

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**THE POLITICS OF EXTREME AUSTERITY:
GREECE BEYOND THE CRISIS**



GLASGOW, 8 & 9 DECEMBER 2011

Thursday, 8 December 2011

Room: Collins 205

9:00 – 10:00 Registration

10.00-10.15 Welcome - Organising Committee

10.15- 11.45 Panel 1: The Political Economy of the Crisis (1)

Chair/Discussant: Dr Dimitris Tsarouhas (Bilkent) / Prof. Tony McGrew (Strathclyde)

Prof. Antigone Lyberaki (Panteion) and Dr Platon Tinios (Piraeus), "Informal social protection and family indebtedness: some hidden economic crisis dynamics"

Dr Manos Matsaganis (AUEB) and Chrysa Leventi (AUEB), "Poverty and inequality during the Great Recession: the case of Greece"

Dr Sotiria Theodoropoulou and Dr Andrew Watt (European Trade Union Institute), "The Greek tragedy: the abject failure of national austerity in the context of an unfinished monetary union"

Eoin Drea (Cork), "Repeating the Mistakes of Austerity? Lessons for Greece from the Irish Economic Experience of the 1920s and 1930s"

11.45-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.00 Keynote Speech

Chair: Prof. Tony McGrew (Strathclyde)

Professor Richard Rose (Aberdeen/Strathclyde), "Macro and Micro Dimensions in the Politics of Austerity: a Comparative View"

13.00-14.00 Buffet Lunch

14.00-15.30 Panel 2: The System under Pressure: Party Politics and Populism

Chair/Discussant: Dr Christopher Carman (Strathclyde) / Dr Myrto Tsakatika (Glasgow)

Dr Georgios Karyotis and Dr Wolfgang Rudig (Strathclyde), 'The electoral politics of extreme austerity'

Dr Dimitris Tsarouhas (Bilkent), "The cartel party thesis revisited: Greek party politics in the austerity era".

Dr Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth), "Populism, victimhood and ethical austerity: addressing the root cause of the problem"

Dr Sofia Vasilopoulou (York), Dr Theofanis Exadaktylos (Surrey), Dr Daphne Halikiopoulou (LSE), "Greece in crisis: the politics of populism in the age of austerity"

Yannis Balampanidis (Panteion) and Katerina Labrinou (Panteion), "The Greek Right towards austerity politics: aspects of euroscepticism"

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 Panel 3: Protest and Civic Culture

Chair/Discussant: Dr Ioannis Tsalavoutas (Stirling) / Dr Catherine Eschle (Strathclyde)

Dr Athanasios Tsakiris (Athens) and Dr Valia Aranitou (Crete), "Social Protest in Greece During the Memorandum Period: the Case of Political Disobedience Against Cuts and Taxes"

Dr Hartwig Pautz (Independent Researcher) and Margarita Komninou (Edinburgh), "Reactions to the crisis: appropriation movements in Greece and Germany"

Dr Wolfgang Rudig and Dr Georgios Karyotis (Strathclyde), "Who protests? An analysis of the profile of veteran and new protesters in Greece"

Saliha Metinsoy (LSE), "Alienated Politics: Understanding the Street Protests in Greece at Times of Crisis"

19.00-19.45 Civic Reception (Glasgow City Chambers)

19.45 Dinner (Glasgow City Chambers)

Friday, 9 December 2011

Room: Colville 330

9.30-11.00 Panel 4: Constitution, Legitimacy and Citizenship

Chair/Discussant: Mr Nondas Pitticas (West of Scotland) / Dr Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth)

Dr Christos Papastylianos (The Greek Ombudsman), "Constitutional amendments and legislative politics in Greece"

Dr Manos Papazoglou (Peloponnese), "Recovery through Leadership: Citizenship, Europeanization, Legitimacy"

Eleni Christodoulou (Birmingham), "Greek Politics and Passion(s): Reconstituting National Identity in the Midst of Financial Crisis"

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 Panel 5: Public Policy and Public Administration Reforms

