



Greek-German Relations during the Military Dictatorship in Greece (1967–1974)

Symposium

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In times of increasing right-wing national tendencies in Europe, it is essential to undertake a scientific and historical appreciation of True-life European solidarity. Especially the testimonies of active solidarity between Germany and the Greek Resistance during the Colonel's Dictatorship in Greece offer excellent starting points for research. But Greek-German memory as basis of a common memory policy has not yet been sufficiently researched. In particular, the era of the Colonel Regime in 1967–1974 was anchored in neither European nor Greek-German memory culture.

The scope of the conference is to highlight the inter-connected histories of the Military Dictatorship in Greece and the rise of European solidarity to the Greek resistance. This underlines the legacies of European solidarity, the creation of transnational spaces of resistance and ideological networks that challenged the balance of power within Greece.

This is a Virtual Scientific conference in cooperation between the Archive for Social Democracy of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (AdsD) and the Greek Archive for Contemporary Social History (ASKI) inviting scientists from Germany, Greece and other Countries.

Careful: The times given refer to the current local time in Germany. If necessary, please pay attention to the time difference in your region.

TUESDAY, 06.10.2020

09.30 a.m. **Opening:**

Anja Kruke, Head of AdsD

Opening Lecture:

Vangelis Karamanolakis, Vice-President of the Board of Directors of ASKI, Athens

10.30 a.m. **Panel 1: The Role of German Political Parties and Organizations towards the Military Regime in Greece**

The Resistance against the Greek Military Dictatorship in Germany and the Role of the Police and Intelligence Services

Spiridon Papaioanou, Researcher at University of Regensburg

The Federal Government vs. the Colonels 1967-1974: A Controversial Relationship

Dimitrios K. Apostolopoulos, Senior Researcher at Modern Greek History Research Centre of the Academy of Athens

Moderation: Ursula Bitzegeio, AdsD

11.30 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11.45 a.m. **Panel 2:**
The Networks of Solidarity between Germany and Greece
Architectural Solidarity Networks: The Support of the Akademie der Künste (West) to its Member, Architect Ioannis Despotopoulos, during the Greek Military Dictatorship.
Loukas Bartatilis, Researcher at Bauhaus University Weimar

Solidarity through Socio-Political Analysis: The Journal "Das Argument" on Modern Greece and the Military Dictatorship
George Iliopoulos, Appointed Lecturer at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Moderation: Manos Avgeridis, Post-Doc Researcher at National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

12.45 p.m. **Lunch Break**

01.45 p.m. **Panel 3:**
The Role of Greek Communities in Germany (i.e. Immigrants, Students, Self-Exiled) Greek Diaspora against Colonels: From First Surprise to Anti-Dictatorship Movement
Chrysa Vachtsevanou, Researcher at the University of Bonn and Editor of the Greek Department at Deutsche Welle, Bonn

The Greek Students' Resistance against the Junta in Western Europe: The Case of European Student Conferences (1967-1971).

Antonis Sarantidis, Historian at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Moderation: Philipp Kufferath, AdsD

02.45 p.m. **Panel 4:**
Anti-Dictatorship Organizations in Greece and in Western Europe
Challenging Sovereignty. West German Activism against the Greek "Colonel's Regime"

Frank Bösch, Professor for European History at the University of Potsdam and Director of the Leibniz-Centre for Contemporary History in Potsdam

A European Map of Anti-Dictatorship Press Publications and Organisations with a Special Focus on Germany
Ioanna Vogli, Historian, ASKI, Athens

Moderation: Chris Triantafyllou, Historian at National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

03.45 p.m. **End of Day 1**



WEDNESDAY, 07.10.2020

09.00 a.m. **Summary**
Joachim Schlütter, AdsD

09.15 a.m. **Panel 5:**
Comparative Aspects of Military Dictatorships in Southern Europe
The Role of the Federal Republic of Germany in the "Europeanization" and Democratization of Portugal and Spain
António Muñoz Sánchez, Lecturer at the Institute of Social Sciences of Lisbon University

"Solidarity and Realpolitik?" Chancellor Willy Brandt, the Colonels in Greece and the dictatorships of the South
Nikos Papanastasiou, Lecturer at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Moderation: Charalampos Karpouchtsis, Researcher at Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena

10.15 a.m. **Coffee Break**



10.30 a.m. **Panel 6:**
State Level Relationships and Culture of Remembrance between the Federal Republic of Germany and Greece
Art as a Common Field for Memory? Controversies on documenta 14
Carolina Rehrmann, Executive Manager at Jena Centre for Reconciliation Studies (JCRS) and Post-Doc Researcher at the University of Jena

Alekos Panagoulis: The Formation of an Anti-Dictatorial Hero [1968-1981]
Dimitris Garris, Historian at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

German Printed Media about the Greek Junta
Hans-Peter Schunk, Historian, University of Marburg

Moderation: Stathis Pavlopoulos, Project Coordinator ASKI, Athens

11.30 a.m. **Final Discussion**

12.00 p.m. **End of the Conference**



Please register for the event by e-mail at public.history@fes.de by 2th October 2020 to receive a link to the video conference.

Please contact us if you have any questions:

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Page 1/title: Tanks on the Acropolis.
(Contemporary Social History Archives (ASKI), Athens)
Page 2: At the beginning of 1968 the Young Socialists (SPD) founded a working group in North Rhine-Westphalia together with the youth organization of the Center Union EDIN under the leadership of the local Prime Minister Heinz Kühn. The concert event organized by them (as part of a whole tour) takes place at IG Metall youth conference in 1968 in Essen.
(AdsD)
Page 2: People gather in Syntagma Square in Athens for the first democratic elections after the 1974 dictatorship.
(Photothek.net Fotoagentur GbR/Thomas Imo)
Page 2: „Übernehmen Macht nur zu Ihrem Schutz!“
Caricature from „Der Gewerkschafter“ 5th May 1967, P. 165.
(Bibliothek der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung)