

Austerity Measures The New Greek Poetry

Organised civil society in Greece is generally regarded as weak with rankings for associational density, volunteerism and levels of social capital traditionally among the lowest in Europe. Austerity and the Third Sector in Greece explores the context behind the statistics and general perceptions of a society of takers, not givers. Stereotypes of a country living beyond its means have been exacerbated by the Eurozone crisis but, since 2008, there has in fact been a great proliferation of organised civil society initiatives in the country. Has the financial crisis seen a belated awakening of Greek civil society? Offering a broad overview of contemporary civil society in Greece this book explores how various characteristics of the country's socio-political context have affected the development of the third sector and examines the effect of the economic crisis on it. Expert contributors combine macro-level analyses with local case studies to form a fascinating new study on the influences of national and regional context on civil society development. Their findings provide not only for a better understanding of similar movements, but also contribute to wider academic debates on societal responses to economic crises.

The western economic and financial crisis began with the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008 and led the European Union countries into recession. After this, governments started to implement austerity measures, such as cuts in public spending, including public subsidies and jobs, and rising prices. In this context, Europe started to experience a wave of protest movements. Individuals started to use the manifold interactive digital media environment to both fight against the austerity measures and find alternative ways of claiming their democratic rights. Inspired by the 2011 Arab Spring and the Occupy Wall Street movement in New York (USA), the Occupy LSX encampment in Central London (UK), The Outraged (Los Indignados)/15M encampment in Central Madrid (Spain), the Syntagma Square's Outraged movement in Athens (Greece) and the March 12th Movement in Lisbon (Portugal), although short-lived, epitomize an emerging alternative politics and participation via the media. This wave has promoted a debate on how the realm of politics is changing, as citizens broaden their ideas of what political issues and participation mean. Beyond the Internet examines the technological dimension of the recent wave of protest movements in the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Greece, and Ireland. Offering an opportunity to achieve a better understanding of the dynamics between society, politics and technology, this volume questions the essentialist attributes of the Internet that fuel the techno-centric discourse. The contributors illustrate how all these protest movements were active in the social media and garnered high levels of media attention and public visibility, in spite of their failure to achieve their political goals. As intra-elite dissent was pivotal in understanding the Arab uprisings, the coalition of national ruling elites with European institutions in terms of austerity strategy is essential in understanding the limits of media/technology power and, therefore, the dissociation between communication and representative power. First-hand accounts of the momentous student movement that shook the world The autumn and winter of 2010 saw an unprecedented wave of student protests across the UK, in response to the coalition government's savage cuts in state funding for higher education, cuts which formed the basis for an ideological attack on the nature of education itself. Involving universities and schools, occupations, sit-ins and demonstrations, these protests spread with remarkable speed. Rather than a series of isolated incidents, they formed part of a growing movement that spans much of the Western world and is now spreading into North Africa. Ever since the Wall Street crash of 2008 there has been increasing social and political turbulence in the heartlands of capital. From the US to Europe, students have been in the vanguard of protest against their governments' harsh austerity measures. Tracing these worldwide protests, this new book explores how the protests spread and how they were organized, through the unprecedented use of social networking media such as Facebook and Twitter. It looks, too, at events on the ground, the demonstrations, and the police tactics: kettling, cavalry charges and violent assault. From Athens to Rome, San Francisco to London and, most recently, Tunis, this new book looks at how the new student protests developed into a strong and challenging movement that demands another way to run the world. Consisting largely of the voices that participated in the struggle, Springtime will become an essential point of reference as the uprising continues.

Greece finds itself in one of its most challenging economic periods in recent history. The global financial crisis has exposed and exacerbated fiscal and other structural weaknesses in the Greek economy that led to a ballooning fiscal deficit estimated at 15.4 percent of GDP in 2009, compared to the E.U. ceiling of three percent, and one of the highest levels of public debt in the Eurozone. Compounding its economic problems, Greece has a history of other business challenges such as high levels of corruption and tax evasion, and very low levels of business transparency. To address its economic crisis, Greece has received loans from the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and has instituted a number of austerity measures and reforms in compliance with the loan stipulations. Implementation of these measures has been challenging, with frequent strikes and other forms of social unrest. The Greek government continues to institute changes and is confident that Greece can weather this storm. While unemployment remains high (around 13 percent), consumption has dropped and consumer confidence has declined. Some success has been attained, most notably a drop in the deficit to 9.6 percent of GDP. In spite of the market challenges, many U.S. companies have been quite successful in the Greek market. Key to successfully doing business in Greece is conducting due diligence and partnering with a local representative, and there are many effective Greek companies assisting U.S. firms in this market. U.S. products are viewed favorably in Greece for their innovation and quality, and despite stiff competition from the E.U. and Asia, are ubiquitous in this market.

