

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GPPF Chania Forum 2025

### **GLOBALISATION AND DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE: GREECE AND EUROPE IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER**



04-05 April 2025

*Kiani Beach Resort*  
Chania, Greece

A public policy workshop organised by the  
**Greek Public Policy Forum**

## **PROGRAMME**

**Friday, April 04**

09.00-09.30	<i>Welcome by the organisers</i>
09.30-10.30	<b>Enlargement and the Boundaries of Europe I</b>  <i>Chair:</i> Nikitas Konstantinidis
<b>Nicoletta Pirozzi</b>	<i>Will Getting Bigger Make the EU Stronger? Enlargement and the Reform Challenge</i>
<b>Funda Tekin</b>	<i>Variable Geometries of Europe: Curse or Blessing for the Future of the EU?</i>
10.30-11.30	<b>Enlargement and the Boundaries of Europe II</b>  <i>Chair:</i> Chris Uregian
<b>Ilke Toygür</b>	<i>Enlargement and European Security in Times of Change</i>
<b>Jan Zielonka</b>	<i>Will Walls Protect Us?</i>
11.30-12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12.00-13.00	<b>Fiscal Challenges and Opportunities for Greece</b>  <i>Chair:</i> Eleni Louri-Dendrinou
<b>Johannes Lübking</b>	<i>The Impact of the Recovery and Resilience Facility on Greece</i>
<b>Plutarchos Sakellaris</b>	<i>How Effective Can Fiscal Handouts Be in Greece?</i>
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>

14.00-15.00	<b>Banking and Finance in Greece</b> <i>Chair:</i> Plutarchos Sakellaris
<b>Eleni Louri-Dendrinou</b>	<i>The Greek Banking Industry: Challenges and Opportunities</i>
<b>George Tryfinopoulos</b>	<i>Trends in Finance and Banking: What is Next?</i>
15.00-16.00	<b>The Greek Economy: From Competition to Competitiveness</b> <i>Chair:</i> Ilke Toygür
<b>Georges Siotis</b>	<i>Competition Policy in Greece: The Small Market Curse</i>
<b>Nikos Vettas</b>	<i>On the Competitiveness and Openness of the Greek Economy</i>
19:00-20:00	<i>Guided visit at the Archaeological Museum of Chania</i>
20:30	<i>Dinner at the Venetian Harbour of Chania</i>

**Saturday, April 05**

09.00-10.30

**Rule of Law and Democracy in Europe and in Greece**

Chair: Vassilis P. Tzevelekos

**Elias Dinas**

*The Rise and Fall of Democratic Norms*

**Christos  
Giakoumopoulos**

*Democratic Backsliding in Europe: Myths, Realities, and Prospects*

**Nektaria Stamouli**

*Greece's Rule of Law Issue: Democracy Fraying at its Birthplace*

10.30-11.30

**Trade and Globalisation**

Chair: Aris Georgopoulos

**Meredith Crowley**

*The Breakdown of Co-Operative Trade Policy and Dispute Settlement Under the WTO*

**Petros C. Mavroidis**

*Trump II: Testing the Resilience of the World Trading System*

11.30-11.45

*Coffee break*

11.45-12.45

**Keynote Speech**

Chair: Nektaria Stamouli

**Dora Bakoyannis**

*Greece and Europe in a Shifting Geopolitical Order*

12.45-13.45

*Lunch break*

13.45-14.45	<b>Growth and Industrial Policy in the Era of Globalisation</b>  <i>Chair:</i> Elias Dinas  <b>Megan Greene</b> <i>Growth Prospects for the EU</i>  <b>Damien J. Neven</b> <i>Industrial Policy and Global Spillovers: Some Lessons from Recent Developments</i>
14.45-15.45	<b>Economic Security in Greece and Europe</b>  <i>Chair:</i> Sotiris Georganas  <b>Michael G. Arghyrou</b> <i>Greek Economy: State of Play and Future Prospects</i>  <b>Dimitris Skalkos</b> <i>In Search of Economic Security: Europe, Greece, and the Global Economic Order</i>
15.45-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00-17.00	<b>Keynote Speech</b>  <i>Chair:</i> Nektaria Stamouli  <b>Sevi Voloudaki</b> <i>The Geopolitical Challenges of Migration</i>
20:00	<i>Dinner at the Kiani Beach Resort</i>