Chair/Discussant: Prof Laura Cram (Strathclyde) / Dr Bice Maiguascha (Exeter)

Dr Stella Ladi (Panteion), "The Politics of the Economic Crisis and Governance in Greece and Cyprus: Opportunities and Constraints"

Dr Theofanis Exadaktylos (Surrey) and Nikolaos Zahariadis (Alabama), "Policy Implementation and Political Trust: Greece in the Age of Austerity"

Dr Vasilis Leontitsis (LSE), "The 2010 municipality mergers in Greece: A lesson regarding the limits of reforms in periods of fiscal crisis"

Dr Georgios Chryssafis (Ministry of the Interior), "First Tier Local Government in Greece within the Administrative Reform and the Economic Crisis: Some Aspects of the Problem"

13.00-14.00 Buffet Lunch

14.00-15.30 Panel 6: Keynote Roundtable: Question Time

Moderator: Dr Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth)

Panellists: Dr Stella Ladi (Panteion); Mr Neil Mitchison (Head of the European Commission, Scotland); Dr Dimitris Papadimitriou (Manchester); Dr Dimitris Tsarouhas (Bilkent); Dr Andrew Watt (ETUI).

Panellists and delegates will engage in an interactive discussion on the Greek crisis and its implications for Europe, focusing on three key themes:

Theme A: What are the immediate, short-term conditions for Greece to move beyond the crisis? How can Europe as a whole best manage the crisis?

Theme B: Are we witnessing a fundamental shift in the Greek political system? To what extent does the interim coalition government mark a new era in Greek politics?

Theme C: What is the role of academia and of social scientists in times of crisis? To what extent can/should academics intervene in politics/society? In which cases and in what ways could/should they make an impact?

15.30-15.45 Coffee

15.45-17.15 Panel 7: The Political Economy of the Crisis (2)

Chair/Discussant: Dr Nicholas Hytiris (Caledonian) / (Dr Dimitris Papadimitriou (Manchester)

Dr Platon Tinios (Piraeus), "Off-the-Shelf Reforms" and their blind spots: Pensions in post-memorandum Greece"

Dr Bill Paterson (Stirling) and Dr Georgios Karyotis (Strathclyde) "A Greek Tragedy: Neoliberalism, Securitisation and Consent"

Dr Anastasios Chardas (Sussex), "Can the literature on the 'Varieties of Capitalism' provide sufficient conceptual explanations about the configurations of the Greek political economy?"

Dr Mariana Jimenez Huerta (University of London) "The Paradox of Finance-led Growth: The Controversial Cases of Argentina and Greece"

17.15-17.30 Conference Conclusions (GPSG Organising committee)

