



## FINAL EXTENSION

for the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Europe in Discourse Conference

AGENDAS OF REFORM  
Athens, 21-23 September 2018

The 1st Europe in Discourse Conference on Identity, Diversity, Borders used the lens of discourse analysis to talk about Europe and the challenges it faces. Back in September 2016 we were happy to see the wide participation from discourse analysts, linguists and communication experts. The Conference closed with an open commitment for a second conference in 2018 with a greater interdisciplinary character.

The 2nd Conference under the Europe in Discourse initiative shifts the focus of analysis from challenges to solutions. Britain's decision to leave the European project strengthened disintegrative agendas. The pro-European French President, Emmanuel Macron, promises to re-launch Europe while German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, speaks about drawing up a "common road map" for Europe. Although reform is a common denominator, there is no consensus on what an agenda of reform might look like nor how it might be achieved.

Agendas of Reform starts from the conviction that the time has come for a dialogue between those who talk about Europe and those who "do" Europe. For political analysts, historians, economists and policy-makers in Brussels the Conference will be an opportunity to discuss the future of Europe in terms of the concepts that have shaped the EU to date, such as enlargement, integration, and institutional reform. For communication and language analysts, the Conference will be a chance to interact with experts from other disciplines and explore the communication perspectives of polity building in the European Union. For all of us it will be an opportunity to reflect on what agendas of reform are likely to succeed and how the hopes reflected in such agendas can best be communicated to the people of Europe. Discourse plays an important role in any discussion about Europe. Talking about the topics that have informed Europe cannot be divorced from the language that was used to construct it in the first place. How could one talk about Islam and EU without looking at the cultural assumptions that underlie the variant national *discourses*? How can we talk about enlargement or integration without looking at the discourses prompted by Brexit? How can we construct a new narrative about Europe without evaluating the values and the discourses that will shape it?

Europe in Discourse is an initiative that builds on the premises of "Discourse in Society". We invite you, therefore, to take part in a conference that will foreground long socioeconomic and political problems of Europe through the lens of discourse analysis. We continue to seek your input as linguists and discourse analysts to diagnose the discursive template(s) that make up Europe today and shape the various European identities.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Europe in Discourse Conference **Agendas of Reform** invites papers from a broad range of fields and perspectives on the following topics:

- Values-based Reform, from Enlargement to Legitimization
- Completing the EMU
- EU Security and Defense
- The Franco-German Relationship
- The Transatlantic Dimension
- The European Union and Islam

- Greece and the European Union

Since Agendas of Reform follows the 1<sup>st</sup> Europe in Discourse Conference, contributions on the so-called “poly-crisis” of the EU, the refugee crisis and European populism on the right and the left are also welcome.

We particularly welcome contributions on the following *Conference Themes*:

- The Refugee crisis in EU discourses
- Anti-immigration and discourses of fear
- Historical, geo-cultural, geo-economic and geopolitical aspects of European identities
- Europe: super-diverse and globalized
- Images of crisis and recovery in Europe
- Conceptual blending, discourse and metaphors about Europe
- Populist discourses and the EU
- Educational discourses in the EU
- European diversity through religion and culture
- Discursive constructions of borders
- Political discourse in the European Union
- Media constructions of European identities
- EU multilingualism
- Linguistic plurality in EU

### Presentation Formats and Abstracts

Proposals are welcome as oral communications and themed panels.

#### *Oral Communications*

Proposals for participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International EID Conference on Agendas of Reform should be submitted as **oral communications** consisting of a 20-minute presentation followed by a 10-minute discussion. Abstracts for oral communications should not exceed 300 words and list five keywords.

Proposals should be submitted [online](#) on the Conference website by **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

#### *Themed Panels*

Proposals for panels must be submitted **online** as a single document, single-spaced in 12-point type. Panel proposals should include an overview of the theme, a title of the panel, and abstracts of 4 – 5 papers, each to be delivered within 30 minutes (a 20-minute presentation followed by a 10-minute period for questions). The names of panel presenters **should be omitted** from the document to enable double-blind review. However, panel organizers should include their own name. Acceptance notifications will be sent **only to** panel organizers.

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#### *Notification*

Notification of acceptance of oral communications and panels will be sent by **August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

#### *One-Presentation Rule*

Presenters are entitled to submit only one abstract as a first author. Speakers agreeing to present papers in panels also follow the one-presentation rule, i.e. someone who is first author or presenter cannot also be first author or presenter for another paper.

Please consult the [home page](#) of the website for a list of the Conference Committees

*Confirmed Speakers who will participate in plenary panels:*

- Ms. Despina-Ino Afentouli, NATO
- Ambassador Nicholas R. Burns, Harvard University
- Professor Kevin Featherstone, London School of Economics
- Professor Konstantinos Filis, Institute of International Relations
- Professor Evanthis Hatzivassiliou, University of Athens
- Professor Panagiotis Ioakimides, University of Athens
- Professor Michał Krzyżanowski, University of Liverpool
- Professor François Lafond, Adviser to Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs, FYROM
- Professor George Pagoulatos, Athens University of Economics and Business
- Mr. Alexis Papahelas, Executive Editor of *Kathimerini* newspaper
- Professor Harry Papasotiriou, Institute of International Relations
- Dr. Effie G.H. Pedaliu, London School of Economics
- Professor George Prevelakis, Panthéon-Sorbonne University
- Professor Federico Romero, European University Institute
- Professor Magda Shahin, The American University in Cairo
- Professor Angelos Syrigos, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens
- Professor Antonio Varsori, European Union Liaison Committee of Historians, University of Padua
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