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SUNDAY, JUNE 6th 2021

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KEYNOTE LECTURE

19:00-19:15  Ioannis Stathas, Mayor of Distomo-Arachova-Antikyra

SESSION I

The Distomo Massacre on June 10, 1944 by the German occupation troops

Prominence and Claim

Chair: Lucas Dimakas, Journalist

19:15-19:30  Georgios Panagiaris, Professor, Department of Conservation of Antiquities and Works of Art, University of West Attica

“The science contribution to the preservation /enhancement of the historical memory and the validation of the community's demand for historical restitution of the Distomo massacre victims”

19:30-19:45  Dr. Joachim Lau, Lawyer, Florence

Title to Be Announced

19:45-20:00  Gabriele Heinecke and Lars Reissmann, Members of «A-K Distomo»

“Nazi crimes not forgiven. Anti-fascist Resistance not forgotten. The demand for compensation remains”
20:00-20:15  Rolf Becker and Manfred Klingele, Members of German Solidarity Group

“Germany's role in Greece: Looting and terror in World War II, economic blackmail as part of the EU today”

20:15-20:30  Eberhard Rondholz, Writer and journalist

“A Thousand Unknown Lidices. An Endless Struggle for Memory and Reparation”

20:30-20:45  Michalis Mytakidis, Musician

“When you pass from this hill…”

20:45-21:00  Concluding remarks - End of session

MONDAY, JUNE 7th 2021
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SESSION II

The Politics of the German War Reparations to Greece

Chair: Faye Mavragani, Journalist

19:00-19:15  Ioannis Stathas, Mayor of Distomo-Arachova-Antikyra

Title to Be Announced

19:15-19:30  Fanis Spanos, Regional Governor of Central Greece

Title to Be Announced

19:30-19:45  Athanasios Papadopoulos, Mayor of Kalavryta, President of «Network of Martyred Cities and Villages 1940-1945»

“The debt of memory. The case of the Kalavryta holocaust”

19:45-20:00  Dr Marco De Paolis, The Italian General Military Prosecutor on the Military Court of Appeal

“Recent experience in military justice regarding war crimes committed in Italy during WWII”
20:00-20:15  Heike Hänsel, Member of the German Bundestag, Die Linke party  
Title to Be Announced

20:15-20:30  Miltiadis Sfountouris, Lawyer, Member of Association of the Relatives of the  
Distomo Massacre Victims  
Title to Be Announced

20:30-21:00  Concluding remarks - End of session

TUESDAY, JUNE 8th 2021
The conference will be livestreamed

SESSION III
Nazi War Crimes Against Humanity
Historical Context and Places of Memory

Chair:  Niki Kotsou, Journalist

19:00-19:15  Georgios Margaritis, Professor of Modern and Contemporary History,  
Department of Politics of Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
“The Heart of Darkness. Nazism and the War of Annihilation”

19:15-19:30  Michalis Lymperatos, Historian PhD, Contemporary History  
“International anticommunism and post war “justification” and statute of Limitations for war crimes in World War II”

19:30-19:45  Eduard Stehlík, PhD, Director, Lidice Memorial, Czech Republic  
Title to Be Announced

19:45-20:00  Maurizio Verona, President, National Park of Peace of Sant’ Anna di  
Stazzema, Italy  
Title to Be Announced
20:00-20:15  Maria Ossolińska, Head of Diplomacy of Remembrance Department at Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Chairman of the Board of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Institute  
“Keeping the memory as a key to the future. Remembrance at Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum”

20:30-20:45  Concluding remarks - End of session

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th 2021
The conference will be livestreamed

SESSION IV
Democracy and Human Rights in 21st Century Europe
Risks, Challenges and Stakes

Chair: Niki Lemoni, Journalist

19:00-19:15  Vasiliki Kastriti, MSc International and European Studies
“Contemporary Aspects of Racism. The European Dimension”

19:15-19:30  Thanasis Dimakas, Political Scientist, Editorial board Kaboom magazine
“Greek Extreme Right Today”

19:30-19:45  Triantafyllia Kostopoulou, Psychologist
“Germany – a nation of perpetrators or victims? The perception of historical past in Germany and the consequences for the war reparations demands”

19:45-20:00  Alexandra Santa, National Council for the Claim of German Debts
“People make choices. Choices Make History”

20:00-20:30  Concluding remarks. End of the conference