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **Michael G. Arghyrou**

Michael G. Arghyrou is a Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics of the University of Piraeus. Previously, he was a Lecturer, Assistant and Associate Professor of Economics at Cardiff University (2005-2019) and a Lecturer in Economics at Brunel University (1998-2005). was born in Nicosia in 1972. He is a graduate of the Department of Economics of the Athens University of Economics and Business and holds a Master's and Doctoral Degree in Economics from the University of London (Queen Mary). As from January 2025 he is the Prime Minister's Economic Adviser. Also, since July 2019 he is Head of the Council of Economic Advisers. With this capacity, he represents Greece at the Economic and Financial Committee (EFC), the Eurogroup Working Group (EWG) and the Board of Directors of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM). He is one of the five members of the Steering Committee which designed and oversees the implementation of the Greek National Recovery and Resilience Plan Greece 2.0. He is also a full member of the Board of Directors of the European Investment Bank (EIB). His main research interests are international monetary relations, international macroeconomics and the Greek economy. His academic publications cover topics including the European sovereign debt crisis, applied monetary policy, public debt sustainability, as well as exchange rates, current account determination and international trade / investment.

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### **Dora Bakoyannis**

Ms. Dora Bakoyannis is a Member of the Hellenic Parliament, since 1989. In 2002, Ms. Bakoyannis became the first woman in the history of the city of Athens. She took on the task of preparing the city of Athens to host the 2004 Olympic Games. In 2006, Ms. Bakoyannis took over as Foreign Affairs Minister in the Karamanlis government, a position she held until 2009. Currently, Ms. Bakoyannis is the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on National Defence and Foreign Affairs. In addition, Ms. Bakoyannis is the Chairperson of the Greek Delegation to the inter-parliamentary co-operation between Greece, USA, Israel and Cyprus (3+1). At the European level, Ms. Bakoyannis is the Chairperson of the Greek Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

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Since 2013, Ms. Bakoyannis is the Vice-President of the European People's Party in the Council of Europe. Ms. Bakoyannis is a liberal politician with a deep belief in the European Idea. She is known worldwide for her adamant stance against terrorism. Her positions have been repeatedly published in the international press and she has participated as a keynote speaker in dozens of conferences, academic fora and debates around the world. Ms. Bakoyannis is the daughter of the former Prime Minister Konstantinos Mitsotakis.

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**Meredith Crowley**

Meredith A. Crowley is Professor of Economics at the University of Cambridge, Fellow of St. John's College, and Research Coordinator at the Janeway Institute at Cambridge. She is President of the International Economics and Finance Society, a co-investigator of the publicly-funded Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy, a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR - London), and a member of the Scientific Advisory Councils of CEPR and the Kiel Institute. Her research on international trade, trade policy, and exchange rates has appeared in numerous peer-reviewed journals including the American Economic Review, the Canadian Journal of Economics, the European Journal of Political Economy, the Journal of Development Economics, the Journal of International Economics and World Trade Review. She frequently appears in the media, including the BBC, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Financial Times, The Economist, The Guardian, The Telegraph, and The Times. Prior to arriving at Cambridge in 2013, Crowley worked in the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. She has held visiting positions at Georgetown University, the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and Nanjing University. Her research has been presented at central banks and international institutions around the world, including the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the World Trade Organisation. Crowley received Bachelor's degrees in Asian studies and chemistry from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, a Master's of public policy degree in international trade and finance from Harvard University, and Master's and Ph.D. degrees in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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<b>Elias Dinas</b>	<p>Elias Dinas holds the Swiss Chair in Federalism, Democracy, and International Governance at the European University Institute, where he is also currently the Head of Political and Social Sciences Department. Before going to the European University Institute, he was Associate Professor in Comparative Politics at Oxford, where he was also a Tutorial Fellow at Brasenose College. His research looks into the role of history in the formation of political and national identities. His ERC project POSTNORM traces the formation of ideological norms in democracies that emerge after the fall of authoritarian rule. Findings from his research have been discussed in the New York Times, the Economist and the Greek Parliament.</p>
<b>Sotiris Georganas</b>	<p>Dr. Sotiris Georganas teaches and does research in applied microeconomics at City, University of London, where he is Reader in Behavioural Economics. He did his undergraduate studies and Ph.D. in Bonn, with long stays at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona. Since he has worked at or visited several universities (Royal Holloway, NUY, Ecole Polytechnique). His research ranges from models of bounded rationality and auctions to experimental methodology and the stability of preferences.</p>
<b>Aris Georgopoulos</b>	<p>Dr. Aris Georgopoulos is Assistant Professor in Public Law and European Law at the School of Law of the University of Nottingham and Head of the Research Unit for Innovation, AI, Strategic and Defence Procurement of the Public Procurement Research Group (PPRG). He is also Co-Lead of the Research Unit Public Procurement Human Rights and Social Sustainability. He has acted as expert adviser to companies in the area of public, strategic and defence procurement compliance and to national authorities, to international organisations and institutions (such as the OECD, the World Bank, the European Central Bank, the European Court of Auditors, the European Trade Union Institute and the USAID) in the areas of public, strategic, defence procurement regulatory reform. He has been Global Governance Fellow at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) of the European University Institute. He has been also a Grotius Fellow at the Law School of the University of Michigan, Visiting Fellow at the University of Castilla la Mancha and at the University of Neuchâtel. His research interests lie in</p>