"Europe", "Europeanness" and "European" have been important themes in the history of modern Greece, from the establishment of the new state in 1832 to the sovereign debt crisis of 2010. "Europe" has served as key reference points in questions of identity, progress, capability, legitimation and strategic interest. Indeed, few nations have experienced "Europe" with such intensity, reacted with so much angst, and witnessed effects of such consequence. Now, in the context of two financial bail-outs and the imposition of tough austerity measures, it is the "euro-zone" that is shaking the Greek economy, state and society to its roots. This turmoil needs to be understood in the context of a sequence of questions and doubts that encompass arts and politics, social integration and economic development. This volume addresses the complexity of Greece's relationship with "Europe" - examining its manifestations in culture, politics, society, foreign policy and the economy. It deepens our knowledge not only of how modern Greece has reached this point, but also of what Europe is, what it represents, how it may impact domestically, and why it may be viewed differently.

A remarkable collection of poetic voices from contemporary Greece, *Austerity Measures* is a one-of-a-kind window into the creative energy that has arisen from the country's decade of crisis and a glimpse into what it is like to be Greek today. The 2008 debt crisis shook Greece to the core and went on to shake the world. More recently, Greece has become one of the main channels into Europe for refugees from poverty and war. Greece stands at the center of today's most intractable conflicts, and this situation has led to a truly extraordinary efflorescence of innovative and powerfully moving Greek poetry. Karen Van Dyck's wide-ranging bilingual anthology—which covers the whole contemporary Greek poetry scene, from literary poets to poets of the spoken word to poets online, and more—offers an unequalled sampling of some of the richest and most exciting poetry of our time.

Since 2008 many European states have experienced significant challenges in adapting to austerity, and political actors within these states have made significant changes in their discourses and practices. This book explores the short-term impact of the sovereign debt crisis on aspects of political representation in Greece and Portugal, two of the countries that have been the most severely affected. It provides the most systematic examination to date of the attitudinal change of voters and elites regarding participation and representation, and of the legitimacy of the political system in two of the bailed-out Eurozone states. By examining the congruence between elites and voters, the shift in the patterns of competition, and the position of both citizens and representatives on the main issues, the studies contribute towards a reassessment of the validity of the responsible party model and of theories about democratic accountability. By relying on original mass and elite surveys conducted both before and after the bailouts, the volume helps us understand how the EU/IMF intervention has affected partisan alignments in Greece and Portugal, as well as the differences and similarities in the way political elites and civil society have adapted to severe austerity. This book was originally published as a special issue of *South European Society & Politics*.

This volume investigates the policies and politics of extreme austerity, setting the crisis in Greece in its global context. Featuring multidisciplinary contributions and an exclusive interview with former Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou, this is the first comprehensive account of the economic crisis at the heart of Europe.

Praise for the first edition: 'The new book by Michael Mitsopoulos and Theodore Pelagidis offers insightful analysis of the Greek drama. It makes fascinating reading and well demonstrates that the blame is widely shared.' André Sapir, University Professor, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, and former Economic Advisor to the President of the European Commission 'Who is to blame for Greece? If I could pick just two experts on the Greek debacle to answer this question it would be Theodore Pelagidis and Michael Mitsopoulos. And thankfully they have done just that in this penetrating analysis of what has happened to Greece over the past five years. It's a timely and incisive work and no one gets off easy a must read.' Landon Thomas, Jr, Financial Reporter, New York Times, USA This expanded and enlarged second edition of Theodore Pelagidis and Michael Mitsopoulos' popular *Who's to Blame for Greece?* (2016) reviews Greece's economy since its accession to the Monetary Union, with new research focusing on the perils of the populist Syriza government during the critical 'Grexit' period of 2015-2016. The authors also focus on political developments since that time and in particular propose a new form of taxation as well as explore debt sustainability in relation to Greece's economic challenges. This book will appeal to researchers, practitioners and policy makers interested in the EU and the political economy of Greece and offers valuable updates on the first edition.

This book presents a comprehensive plan for the immediate recovery and long-term development of the economies of Greece, the Eurozone/EU and more generally any economy in the world. The Greek economy was chosen as an example because of the large and complex problems it presents for an extended period. The fiscal and macroeconomic strategies presented in the pages of this book can be implemented to a great extent by all the modern countries of the world that want to put their economy to eliminate their state budget deficits, reduce their public debt, without the use of borrowing and without causing a slump in domestic demand and a widening of any recession in their economies, while releasing strong self-driving development policies to absorb unemployment. This growth plan is fully costed with a detailed reference to the amount of funds and expenditures required while presenting the sources of funding for this plan. In the pages of this book the reader will be informed among others: The managerial strategies that must implement both to eliminate the deficits in the budgets of the private & public social security funds and how to develop their assets. With which strategies will become reality the public good of free-cost healthcare to all citizens and how an NHS system will become viable with surplus budgets for public hospitals also creating thousands number of jobs in public and private health sector equally. The economic policies that need to be implemented to create a new middle-income class in a society and to increase the real income of the citizens without to be presented deflationary problems in the economy. The accompanying conditions for the guaranteed amount of bank deposits in Euro Zone to increase the economic activity and to reduce the size of unemployment. The correct management rule that should characterize the implementation of the fiscal adjustment policy to be applied to any modern state budget so that the fiscal austerity policies to not influence the strong growth rates that are always release in the economy. And many more...The purpose of this study is to demonstrate how the fiscal and macroeconomic problems of any economy in the world are solved once and for all, while enabling the re-emergence of social prosperity in all societies of the world.

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Notensystem), abstract: After 2010 and the Greek economic crisis, a major concern of the Eurozone was what will happen with the country's membership. There were several opinions about what Greece should do; many economists believed that leaving the Euro could lead to the collapse of the whole union in a chain reaction, others however believed that Greece could only be saved if it left the union and tried to achieve external devaluation with its own new national currency. Greece asked for help from the IMF and tried to comply with the austerity measures in order to achieve internal devaluation and finally improve competitiveness. In this dissertation paper I examined several other union breakups in order to draw some lessons; in most cases exiting a union was encouraging for the economies leaving the unions. Furthermore, I ran regression analyses to see how the Greek bond yields, bond spreads and CDS spreads are affected by the situation and also how the borrowing costs of Greece along with the risk of investing in Greek sovereign debt titles is affected by the credit rating of Greece set by the three credit rating agencies. Moreover, after comparing the expectations of the Troika to the real data after the implementation of the Troika's program I found out that the Troika greatly underestimated the negative impacts of its policies and that after three years of austerity policy, the Hellenic economy was not able to recover. Considering that the only other solution for Hellas, is leaving the Eurozone, I constructed a Plan B, indicating the steps that the Greek government should follow after a Hellexit.

Over the past decade, Greece borrowed heavily in international capital markets to fund government budget and current account deficits. The reliance on financing from international capital markets left Greece highly vulnerable to shifts in investor confidence. Investors became jittery in October 2009, when the newly-elected Greek government revised the estimate of the government budget deficit for 2009 from 6.7% of GDP to 12.7% of GDP. There are now questions about whether Greece will be able to repay its maturing debt obligations and interest payments, totaling 54 billion (\$73 billion), in 2010. This report analyses the Greek financial situation and identifies its implications for the United States. The debt crisis has both domestic and international causes. Domestically, analysts point to high government spending, weak revenue collection, and structural rigidities in Greece's economy. Internationally, observers argue that Greece's access to capital at low interest rates after adopting the euro and weak

enforcement of European Union (EU) rules concerning debt ceilings facilitated Greece's ability to accumulate high levels of external debt. During the crisis, the Greek government has sold bonds on international capital markets in order to raise needed funds, although investors have demanded high interest rates to compensate for the perceived risk of these investments. Greece's government has also unveiled, amidst domestic protests, austerity measures aimed at reducing the government deficit below 3% of GDP by 2012. At the end of March 2010, the Eurozone member states, led by Germany and France, announced after much debate that they would provide financial support to Greece if necessary and if accompanied by financial support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). A common method for addressing budget and current account deficits, currency devaluation, is not possible for Greece as long as it uses the euro as its national currency.

The book "The Greek Economy and the Crisis. Challenges and Responses" targets all those who think about the present and future of this (culturally) long-lived small geographic region (Greece), to form a personal view of its social and economic problems. A society that repeats the same types of behaviour over the centuries does not do so due to random mistakes. It contains intrinsic forces that affect it. These should be understood, to allow us to delineate future developments. However, the manner in which the social and economic process is perceived must be comprehensive and multidisciplinary: Economics, politics, social psychology and organizational psychology are essential to this analysis. Thus, the book is useful to those seeking information for their professional, scientific and personal development, allowing them to shape their social attitude. It is also useful to those responsible for taking decisions at national, European or enterprise level, in relation to the social and economic problems of Greece.

The global economic crisis of 2008 has affected all European countries; Greece of course could not be the exception to this "rule". First, the fact that Greece was unable to mitigate its public expenditures and to increase its revenues in comparison with the other European countries and other the weaknesses of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) design which led to a structural asymmetry within the Eurozone, contributed to Greece's "acquaintance" with the economic crisis. Its impact on Greek regions has become more intense during the last three years. Taking into consideration some indicators which are directly affiliated with the economic and social welfare, for example GDP, disposal income, employment/unemployment, population, infant mortality, proportion of pupils etc, before and after the crisis it is easily ascertained that the Greek regions are moved to unprecedented high rates of under-development. For instance, the most developed Greek region, Attica, which hadn't experienced before high rates of unemployment, now it is in the same class with regions that had traditionally high rates of unemployment. The goal of this paper is to examine the extent to which each region has been hit by the economic crisis -because each of them has been affected to different degree- using certain indicators which are presented minutely in the research. We do not focus our attention on some specific regions; instead of this we examine all regions whether they are developed or under-developed. Moreover, throughout this research we also pursue to investigate the regional disparities which induce to the differential impact of the crisis and which worsened due to the austerity measures that were applied. Regional disparities reflect permanent structural or macroeconomic imbalances in the production model of the country and the causes of their existence are geographical and environmental factors, the regions' social structure, the low mobility of labor and capital, institutional and political factors and external economies. Furthermore, this paper investigates the degree of resilience of each region during the crisis i.e. whether they can cope with it, overcome it and recover from it. In order to ascertain it we will examine if regions dispose resourcefulness, performance, redundancy, diversity, innovative learning, connectedness, robustness and rapidity. Finally, we will value the regional resilience and we will examine whether it is resistance, recovery, re-orientation or renewal (or resumption).

We know ancient Greece, the civilization that shares the same name and gave us much that defines Western culture today. Yet, as financial crises have convulsed Greece repeatedly since 2010, worldwide coverage has revealed just how poorly we grasp the modern nation. This book sets out to understand the modern Greeks on their own terms. How did Greece come to be so powerfully attached to the legacy of the ancients in the first place and then define an identity for itself that is at once Greek and modern? This book reveals the remarkable achievement, during the last three hundred years, of building a modern nation on the ruins of a vanished civilization--sometimes literally so. This is the story of the Greek nation-state but also, and more fundamentally, of the collective identity that goes with it. It is not only a history of events and high politics; it is also a history of culture, of the arts, of people, and of ideas. Opening with the birth of the Greek nation-state, which emerged from encounters between Christian Europe and the Ottoman Empire, Roderick Beaton carries his story into the present moment and Greece's contentious post-recession relationship with the rest of the European Union. Through close examination of how Greeks have understood their shared identity, Beaton reveals a centuries-old tension over the Greek sense of self. How does Greece illuminate the difference between a geographically bounded state and the shared history and culture that make up a nation? A magisterial look at the development of a national identity through history, *Greece: Biography of a Modern Nation* is singular in its approach. By treating modern Greece as a biographical subject, a living entity in its own right, Beaton encourages us to take a fresh look at a people and culture long celebrated for their past, even as they strive to build a future as part of the modern West.

In this pioneering study of contemporary Greek poetry, Karen Van Dyck investigates modernist and postmodernist poetics at the edge of Europe. She traces the influential role of Greek women writers back to the sexual politics of censorship under the dictatorship (1967-1974). Reading the effects of censorship—in cartoons, the dictator's speeches, the poetry of the Nobel Laureate George Seferis, and the younger generation of poets—she shows how women poets use strategies which, although initiated in response to the regime's press law, prove useful in articulating a feminist critique. In poetry collections by Rhea Galanaki, Jenny Mastoraki and Maria Laina, among others, she analyzes how the censors'tactics for stabilizing signification are redeployed to disrupt fixed meanings and gender roles. As much a literary analysis of culture as a cultural analysis of literature, her book explores how censorship, consumerism, and feminism influence contemporary Greek women's poetry as well as how the resistance to clarity in this poetry trains readers to rethink these cultural practices. Only with greater attention to the cultural and formal specificity of writing, Van Dyck argues, is it possible to theorize the lessons of censorship and women's writing.

Looting Greece examines how and why the Syriza party, which took power in January 2015 promising to end austerity, and return Greece to economic growth, ended up agreeing to a deal much worse than its political predecessors in 2010 and 2012. Placing the Greek events of 2015 in broader historical perspective, Rasmus argues a radical new neoliberal initiative in Europe has emerged. In the 2015 debt deal the Troika will now directly manage Greece's economy?running its banks, writing Greece's budget, vetting and replacing government ministers, exercising veto rights over Greece's parliament and Executive agencies, dictating its taxes, and implanting 'Troika Commissars' to watch over and approve day to day decisions of Greek government at all levels. *Looting Greece* explains how a new kind of financial imperialism is emerging in Greece, Europe's periphery, and soon elsewhere.

Black Laurel is a book-length manuscript which has at its center poems that reveal and explore issues related to Michele Poulos's identity as a Greek-American writer, discovering the connections that link the past and present of both Greece and America. These poems often work as a quest to recover identity. They explore the idea that it is her own privileged perspective as an educated Greek-American woman that both allows and in some ways prevents her seeing herself in the Greeks who today are struggling economically, emotionally, and psychologically. Many of the poems work to achieve a complex understanding of both an individual as well as a broader cultural history. These poems sometimes take on the personas of striking figures from other times and other landscapes, while others draw on

materials which are somewhat more autobiographical. In one poem titled "Before my mother set herself on fire," the speaker is an imagined daughter in a modern-day Greek family. The poem, inspired by a news story about an elderly man who shot himself in the head in front of Syntagma Square in Athens to protest the austerity measures imposed on the Greek population, explores the various ways in which a national crisis may affect an individual family. Alternatively, Poulos delves into her personal family history in "When the wind falls," a poem about the Nazi invasions of northern Greece. At the same time, this focus on past and present Greece is only one strand in a wide-ranging manuscript woven of materials which also include a variety of subjects related to science, history, eroticism, mysticism, and much more. This book attempts to examine the educational consequences of the recent social and economic situation in Greece, and it explores—on a general level—new possibilities for teaching and learning at times of national crisis. Using Greece as an exemplary case, Maria Chalari demonstrates how the relationship between neo-liberalism and education is especially salient during difficult times; it also demonstrates the effect of this relationship on teachers' day-to-day experiences. By attending to, yet moving beyond, the negative implications of socio-economic crisis, this volume aims to present core educational values of the current era, as well as the crucial issues that may become opportunities for reflection and change.

The portrayal of Greece by the international press during the financial crisis has been seen by many independent observers as very harsh. The Greeks have often been blamed for a myriad of international political problems and external economic factors beyond their control. In this original and insightful work George Tzogopoulos examines international newspaper coverage of the unfolding economic crisis in Greece. American, British, French, German and Italian broadsheet and tabloid coverage is carefully analysed. The Greek Crisis in the Media debates and dissects the extent to which the Greek response to the financial crisis has been given fair and balanced coverage by the press and questions how far politics and national stereotypes have played their part in the reporting of events. By placing the Greek experiences and treatment alongside those of other EU members such as Portugal, Ireland, Italy and Spain, Tzogopoulos examines and highlights similarities and differences in the ways in which different countries tackled the challenges they faced during this crucial period and explores how and why the world's media reported these events.

An overview and analysis of austerity policies and labor movement resistance in several countries. Austerity policies have become the new norm throughout both the developed and developing world. Indeed, austerity has become the new buzz word in the lexicon of politicians from across the political spectrum. At the same time austerity measures have been met with mass protest, the most famous example of which is the Occupy Movement. In the not-too-distant past it would have been the labor movement at the forefront resisting policies that arguably disproportionately target working people and their families. Throughout the twentieth century it was the labor movement that fought for all working people. However, there is an increasing assumption that the labor movement is unable to adequately defend workers from the onslaught of austerity measures. Austerity and the Labor Movement analyzes whether this assumption is indeed true. Examining the labor movements in the US, UK, Greece, Ireland, and Spain, Michael Schiavone provides a systematic explanation of the appeal of austerity policies in certain circles and why the labor movement in each of these countries has been largely unsuccessful in overturning such policies. He argues that the labor movement needs to make major changes and embrace social movement unionism if it has any hope to stop its decline and have any chance to successfully fight against austerity and neoliberalism more generally. Michael Schiavone is a Lecturer in the School of History and International Relations at Flinders University, Australia, and the author of Sports and Labor in the United States, also published by SUNY Press.

The English debut of one of Greece's most radical and original poetic voices. "...an explosive cadence... Khaleed's sentiment toward the would-be aesthetes seems clear: 'Fuck off, flower poets.'"--David Wallace, The New Yorker "[Jazra Khaleed] stands up to fascism by writing and performing Greek-language poetry that is unmatched in technical bravura, emotional depth, and political urgency. He performs his poetry at a lightning clip -- so fast the Nazis can barely keep up, let alone talk back -- a hip-hop emcee in a fever."--Max Ritvo, LA Review of Books "...agitated and delirious and necessary."--Lotte L.S, Mute Poetry.

"History often repeats itself. Contemporary Greece is a case in point. Greece's current financial woes are nothing new. Since before gaining its independence in 1830, what was to become the Hellenic State has teetered on the brink of insolvency. As in the past, today's fight largely revolves around the international pressure to repay the debt and the domestic intransigence to implement the financial austerity measures required to meet that obligation. Complicating this fight is the perception that corrupt Greek political and financial institutions caused Greece's current financial woes. While examples of Greek corruption abound, it is also clear that the international banking community and European Union (EU) were complicit in the current Greek financial crisis. This financial crisis, coupled with the mass wave of Syrian refugees seeking asylum in Europe and a resurgent Russia with hegemonic aspirations, pose an existential threat to the EU. Greece stands at the center of all three dilemmas. In the midst of this turmoil, the EU must decide whether prosperity or security is its top priority. This key decision will determine whether Greece, and ultimately the EU, fails."--Abstract.

Why did Greece enter an economic crisis in 2008? What caused one of the biggest economic crises the western world has ever had to face? What possibilities and hopes are left for Greek citizens? The Greek economy has been in deep crisis since 2008, with serious consequences for its citizens. In a short time, the situation deteriorated so much that the country became a systemic risk for the global economy. As a result, the population experienced drastic interventions and heavy cuts in many sectors, including health, welfare and pensions. On 19 August 2011, a leading member of the Greek government branded many of the previously decided austerity measures as unnecessary. In the meantime, the population has had to face unprecedented restrictive impositions, stifled by wage cuts and unsustainable tax increases. In this short essay we will address the crisis in Greece from the bottom up, explaining what the causes of the crisis are and what consequences the population has had to suffer. We will study the reasons that caused the crisis in Greece and we will explain what initiatives other countries have used to remedy similar difficult situations and to look to the future again with more hope and serenity.

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During the Greek debt crisis after 2010, the German government insisted on harsh austerity measures. This led to a rapid cooling of relations between the Greek and German governments. We compile a new index of public acrimony between Germany and Greece based on newspaper reports and internet search terms. This information is combined with historical maps on German war crimes during the occupation between 1941 and 1944. During months of open conflict between German and Greek politicians, German car sales fell markedly more than those of cars from other countries. This was especially true in areas affected by German reprisals during World War II: areas where German troops committed massacres and destroyed entire villages curtailed their purchases of German cars to a greater extent during conflict months than other parts of Greece. We conclude that cultural aversion was a key determinant of purchasing

behavior, and that memories of past conflict can affect economic choices in a time-varying fashion. These findings are compatible with behavioral models emphasizing the importance of salience for individual decision making.

