2013 me and the actor Kostas Kazakos performed at the Michalis Kakogiannis Foundation theatre, my play called ‘Julian’. The same play was presented in Paris, in

December 1913.

In October 2014 I was honored in the Greek Film Festival of London, with the award of best performance for my role in the movie 'Pandemia' of Dimitris Piatas - the movie was also awarded, with the prizes for best directing and best script.



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Katerina Toura specializes in education and human rights. Since 2006, she works in the Greek Ministry of Education, in the Department of European and International Affairs. Toura is *Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education* country coordinator. She, also, participates in expert and advisory groups on issues of education, human rights and democracy in the Council of Europe. From 1998 to 2008 she had worked as research assistant at the University of Athens (Centre of Intercultural Education) in the programme "Education of Migrant and Repatriated Students" on material development and school interventions.

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Ms Evangelia Zerva is employed with the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity; in particular in the Directorate of International Relations, the objective of which is the cooperation with and the scientific corroboration and promotion of the Greek government's positions to International Organisations (Council of Europe, UN, OECD) on issues concerning employment, promotion of social rights, social policy and welfare. She represents the Greek government to the abovementioned International Organisations on these matters.

She has a university degree in Greek language and literature (Philosophy School of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) and a university degree in political science (Law School of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens). She is also a graduate of the National School of Public Administration and Local Government.

She speaks English, French, Italian and Spanish.



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Dr Lefteris Kretsos holds a PhD in Employee Relations and, until his appointment as a General Secretary of Media and Communication, was a Senior Lecturer of employment relations and human resource management at the University of Greenwich (Greenwich Business School, Department of Human Resources and Organizational Behaviour).

Earlier in his career he worked for the Greek Trade Union Congress and the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions as national correspondent for Greece.

Furthermore he has participated in several European research projects and other academic and policy consultancy activities concerning employee relations, social rights, inequality etc. His latest co-edited books “*Radical Unions in Europe and the Future of Collective Interest Representation,*” and “*Young Workers and Trade Unions*” were published in 2015.

Dr Kretsos prepared the analytical report Alexis Tsipras presented in Brussels in 2013 regarding the negative effects of memorandum agreements in the Greek economy and society. Dr Kretsos has defended his research and ideas in a number of distinguished academic journals, conferences and professional/public policy making institutions.



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George Florentis was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1963. He graduated from the Averoff School in Alexandria and holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alexandria.

From 1989 until today, he has served in various positions at the Ministry of the Presidency of the Government, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Public Order, as well as the Region of Attica and the Decentralized Administration of Attica. Since January 2015, he is the

counselor of the Secretary General for Media and Communication, Lefteris Kretsos.

He was a founding member of the Greek Students' Union Board in Alexandria and he is now the Secretary General of the Hellenic-Egyptian Friendship Association. He is also the Coordinator of the "SYRIZA-Greek Diaspora Department" and a member of the "Sexual Orientation, Expression and Gender Identity Group" in the SYRIZA- Rights Department.

He has been awarded with the St. Marcus Cross of the Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa, as well as with the Grand Cross of the Ancient Patriarchal Order of Sabbas the Sanctified of the Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa – while being also an "Archon Apokrisarios" of the Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa.