

MODERN GREEK STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Third Biennial Symposium
«Forces Shaping Modern Greece»
November 9-11, 1973

The third biennial symposium of the Modern Greek Studies Association was held at Columbia University during November 9-11, 1973, with the participation of about five hundred scholars from North America and Europe. Hosted by Columbia University's Institute on East Central Europe, the event was supported by the American Council of Learned Societies and by contributions from individual donors. Professors John Petropoulos (incoming President of the Association) and Harry Psomiades served as co-chairmen of the Program Committee, which also included Professors Theodore A. Couloubis, John O. Iatrides and Evan Vlachos. Professor Psomiades and Mrs. Angela Hero were in charge of local arrangements and deserve much credit for the symposium's great success.

Centered on the theme «Forces Shaping Modern Greece», the program consisted of the following panels:

- I. *The Economic System*: W. Candilis, S. Rousseas (co-chairmen), R. Westebbe, H. Ross, P. Benetatos.
- II. *Education and the Press*: T. Doulis (chairman), A. Kazamias, A. Dimaras, S. Granitsas (unable to attend).
- III. *Modernization and the Family*: I. Sanders (chairman), C. Safilios-Rothschild, M. Gutenschwager, M. Schein.
- IV. *Problems in Foreign Policy*: H. Howard (chairman, unable to attend), H. Psomiades, J. Iatrides, D. Kitsikis.
- V. *Cultural Change*: J. Rexine (chairman), C. Alexiou, J. Augustinos, G. Giannaris.
- VI. *Select Political Institutions*: T. Karis (chairman), E. Georgiades, M. Goldbloom, D. Kousoulas (unable to attend).
- VII. *Urbanization and Urban-Rural Relations*: E. Vlachos (chairman), P. Bialor, F. Gearing, E. Friedl.
- VIII. *Greece and World Politics*: J. Barros (chairman), S. Xydis, Th. Couloubis, V. Coufoudakis.
- IX. *The Military in Politics and Society*: J. Nicolopoulos, R. Schneider (co-chairmen), G. Zaharopoulos, V. Papacosma, G. Kourvetares.
- X. *The Political System*: D. Rustow (chairman), N. Diamandouros, K. Legg, A. Pollis, G. Mavrogordatos.

The symposium's principal lecture was given by Sir Stephen Runciman, on the topic «The Church in Twentieth Century Greece». Professor Edmund Keeley, co-founder and out-going President of the Association, delivered the closing address. The three-day meeting represents a very significant step forward in the systematic study of contemporary Greece and in the broadening of the Association's scope through the effective cooperation of the fields of language and literature, the humanities and the social sciences.

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