



A Symposium on



Universities at a Crossroads: Challenges and Opportunities

Organized by: The Athens Institute

Place: 5th Floor, 9 Chalkokondili Street, Athens.

Date: Monday, 4 May 2026

Time: 13:00-14:30

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Moderator: Gregory T. Papanikos, President, Athens Institute & Professor (Adjunct), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA.

Speakers:

1. **Gary Comstock**, Alumni Association Distinguished Undergraduate Professor of Philosophy, North Carolina State University, USA. **Title:** *Teaching Americans to Think: One \$4 Million Bet on Civil Discourse.*
2. **Ingrid Brenner**, Associate Professor, Trent University, Canada. **Title:** *The Effect on Budget Cuts on Education.*
3. **Athena Elafros**, Associate Professor, University of Lethbridge, Canada. **Title:** *Disability at a Crossroads: Access in the University.*
4. **Claudia Mitzeliotis**, Professor, Mercy University, USA. **Title** *TBA*
5. **Teodora Duarte-Quilao**, Professor, Webster Geneva Campus, Switzerland. **Title:** *Unfolding the Ongoing and Unending Journey of Knowing and Beyond.*

Discussion

Note: The working language of the symposium will be English. If you are interested in participating, please contact Celia Sakka at info@atiner.gr or by phone at +30 210 3634210.

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