"Readers will welcome this new collection of poems by Yannis Livadas. It is a minefield of fantastic images and poetic intelligence that is sure to take its place as a major contribution to 21st-century literature. Livadas never misses, he hits the mark every time" Neeli Cherkovski

Two Greek professional Journalists, Michalis Tezaris and Yiannis Kemmos, were recording the Greek crisis from 2010 to date. The Greeks accepted that the heavy financial austerity measures, that included even closing hospitals and schools, had to face the scorn of Europeans. The citizens of Europe considered the Greeks thieves and Greece a country of lazy people who ate the money of EU subsidies. This is an image that was convenient for the political elite of Greece as well, so that it was always ready to pull the trigger of new measures. The list is long and the numbers may not add up precisely the drama that is prevalent in every household, and surrounds every person individually. This book presents only a small display, recording only a momentary crisis through 100 photographs of important events and some additional characteristic of 2010-2013, which can be found in the Annex. They say a picture is worth 1000 words. The authors hope that this book not only remains an archival album, but becomes a historical memory and a lesson for more responsible policies that will ensure a better future for the generations to come - our children and our grandchildren.

Since 2010 Greece entered a period of austerity, protest and political crisis. The contributions in this volume deal with questions regarding capitalist crisis, debt, European integration, political crisis, new forms of protest, the rise of neo-fascist parties and left-wing strategy today.

This thesis explores the main aspects of the Greek economic and political crisis which was triggered by the increasing size of the Greek debt. By 2010 the debt has reached unsustainable levels impeding the country's access to financial markets. Many causes long preceded the crisis and obstructed modernization of the Greek economy. These included paternalistic, clientelist and rent-seeking politics. Accession to the European Union (EU) and later the Eurozone, despite early successes, accelerated Greece's deficit spending and its debt. The EU responded with a succession of three bailouts under increasingly strict austerity measures. A perfect storm of causes combined to yield disappointing results compared to austerity programs of other Eurozone countries. There has been a major austerity cost in economic, political and human terms, severely affecting the social fabric of the Greek society. In addition, the Euro currency has created trade imbalances between stronger and weaker states with the latter being unable to devalue. According to many experts, only a substantial debt reduction may help Greece's recovery. Major macroeconomic realignments are affecting prospects differentially across the world's countries and regions. The April 2016 WEO examines the causes and implications of these realignments—including the slowdown and rebalancing in China, a further decline in commodity prices, a related slowdown in investment and trade, and declining capital flows to emerging market and developing economies—which are generating substantial uncertainty and affecting the outlook for the global economy. Additionally, analytical chapters examine the slowdown in capital flows to emerging market economies since their 2010 peak—its main characteristics, how it compares with past slowdowns, the factors that are driving it, and whether exchange rate flexibility has changed the dynamics of the capital inflow cycle—and assess whether product and labor market reforms can improve the economic outlook in advanced economies, looking at the recent evolution and scope for further reform, the channels through which reforms affect economic activity under strong versus weak economic conditions, reforms' short- to medium-term macroeconomic effects, and sequencing of reforms and coordination with other policies to maximize their potential quantitative economic benefits. A special feature analyzes in depth the energy transition in an era of low fossil fuel prices.

Demographic ageing should not be a crisis for either societies or individuals, though often reported as problematic. But what about ageing during long periods of crisis, when social and economic conditions worsen? The book takes a look at the experiences of Greece, the country most shaken by the severe financial crisis of the last years. The book describes the strong influence of the crisis on ageing, health and social relations and the challenges to which Greek institutions and citizens respond. The authors represent the multidisciplinary field of economics, social policy, health and family research and civil society in Greece.

The October 2012 World Economic Outlook (WEO) assesses the prospects for the global recovery in light of such risks as the ongoing euro area crisis and the "fiscal cliff" facing U.S. policymakers. Reducing the risks to the medium-term outlook implies reducing public debt in the major advanced economies, and Chapter 3 explores 100 years of history of dealing with public debt overhangs. In emerging market and developing economies, activity has been slowed by policy tightening in response to capacity constraints, weaker demand from advanced economies, and country-specific factors, but policy improvements have raised these economies' resilience to shocks, an issue explored in depth in Chapter 4.