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the area of public law, EU Law, public procurement law and policy and the intersections of these fields with new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence. He has taught at Universities in the United States, Brasil, China, Colombia, Greece, Italy, Malaysia, Serbia and Turkey. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the 'Public Procurement Law Review' and member of the scientific committee of the 'Revista Digital de Derecho Administrativo'. He has published widely in the fields of public procurement, strategic procurement, including COVID-19 healthcare procurement, defence procurement law and policy, public law and EU law. He has received a number of scholarships and awards including funding for projects under the aegis of the British Academy and Innovate UK (more recently a British Academy Innovation Fellowship in the area of public procurement, Artificial Intelligence, machine learning and big data analysis). Moreover, he has been member of the jury for the 1st European Innovation Procurement Awards organised by the European Commission, the European Innovation Council and the SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA). His personal blog, <https://arisoflawxley.com> is a platform for sharing his thoughts and ideas on issues that trigger his attention in his academic and advisory/consultancy work. He speaks Greek, English, French and Spanish and has knowledge of German and Russian.

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**Christos  
Giakoumopoulos**

Until his retirement in August 2024, Mr. Christos Giakoumopoulos was Director General for Human Rights and the Rule of Law in the Council of Europe. Before 2017 he exercised as Director for Human Rights, Director of Monitoring, Legal Counsel of the Council of Europe Development Bank and Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Alvaro Gil Robles. From 1987 to 2002 he worked as a legal officer in the European Court (and Commission) of Human Rights and was Deputy Executive Secretary of the Venice Commission (European Commission for Democracy through Law). In the period 2014-2016 he was Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Ukraine. Before joining the Council of Europe in 1987, he was a lawyer at the Athens Bar and worked as legal adviser for the Greek Ministry of Labour in Athens and in Düsseldorf.

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**Megan Greene**

Ms. Greene is an External Member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee. She is a Senior Fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University and also teaches at London Business School. She serves on the Academic Advisory Committee at the San Francisco Federal Reserve and is a Senior Fellow in Global Macroeconomics at Chatham House. Ms. Greene is an Advisory Board member of Rebuilding Macroeconomics and Econofact and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Bretton Woods Committee. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Greene was the Global Chief Economist at Kroll, a business services and risk mitigation firm. She was also a Contributing Editor and regular columnist at the Financial Times, writing on global macroeconomics and policy. In addition, she served on the International Advisory Committee of the board of the Hong Kong stock exchange. Ms. Greene previously served as a Senior Fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at Harvard Kennedy School and Global Chief Economist at John Hancock Asset Management. She holds a B.A. from Princeton University and a M.Sc. from Nuffield College, Oxford University.

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**Nikitas Konstantinidis**

Dr. Nikitas Konstantinidis currently holds the position of Associate Professor in International and Comparative Political Economy at IE University, where he has also served as Acting Vice Dean of Academic Affairs. Previously he was University Lecturer in International Political Economy in the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS), Fellow in Political Science and Public Policy in the Department of Government of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and a post-doctoral researcher at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI). He received his Ph.D. in Political Economy from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, and has further pursued postgraduate studies in public policy at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and undergraduate studies at the LSE. His main research interests lie in the areas of comparative and international political economy, applied formal theory, regional integration, international organisations, and European Union politics. He has also been active in terms of blogging, writing op-eds, and tweeting (@nikkon7).

