



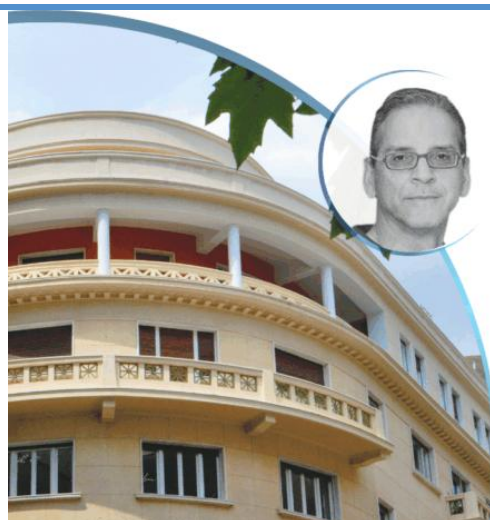
HELLENIC REPUBLIC
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**Two-Day Conference in Memory of
Professor Simos Meintanis**

**“Statistics, Econometrics and Computational
Quantitative Methods in Economics”**

6 & 7 June 2026

**Grypario Megaro, Sofokleous 1, [Map](#)
4th floor, Lecture Hall 416**



Day 1 — 6th June

10.00–10.15: Arrival

10.15–10.30: Opening Remarks, Y. Bassiakos (University of Athens)

10.30–10.55: “*Combination Index Distribution: An Empirical Approach*”, Y. Bassiakos (University of Athens)

11.00–11.25: “*Do Countries’ Economic Growth Level and Geographical Differences Affect Stock Markets Abnormal Returns: An International Event Study on COVID-19*”, P. Boufounou (University of Athens) [with I. Katsampoxakis and G. Panagiotopoulos]

11.30–11.55: “*Analyzing the Persistence of Water Assets*”, A. Tsioutsios (University of Athens) [with D. Kenourgios]

12.00–12.25: “*Statistical Process Monitoring and Bitcoin*”, K. Bisiotis (University of Athens, Athens University of Economics and Business) [with S. Psarakis]

12.30–12.55: “*Financial Contagion and Systemic Risk: A Comprehensive Review*”, D. Ioannidis (University of Macedonia)

13.00–14.00: Lunch Break

14.00–14.25: “*A Shrinkage Factor-Augmented VAR for High-Dimensional Macro–Fiscal Dynamics*”, D. Kyriakopoulou (University of Athens)

14.30–14.55: “*Education and Reproduction of Inequality: The Case of Greece*”, D. Pantazis (University of Athens) [with G. Kaplanoglou and V. Dalla]

15.00–15.25: “*Bridging Welfare Theory and Econophysics: The AS Index*”, M. Argyrou (University of Athens) [with N. Stravelakis]

15.30–15.55: “*Database Models in the Era of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence*”, E. Petraki (University of Athens)

16.00–16.25: “*Robust Tests for White Noise and Cross-Correlation*”, V. Dalla (University of Athens) [with L. Giraitis and P.C.B. Phillips]

Day 2 — 7th June

10.00–10.15: Arrival

10.15–10.30: Opening Remarks, Y. Bassiakos (University of Athens)

10.30–10.55: “*Goodness-of-Fit and Change Point – Cooperation with Simos*”, M. Hušková (Charles University Prague)

11.00–11.25: “*Exponentiality Tail Test: A U-statistics Approach*”, A. Boutsis (University of Piraeus) [with A. Karagrigoriou]

11.30–11.55: “*Models for Ordinal Time Series with Applications*”, D. Karlis (Athens University of Economics and Business) [with A. Nalpantidi]

12.00–12.25: “*Repeated Measurement Designs of 7 Periods: Estimating the Parameter of Direct Effects*”, M. Chalikias (University of West Attica)

12.30–12.55: “*Consistent Distribution-Free and Affine-Invariant Tests for the Validity of Independent Component Models*”, M. Hallin (Université Libre de Bruxelles) [with S. Meintanis and K. Nordhausen]

13.00–14.00: Lunch Break

14.00–14.25: “*The Role of Official Statistics in Economics*”, E. Papadopoulou (Hellenic Statistical Authority) [with V. Ismyrlis]

14.30–14.55: “*Revenue and Social Welfare Maximization in Service Systems: Independent versus Grouped Customers*”, A. Economou (University of Athens) [with A. Burnetas]

15.00–15.25: “*The impact of ESG Criteria on Commercial Real Estate Market*”, P. Vlamis (University of Piraeus)

15.30–15.55: “*Monetary Policy Rules in a Small Open Economy: A DSGE Analysis under Fiscal Constraints and Adaptive Learning*”, T. Kazanas (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) [with V. Skaperdas]

16.00–16.25: “*Interest Rate Rigidities in Eurozone: An Empirical Analysis of Asymmetric Bank Rate Adjustment*”, Z. Bragoudakis (Bank of Greece) [with D. Moschos and A. Tsioutsios]

16.30–16.55: “*When Growth Stops Delivering: Diminishing Returns in Global Literacy Gains (2007–2021)*”, I. Demetriou (University of Athens) [with P. Tzitziris]

17.00–17.15: Closing Remarks, G. Donatos (University of Athens)

18.00–20.00: Dinner

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