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**RANIA ANTONOPOULOS, SENIOR SCHOLAR AT LEVY ECONOMICS  
INSTITUTE AND PROFESSOR AT BARD COLLEGE, APPOINTED GREECE'S  
DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SOLIDARITY**

ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N.Y. — Rania Antonopoulos, senior scholar and director of the Gender Equality and the Economy program at the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College and visiting professor of economics at the College, has been appointed Greece's deputy minister of labor and social solidarity. Antonopoulos ran for parliament as an MP with the Syriza party, which won Greece's elections on January 25.

**Rania Antonopoulos**, a Levy Institute scholar and Bard College professor since 2001, specializes in gender and macroeconomic policy, pro-poor development, and social protection. She has taught economics at New York University and served as a consultant and adviser for the United Nations Entity on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the International Labour Organization (ILO), among others. During her tenure at the Levy Institute, she has directed policy-oriented research projects on South Africa, India, and Mexico, identifying the macro-micro impacts of employment guarantee programs that particularly benefit women. Since 2011, she has collaborated with the Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers (INE/GSEE) on a public service job creation program that was adopted by the Ministry of Labour and put into effect in 2012. Building on that experience, she and her team of researchers proposed a fully developed job guarantee proposal for Greece that has received significant policy attention. In 2011, she also co-directed a joint project of the Levy Institute, UNDP, and ILO that fully integrates women's unpaid work in official poverty measures, with case studies for Mexico, Chile, and Argentina. With other Levy scholars, she was also involved in developing the Levy Institute Measure of Time and Income Poverty and applying it to the study of poverty in Latin America. Antonopoulos holds a Ph.D. in economics from the New School for Social Research.

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