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**Eleni Louri-Dendrinou**

Eleni Louri-Dendrinou is since 2021 Professor Emerita, having been Professor at the Department of Economics of the Athens University of Economics and Business and Head of the Department between 2015-2020. She studied at the Athens University of Economics and Business, (B.Sc. Econ), London School of Economics (M.Sc. Econ) and University of Oxford (D.Phil. Econ). Her research interests are in the areas of Industrial Organization and Market Dynamics, Foreign Direct Investment and International Economics, Finance and Banking Strategy. Since 2021 she is Professor Emerita. She was Visiting Fellow at Oxford University and Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics, where she remains as Research Associate. She has taught, given seminars and lectures and participated at conferences in many European and central banks. In 2015 she gave a series of lectures at US and Canadian universities, such as Simon Fraser, Berkeley, Yale, Fordham, Sacramento, Georgetown and American University, Brookings and Peterson Institute and the World Bank on an Onassis Foundation touring fellowship. She has worked for research projects of international organisations such as the OECD, the World Bank, CEPR and the European Commission. She has also served as Deputy Member of the Hellenic Competition Commission. She has published extensively in international academic journals, such as Oxford Economic Papers, Journal of Industrial Economics, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, International Review of Financial Analysis, Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv, Review of Industrial Organization, Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade, International Journal of Production Economics, Urban Studies, Finance Research Letters, Review of Financial Economics, Bulletin of Economic Research, Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money and International Journal of Finance and Economics and acted as referee for many of them. Currently she is Associate Editor at the Journal of Economic Asymmetries. Her published work has received more than 3500 (Google scholar) citations. In 2008-2014 she was Deputy Governor of the Bank of Greece responsible for monetary policy, bank resolution, statistics, the national mint and cash management. She was also President of the Hellenic Deposit Guarantee Fund. She served as member of the International Relations Committee of the ECB. In 2023-24 she was board

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**Johannes Lübking**

Dr. Johannes Lübking is Director in the Commission's Reform and Investment Task Force, situated in the Secretariat-General (SG.REFORM), leading the negotiations with a number of member states within the framework of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, covering a broad range of areas from energy, green, digital and social reforms and investments to rule of law and structural reforms, and co-ordinating the European Semester for all member states. Before joining the Task Force in November 2020, he was lead negotiator in the Commission's Task Force for the negotiation of the COVID-19 vaccines and was head of DG Competition's antitrust unit in the energy and environment sectors, leading a number of antitrust investigations for gas, electricity and grid cases. From 2018 to 2019, he was also Acting Director of DG Competition's energy and environment directorate, overseeing the work in the field of state aid and merger control. Prior to this, Johannes Lübking headed various merger units, leading high-profile investigations in the sectors of telecom, IT, pharmaceuticals and financial services, as well as the Merger Case Support and Policy unit. Before joining the European Commission in 2001, Johannes Lübking worked for several years in private practice and as in-house counsel in Frankfurt/Germany. He holds a Ph.D. of the University of Göttingen/Germany and an LL.M. of the European University Institute in Florence/Italy in International and European Law. He graduated in law at the University of Göttingen and passed the bar exam in Berlin.

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<b>Kiriakos E. Papadakis</b>	Mr. Kiriakos E. Papadakis has studied Economics in London School of Economics & Cambridge University. He has worked in various finance/banking positions ranging from Corporate Finance-Citigroup (London, M&A Financial Institutions Group team), sell-side Capital Markets-JPMorgan (London, Structuring team of Asset Backed Securities and Covered Bonds) and investment-side Panthir Capital (Hedge Fund). Currently focused on investment advisory & management of existing investments ranging from finance to tourism by being Senior Partner in SeaCrete Hotels ( <a href="http://www.seacretehotels.com">www.seacretehotels.com</a> ). In the tourism sector his team has invested approximately €50.0mn between 2011 and 2024 in Chania, Crete. He has been elected as Vice-President of Chania Hotels Association.
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Plutarchos Sakellaris is Professor of Economics and Finance at the Athens University of Economics and Business. His research spans macroeconomics, corporate finance, banking, and education. He has published on the topics of corporate investment, banking, systemic risk, business cycles, economic growth, and human capital. He was previously Associate Professor (with tenure) and Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Maryland at College Park, an Economist at the Federal Reserve Board, and a Research Associate at the US Census Bureau. He has held visiting positions at various Universities and the European Central Bank. He completed his undergraduate studies at Brandeis University and his doctoral studies at Yale University. He also serves as Independent Non-Executive Director (INED) and Chairman of the Audit Committee at Cepal Hellas, and as INED, Chairman of the Remuneration and Nominations Committee and member of the Audit Committee at ElvalHalcor. From 2008 to 2012 he was Vice President of the European Investment Bank (EIB), where he oversaw Risk Management. His responsibilities also included supervising financing operations in sub-Saharan African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, as well as in several countries under European Union rescue programmes. Prior to joining the EIB, he held the position of Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers at the Greek Ministry of Economy and Finance, of member at the EU's Economic and Financial Committee and Euro Working Group and served as Deputy to the Finance Minister at the Eurogroup and ECOFIN Councils.

