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The Athens Conference
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The Athens Conference: | *The Legal System of Greece* Start Date: 19/09/2005 End Date: 23/09/2005

Duration: 5 Days

BACKGROUND

A study of the modern Greek legal system offers a number of particularly interesting opportunities.

First, it requires a comparison to be made of the common law tradition and the Greek version of civil law tradition.

Second, it invites a consideration of the legacy of ancient Greek legal systems (in particular the Athenian legal system in the 4th and 5th centuries BCE).

Third, it requires a consideration of the later historical influences: Roman, Byzantine, and German, in the formation of Greek law and practice.

Fourth, it requires a review of how modern Greek law and procedure has had to adapt to the requirements of the membership of Greece in the European Union.

Finally, the Conference invites a consideration of the application of Islamic Law in Greece and the application of Islamic Law in some areas of family law and property law to some 100,000 Muslim Greek citizens.

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OVERVIEW

The Athens Conference will be addressed by leading Greek lawyers and academics and will provide delegates with an opportunity to visit courts and the facilities of other legal institutions in Athens.

Among the areas the Conference will examine will be: the historical context of the modern Greek legal system; the sources of Greek law; the constitutional structure of Greece; the administrative, civil and criminal courts; the legal and judicial professions; civil and criminal procedure; the relations between church and state; and the legal system in relation to religious minorities.

There will be conference sessions on each of Monday 19 September, Tuesday 20 September, Thursday 22 September and Friday 23 September. Visits to institutions will be at various times during the week.

On Wednesday 21 September there will be a “law” tour of the Agora, the excavation site of the ancient Athenian market place, including an examination of artefacts found in the Agora by the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, including epigraphical materials, water clocks for timing of speeches, juror voting ballots, jury selection machines and *ostraka*.

There will also be visits to the Areopagus Hill, an important legal site and the Pnyx, the site of the ancient assembly (*the ekklesia*).

There will be a reception for delegates on Sunday evening 18 September. A conference dinner will be held on Wednesday evening 21 September.

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OBJECT

The object of the Athens Conference is to provide introductory insight into the operation of the modern Greek legal system and its historical and cultural underpinnings comparative to the common law tradition and, through that insight, to facilitate a deeper access to modern Greece and an introductory appreciation of the implications for its legal system of the membership of Greece in the European Union.

It is the intention of AICLS that the conference be of interest to people from a variety of educational disciplines and backgrounds.

PROGRAMME

The provisional program is as follows:

Sunday 18 September 2005: Reception and welcome to Delegates: Grande Bretagne Hotel.

DAY ONE—MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2005

8.30am-9.00am Registration and Introduction
9.00am-10.30am Historical Development of the Legal system of Greece
10.30am-11.00am MORNING TEA
11.00am--12.30pm Sources and Materials of Greek Law
12.30pm-2.00pm LUNCH BREAK
2.00pm-3.00pm Visit to Law School, University of Athens

3.00pm-5.00pm Visit to the Council of State

DAY TWO—TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2005

9.00am-10.30am Constitutional Structure of Greece
10.30am-11.00am MORNING TEA
11.00am-12.30pm The Organisation of the Judiciary in Greece
12.30pm-2.00pm LUNCH BREAK
2.00pm-5.00pm Visit to The Supreme Court, The Auditors Court and the Supreme Special Court

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DAY THREE—WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2005

9.00am-10.30am The Legal System of Ancient Athens and the law finds in the Agora

10.30am-11.00am MORNING TEA

11.00am-1.00pm Tour of the Agora and Areopagus including a visit to the Offices of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens

1.00pm-2.00pm LUNCH BREAK

2.00pm-3.00pm Tour of the Pnyx

8.00pm CONFERENCE DINNER

DAY FOUR—THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2005

9.00am-10.30am Introduction to the Civil Procedure in Greece

10.30am-11.00am MORNING TEA

11.00am-12.30pm Introduction to the Criminal Procedure in Greece

12.30pm-2.00pm LUNCH

2.00pm-5.00pm Visit to the Parliament of Greece

DAY FIVE—FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2005

9.00am-9.45am Structure of the Legal Profession in Greece and Mode of Judicial Appointments

9.45am-10.30am The Council of State and Administrative Law

10.30am-11.00am MORNING TEA

11.00am-11.45am Social Security Law in Greece

11.45am-12.30pm Law of Obligations in Greece

1.00pm-2.00pm LUNCH

2.00pm-2.45pm Church and State in Greece

2.45pm– 3.30pm The Themistocles and Dimitris Tsatsos Foundation and the Centre for European Constitutional Law

3.30pm AFTERNOON TEA and CLOSE

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THE PROGRAM WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY UPDATED ON OUR WEBSITE at www.ausicl.com

The speakers (provisional list)

- **Professor Konstantinos D Kerameus, Professor of Law at the University of Athens, Director of the Hellenic Institute of International and Foreign Law**
- **Professor Phaedon John Kozyris, Emeritus Professor of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Ohio State University**
- **Professor Anastasia Grammaticaki-Alexiou, Professor of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**
- **Professor Antonis Pantelis, Professor of Law University of Athens, Director European Review of Public Law**
- **Dr Aristides N Hatzis, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Athens**
- **Dr Georgios Trantas of the Pireaus Bar Association and Legal Counsel to the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Greece**
- **Dr Maria Mousmouti, Director of International Projects, Centre for European Constitutional Law (Themistokles and Dimitris Tsatsos Foundation)**
- **Ms Ilia Gavriotou, Legal practitioner, Greece, Doctoral Candidate in Comparative Law, University of Western Australia**
- **Ms Victoria Lambropoulos, Barrister at Law Victoria Bar, Associate Lecturer in Law, School of Law, Deakin University**
- **Ms Evangelia Sfakianoudi, Legal practitioner Greece, Doctoral Candidate, University of Athens.**
- **Judges, officials, and practitioners of the civil, criminal and administrative courts in Greece and officials of the Parliament of Greece.**

Registration

The conference venue will be the Hotel Grande Bretagne , Constitution Square 105 63 Athens

The number of delegates to the conference is limited to 25.

Registration fee: \$AUD880.

The registration fee includes

- GST
- Conference papers
- Morning and afternoon refreshments (where applicable)
- Conference reception and the conference dinner
- Agora tour, including transport to and from the Agora and light lunch
- Museum entrance fees.

Although every effort will be made AICLS cannot guarantee that accompanying persons not registering for the conference can be accommodated at all or any sessions of the conference.

For an accompanying person not registering who wishes to attend the conference dinner there will be a charge of \$AUD 75

THE FEE DOES NOT COVER AIRFARES OR ACCOMMODATION

Registration forms are available on line at www.ausicl.com and from AICLS at:

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