

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Department of Politics and Governance of the University of Nicosia cordially invite you to the conference

Impact of the Economic and Financial Crisis on the Republic of Cyprus

Presentation of the FES Report by Gregoris Ioannou and Giorgos Charalambous

Wednesday, 29.11.2017, 18:00 – 20:00

Millenium Building (-M203), University of Nicosia, Nicosia

Open to the public

The economic crisis resulted in the shrinking of the economy and the austerity measures adopted led to the deterioration of living standards and the rise of social inequality.

Emigration has increased substantially, resulting in shrinking but still strong immigrant communities and considerable brain drain from Cyprus.

Despite the fact that the changes occurring in various dimensions were big and significant, most of them have not been of a structural order. The reforms occurring were primarily of a managerial form and operating at the policy level with no major transformations in the civil administration, the public services, the labour relations system and overall the Cypriot economic model.

At the political level, the most important change has been the rise of disaffection, distrust and abstention, while at the same time these tendencies were channelled mostly into apathy rather than contention and mobilization against existing political practices.

Beyond a severe, negative impact on the social fabric and economic prosperity, the crisis period is also one of worsening political and system legitimacy.

Programme

18.00 Opening Addresses by

Prof. Andreas Theophanous, Head of the Department of Politics and Governance and Director of the Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs

Prof. Hubert Faustmann, Professor for History and Political Science and Director of the Office of FES in Cyprus

18.15 Presentation of the Study

Gregoris Ioannou, Sociologist

Giorgos Charalambous, Political Scientist

18.40 Feedback

Andreas Theophanous, Professor of Political Economy

Soteris Kattos, Political Sociologist

Pieris Pieri, Executive Secretary PEO

Marios Tsiakkis, Secretary General Cyprus Chamber of Commerce & Industry

19.20 Open Discussion

20.00 End of the Event