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**Dimitris Skalkos**

Mr. Dimitris Skalkos is currently serving as the Secretary General for International Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as the Chairman of the Enterprise Greece. He graduated from the Department of Political Science and International Studies of Panteion University and holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Kent. Since 2004, he has been working for the Management Organization Unit of Development Programmes S.A. as an executive on the EU co-financed programmes. Mr. Skalkos has served for several years as an adviser to the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Public Works, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Economy and Development. He has authored four books on political theory, economic reform and regional development and has published numerous research papers in academic journals. He has, also, participated as Lecturer in academic conferences and writes, regularly, in both academic journals and in the daily press. In the period 2019-2023, Mr. Skalkos has served as General Secretary for Public Investments and Partnership Agreement at the Ministry of Development and Investments, a member of the Greek National Resilience and Recovery Plan Steering Committee, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Development Bank (2019-2024).

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<b>Nektaria Stamouli</b>	<p>Ms. Nektaria Stamouli is POLITICO Europe's Eastern Mediterranean correspondent based in Athens. She is also the Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the English edition Greek daily Kathimerini newspaper and covers foreign policy issues for the Athens News Agency. She is the President of the Foreign Press Association of Greece since 2021. She previously worked as a correspondent for The Wall Street Journal and Dow Jones Newswires, covering Greece's and Cyprus' financial crisis and Europe's migration crisis.</p>
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<b>Ilke Toygür</b>	<p>Dr. Ilke Toygür is the Director of the Global Policy Center and Professor of Practice of European Politics at the School of Politics, Economics, and Global Affairs at IE University. In addition, she is a Senior Associate at the CSIS Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program in Washington DC and serves as an elected board member of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) in Brussels. Dr. Toygür began her career back in 2008, working at the Economic Development Foundation (IKV), a research institute focusing on the European Union. In 2016, she completed her Ph.D. degree in Political Science at the Autonomous University of Madrid. Her doctoral research focused on the</p>



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impact of European integration on the vote and party system change in Western Europe in times of crises. In 2015, she was granted a Mercator-IPC Fellowship at the Istanbul Policy Center. Following her Ph.D., she worked for the Elcano Royal Institute in Madrid and for the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Brussels. She has also been a Lecturer at the University Carlos III of Madrid and a visiting researcher at the European University Institute, University of Mannheim, and Brookings Institution. In 2024, she has been selected as a Mercator Fellow in Germany. Her main areas of expertise include European integration, elections and democracy in Western Europe, the geopolitics of Europe, and transatlantic relations. She holds a B.A. degree and an M.A. degree in Economics, an M.A. degree in Democracy and Government, and a Ph.D. in Political Science. Her research and articles have so far appeared in Carnegie Europe, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Brookings Institution, the Financial Times, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Der Spiegel, and El País, among others.

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**George Tryfinopoulos**

Mr. George Tryfinopoulos is an accomplished executive with 20 years of international experience in finance, strategy, and corporate investments, spanning industries such as banking, FMCG, family office investments, and energy. He has worked in five countries with leading organisations in M&A, investments, strategy, business development, and portfolio value optimisation. As Head of Strategy at the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund (HFSF), he has led high-impact initiatives that generate value for Greece's banking sector. His work includes evaluating long-term strategic plans and optimising investment portfolios. Prior to this, as a Senior Strategy Finance Leader at Kellogg EMEA, he managed the company's global working capital and contributed to key strategic initiatives and transactions of the firm. Earlier in his career, he worked in investment and corporate finance for a Single-Family Office in Zurich, overseeing multi-billion-dollar private placements. At UBS, he was part of the founding team that established the Global Family Office Department, which managed \$30 billion in assets. He also gained experience in corporate strategy and business development through roles at Siemens, Aramex, and Zurich Financial Services. He holds degrees in Business, Economics, and Management from St. Gallen

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<b>Chris Uregian</b>	Mr. Chris Uregian is a civil servant at the European Commission, currently working on urban and regional policy. In the past he has worked on euro area economic, fiscal and financial policy issues. Previously he was an adviser to successive Greek Ministers of Finance between 2011-15 on fiscal policy and structural reforms in the context of the first and second economic adjustment programmes. Between 2006-11 he was an analyst in the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia department working on micro-economic and financial sector reforms in several countries. He holds a BSc degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and a Master's degree in Public Affairs (MPA) from Princeton University.
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