



## Special Event



***"Countries, peoples, and persons who said NO to the Axis powers during World War II!"***

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**Time:** 17:30-20:30

### Program

**Moderator:** Lampros Ap. Pyrgiotis, Editor-in-Chief, Athenian Academic Periodical.

#### Speakers

1. **Nicholas G. Nikoloudis**, Research Fellow, Athens Institute. *The Venizelist Officers' 'NO' to the Axis.*
2. **Giorgos Archontakis**, Philologist–Historian, former Principal, Ionideios School of Piraeus & President, Association of Smyrnians. *The Conditions That Shaped the Greeks' Negative Stance Towards the Axis Powers.*
3. **Utku Ozer**, Research Fellow, Athens Institute. *Turkey in World War II: Diplomacy, Economy, and the Press.*
4. **Ioannis-Dionysios Salavrakos**, Assistant Professor, Hellenic Army Academy. *German Grand Strategy 1939-1942: From Local to Global War.*
5. **Panagiotis K. Gerontas**, Lieutenant – Historian, Hellenic Navy History Department, and PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese, Greece. *The Preparation of Greece for World War II at the Diplomatic and Military Level.*
6. **Gregory T. Papanikos**, President, Athens Institute. *The Effects of World War II on Per Capita GDP.*
7. **Panagiota Bletas**, Research Fellow, Management Unit, Athens Institute. *The Spiritual Root of World War II.*
8. **Despoina N. Koutsari**, Writer-Economist. *Trypi, Laconia: Resistance of a Mountain Village during the Occupation.*
9. **Hemmat Safwat**, Deputy Director, Engineering Division, Athens Institute. *Some Thoughts on the World War II – Egypt.*
10. **Fulya Aksu**, Associate Professor, Altınbaş University, Türkiye. *Nazi Propaganda and Turkish Foreign Policy through the lens of "Die Türkische Post".*
11. **Elena Ene Draghici-Vasilescu**, Professor, University of Oxford, UK. *Jean-Paul Sartre's Thoughts about the War.*
12. **Daphne Vidanec**, Professor, University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprëšić, Croatia & **Bruno Raguž**, Lecturer, University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprëšić, Croatia. *The Case*

*of Cardinal Alloys Stepinac Within the Context of the World War 2: Onwards Insights and Reflection.*

13. **Elena Rovenko**, Researcher, Serge Rachmaninoff Conservatory (Paris), France. *Sergei Rachmaninoff's Charitable Work During WWII.*
14. **Alejandro Gutierrez Leon**, Researcher University of Valencia, Spain. *The Long Fight of Spanish Anti-fascism through the Figure of Francisco Largo Caballero.*
15. **Domenico Maddaloni**, Professor, University of Salerno, Italy. *The Italian Contribution to the Anti-Fascist Struggle.*
16. **Alexandru Socaciu**, Military Priest, Faculty of Orthodox Theology "Justinian the Patriarch", University of Bucharest, Romania. *Personalities During World War II. The Sacrifice in the Face of War.*
17. **Krasimir Kutsarov**, Independent Researcher, Bulgaria. *Greece and Bulgaria: Two Acts of Defiance.*

### **Audience Comments and Questions**