Register for the Conference at <http://www.austeritypolitics.com/>

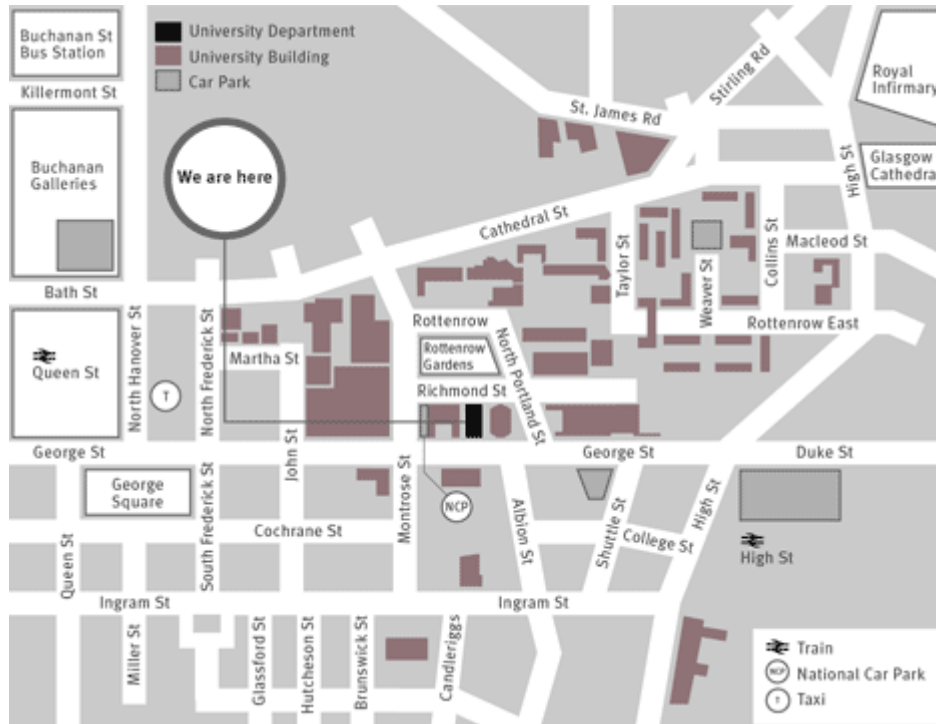
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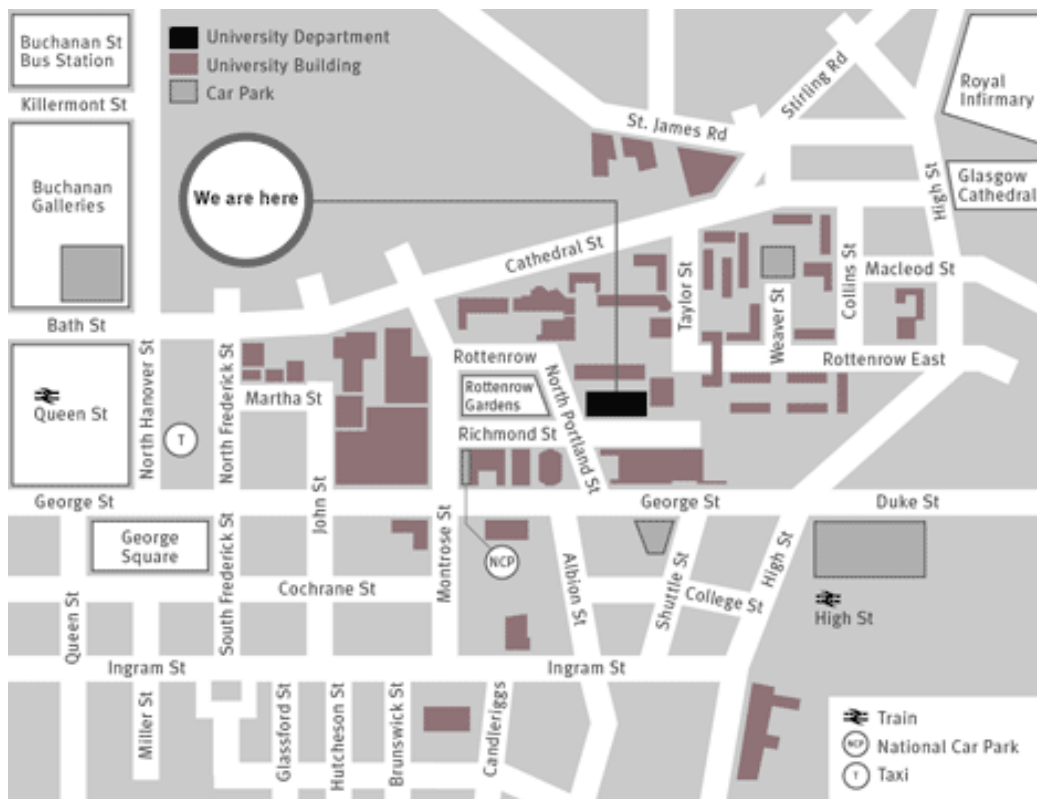
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MAPS to Venues



THURSDAY 8 Dec: Collins 205 (entrance from Richmond St)



FRIDAY 9 Dec: Colville Building 330

The **City Chambers**, where the reception will take place is in George Square. Click [here](#) for a google map.