Bachelor Thesis from the year 2012 in the subject Business economics - Banking, Stock Exchanges, Insurance, Accounting, grade: A, The University of Chicago, language: English, abstract: In 2008, the world witnessed economic turndown of the most dangerous nature since the Great Depression of the 1930s. It all began in 2007 when high home prices in the United States turned downward that spread quickly to the entire US financial sector and then to financial markets globally. The overall casualty in the United States included the biggest insurance company, the entire investment banking industry, the largest mortgage lender, two of the largest commercial banks and the largest savings and loan. The impact of downfall in the United States had a huge impact globally and specifically the European countries. The worst hit country by financial turn down was Greece (Salas et al, 2010). Greece even before joining the Euro was living beyond its means. After adopting single currency, public spending soared. Between 1999 and 2007, public wages increased by 50%, faster than most of the countries in Eurozone. The government also hosted 2004 Athens Olympics and piled up debt. The debt in Greece kept soaring till the point where the country was no longer able to repay its debts. Greece was forced to ask for help from the IMF and European parts in the form of massive loans (Shiller, 2008). This research analyzes the global financial crisis and its impacts on Greece. It analyzes the austerity measures taken up by Greece and its impacts on the country. The

research analyzes the bail outs that were granted to Greece to save the country from defaulting. IMF, World Bank and European Central Bank helped Greece by providing loans along with strict austerity measures by the economy of Greece had continuously shrank and the situation is not getting any better. The aims and objectives of the research include: • Analyzing the current financial crisis in Greece • Analyzing if there is any opportunity present in Greece for economic revival • Proposing a plan for revival of Greece's economy For analyzing the financial situation of Greece, secondary data was used for extensive and in-depth analysis. The secondary research data sources included books, case studies, articles and literature review. With this methodology, the research investigated and analyzed the weaknesses and strengths of steps that were taken in Greece in order to counter the financial crisis. The analysis revealed that it was the poor taxation policies and economic structure that contributed to the worsening financial situation of Greece.

Utterly corrupt corporate and government elites bankrupted Greece twice over. First, by profligate deficit spending benefitting only themselves; second, by agreeing to an IMF "bailout" of the Greek economy, devastating ordinary Greek citizens who were already enduring government-induced poverty, unemployment, and hunger. Finally, in response to dire "austerity" measures, the people of Greece stood up, forming, from their own historic roots of resistance, Syriza—the Coalition of the Radical Left. For those who caught the Syriza wave, there was, writes Helena Sheehan, a minute of "precarious hope." A seasoned activist and participant-observer, Helena Sheehan adroitly places us at the center of the whirlwind beginnings of Syriza, its jubilant victory at the polls, and finally at Syriza's surrender to the very austerity measures it once vowed to annihilate. Along the way, she takes time to meet many Greeks in tavernas, on the street, and in government offices, engage in debates, and compare Greece to her own economically blighted country, Ireland. Beginning as a strong Syriza supporter, Sheehan sees Syriza transformed from a horizon of hope to a vortex of despair. But out of the dust of defeat, she draws questions radiating hope. Just how did what was possibly the most intelligent, effective instrument of the Greek left self-destruct? And what are the consequences for the Greek people, for the international left, for all of us driven to work for a better world? The Syriza Wave is a page-turning blend of political reportage, personal reflection, and astute analysis.

This book provides a comparative analysis of the processes and impacts of austerity measures introduced in the field of Local Public Services (LPS) across Mediterranean Europe. The book describes and compares the trajectories of austerity, and the types of effects. It investigates how many (and what kind of) different responses were given to similar inputs and under the influence of what factors in order to understand if there are regularities in the way that the Mediterranean countries adopted and implemented the austerity measures and how these latter impacted on local government and LPS management and delivery. The book is a product of a sub network from the COST Action LocRef IS1207 and analyses seven countries (Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, Croatia, Cyprus and Albania).

Greece's economy symbolizes in many ways the Eurozone's economic problems and divergent interests as it amasses most of the economic disadvantages characterizing the Eurozone's economy itself. This book presents the economic and political challenges to Greece and the EU member states.

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