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PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th 2021

The conference will be livestreamed

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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| <p>SESSION II</p> |
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| <p>The Politics of the German War Reparations to Greece</p> |
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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

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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

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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**