

Programme

The Role of Churches and Religion in Times of Democratic Crisis and Information Manipulation

Registration and welcome coffee — 9.00 – 9.15

Opening remarks — 9.15 – 9.25

Address by His Excellency Archbishop Jan Romeo Pawłowski, Apostolic Nuncio to Greece

Address by Mr Wojciech Ponikiewski, Chargé d'affaires a.i., Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Athens

Panel I — 9.25 – 11.00

Churches. Do they have a role in protecting democracy?

The panel will focus on the role of Churches and religious communities in protecting democracy and democratic values.

Panellists:

1. **His Eminence Metropolitan Grigorios of Peristeri**, Professor, Department of Theology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
2. **Professor Hanna Suchocka**, Prime Minister of Poland (1992 - 1993), Ambassador to the Holy See (2001 - 2013); Polish political figure, lawyer, professor at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań.
3. **His Excellency Archbishop Theodoros Kontidis**, Archbishop of Athens.
4. **Mr Georgios Kalantzis**, Secretary General for Religious Affairs at the Greek Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports.
5. **Dr. Effie Fokas**, American College of Greece and Senior Researcher at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP).

Moderator: Mr Witold Repetowicz, representative of the InfoOps Poland Foundation, Assistant Professor at the War Studies University, Poland.

Coffee break — 11.00 – 11.30

Panel II — 11.30 – 13.00

Churches and Manipulation in the Information Environment

The panel will place particular emphasis on information resilience, responsibility for public discourse, and the protection of communities against polarization and dehumanization.

Panel composition:

1. **Mr Konstantinos Kornarakis**, Professor of Christian Ethics and Bioethics, Section of Systematic Theology, Department of Theology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
2. **Mr Andreas Loudaros**, journalist and CEO at AENAOS NGO Promoting Greek & Orthodox Heritage.
3. Representative from the Office of the General Secretary for Communication and Media, Presidency of the Government, Greece.
4. **Fr. Roman Skrypniuk**, Chaplain of the Ukrainian Community of Saint Nicholas under the Apostolic Exarchate for Catholic Faithful of the Byzantine Rite in Greece.
5. **Fr. dr Krzysztof Kiełpiński**, representative of the InfoOps Poland Foundation, expert perspective.

Moderator: Mr Krzysztof Olendzki, Ambassador, Department for Strategic Communications and Countering Foreign Disinformation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland.

Brief summary