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**LEADING ECONOMISTS AND POLICYMAKERS TO DISCUSS EUROZONE  
CRISIS, GREECE, AND AUSTERITY AT LEVY ECONOMICS INSTITUTE  
CONFERENCE IN ATHENS, GREECE, NOVEMBER 8–9**

**ATHENS, GREECE**— In November, the **Levy Economics Institute of Bard College** will gather high-level policymakers, distinguished economists, and leading banking and investment professionals at the conference “**The Eurozone Crisis, Greece, and the Experience of Austerity,**” in **Athens, Greece**, to explore the ongoing economic crisis in Greece and other eurozone countries. The conference is organized as part of the Levy Institute’s international research agenda and in conjunction with the **Ford Foundation Project on Financial Instability**, which draws on **Hyman Minsky**’s extensive work on the structure of financial systems to ensure stability and the role of government in achieving a growing and equitable economy. The conference will take place Friday and Saturday, **November 8 and 9**, at the **Megaron Athens International Conference Centre**.

Invited speakers include **Yves Mersch**, member, executive board and general council, European Central Bank; **László Andor**, commissioner for employment, social affairs, and inclusion, European Commission; **Yanis Dragasakis**, MP (SYRIZA) and fourth vice president of the Greek Parliament; **Philippe Gudin de Vallerin**, managing director and chief European economist, Barclays; **Mar Guðmundsson**, governor, Central Bank of Iceland; **Louka Katseli**, president, Social Pact Party, Greece, and former Greek Minister for Labor and Social Security; **Lex Hoogduin**, professor, University of Groningen and University of Amsterdam, and former managing director, Dutch Central Bank; **Ebrahim Rahbari**, director, European and global economics, Citigroup; **George S. Zavvos**, legal adviser, European Commission (EC), former member of the European Parliament, and former EC ambassador; **Lord Robert Skidelsky**, emeritus professor of political economy, University of Warwick; **Loukas Tsoukalis**, Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration, University of Athens, president of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, and former special adviser to the president of the EC; **Duncan Campbell**, director, policy planning in employment, International Labour Organization; and **Frank Veneroso**, president, Veneroso Associates, LLC.

The conference will address, among other issues, the challenges to global growth and employment posed by the continuing eurozone debt crisis; the impact of austerity on output and employment; the ramifications of the credit crunch for economic and financial markets; the larger implications of government deficits and debt crises for U.S. and European economic policies; and central bank independence and financial reform. The conference will include presentations by **Dimitri B. Papadimitriou**, president, Levy Institute; **Leonardo Burlamaqui**,

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senior program officer, Ford Foundation, and professor, University of the State of Rio de Janeiro; **Jan Kregel**, senior scholar, Levy Institute, and professor, Tallinn University of Technology; **Liz Alderman**, European economics, business, and finance reporter, *The New York Times*; **Matina Stevis**, European economics correspondent, *The Wall Street Journal*; **Alexis Papahelas**, executive editor, *Kathimerini* (Athens); **Christina Kopsini**, editor, labor market and employment issues, *Kathimerini* (Athens); **Stavros Lygeros**, author, and editor, *Real News* and Real FM Radio; **Rania Antonopoulos**, senior scholar, Levy Institute; **Dimitri Vayanos**, professor of finance and director, Paul Woolley Centre for the Study of Capital Market Dysfunctionalities, London School of Economics; **L. Randall Wray**, senior scholar, Levy Institute, and professor, University of Missouri–Kansas City; **George Argitis**, research associate, Levy Institute, and professor, University of Athens; **Gerasimos Arsenis**, president, ADGI–INERPOST; **Emilios Avgouleas**, chair, International Banking Law and Finance, School of Law, University of Edinburgh; **Kerstin Bernoth**, deputy head, department of macroeconomics, DIW Berlin; **C. J. Polychroniou**, research associate and policy fellow, Levy Institute; **Jörg Bibow**, research associate, Levy Institute, and professor, Skidmore College; **Martin Hellwig**, director, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods; **Maria Karamessini**, professor, Panteion University; **Rainer Kattel**, professor and director, department of public administration, Tallinn University of Technology; **Elias Kikilias**, research director, National Centre for Social Research, Greece; **Terrence McDonough**, J. E. Cairnes Graduate School of Business and Public Policy, National University of Ireland, Galway; **Robert W. Parenteau**, research associate, Levy Institute, and sole proprietor, MacroStrategy Edge; and **David Stuckler**, senior research leader in sociology, Oxford University.

The **Levy Economics Institute of Bard College**, founded in 1986 through the generous support of the late Bard College trustee Leon Levy, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, public policy research organization. The Institute is independent of any political or other affiliation, and encourages diversity of opinion in the examination of economic policy issues while striving to transform ideological arguments into informed debate.

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**To register to attend the conference, visit [www.levyinstitute.org](http://www.levyinstitute.org) or call 1(30) 210.77.12.400. There is no fee.**

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