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on Europe's future

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Greek Crisis Norm or Exception in Europe?

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Rethinking Europe is a lecture series engaging speakers from Europe and from the United States. Drawing from contemporary discourse on the Greek crisis, the series aims to sponsor discussions surrounding the future of Europe as a whole. In the belief that methods for tackling the economic crisis in Greece reflect broader strategies for Europe, the lectures provide a starting point for discussing dominant contemporary policies and their impact, and for rethinking a social and political project for Europe.

A project of Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Office in Greece, in collaboration with the Initiative "For the Defense of Democracy and Society".



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PROGRAM

- ◆ **Welcome remarks**
Johanna Bussemer and **Ioanna Meitani**,
Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung
- ◆ **A few words on the project *Rethinking Europe***
Polymeris Voglis, Associate Professor of History, University of Thessaly
- ◆ **Saskia Sassen and her work**
Antonis Liakos, Professor of History, University of Athens
- ◆ **Greek Crisis: Norm or Exception in Europe?**
Saskia Sassen, Professor, Columbia University, Chair of its Committee on Global Thought
- ◆ **Discussion with the public**

Events curation:
Polymeris Voglis / Ioanna Meitani

There will be simultaneous translation
from and into Greek and English.
Admission is free.
The lectures will commence in
fall and winter 2015.

The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation is a Left German political education institution. The Office in Greece has been in operation in Athens since 2012, participating in public discourse through meetings, publications, screenings, seminars, lectures etc. Its main focus lies in issues relating to immigration, neo-nazism, gender, the effects of the crisis and proposals for an alternative Europe.

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From its founding in 2012 to this day, the aim of the Initiative for the Defense of Society and Democracy was not simply the production of an alternative discourse on the crisis, or to show that austerity in society ran alongside a deficit in democracy. Rather, its aim has also been to situate the “Greek problem” within a broader European context, in order to stress that what is at stake is not the future of Greece, alone, but also the social and political values that form the basis of European culture. In this context, the Initiative has organized a series of public events and analytic discussions and reflections, titled «Crisi-cal Seminars».

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