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News

The Athens Institute is planning a series of new academic initiatives and student-focused competitions currently under development, including the **International Mathematics Competition for University Students**, as well as the proposed **Athens**

Institute Undergraduate Economics Competition (<https://www.atiner.gr/aiuec>) and **Athens Institute Undergraduate Physics Competition** (<https://www.atiner.gr/aiupc>).

These initiatives aim, collectively, to promote high-quality undergraduate research, encourage early engagement with academic inquiry, strengthen links between student work and international academic discourse, and further enhance the Institute's role as a platform for scholarly exchange across disciplines. **For expressions of interest, please contact us at: information@atiner.gr**

We are pleased to announce that **Istanbul Medipol University** has joined the **Athens Institute Undergraduate Economics Competition** as a collaborating university.

Dr. Palle Larsen (Researcher & Associate Professor, University College Lillebaelt UCL, Denmark) has accepted the offer from the Athens Institute to serve as the next Deputy Head of the **Nursing Unit** ([more details](#)).

Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, Dr. Ingrid Brenner, Dr. Adel Zeglam and Dr. Parisa Gazerani meet in Athens During the Annual Conference, May 4-8, 2026 ([more details](#)).

A **Microsymposium on “Universities at a Crossroads: Challenges and Opportunities”** was held on Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 May 2026 ([more details](#)).

Size Matters More Than Wealth: New Research Reveals What Predicts World Cup Qualification in Europe

A new academic study using statistical modelling shows that a nation's population size – not its income – is the dominant factor determining which European countries qualify for the FIFA World Cup, while identifying remarkable overachievers like Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia who defied the structural odds. ([more details](#)).

We are pleased to announce the organization of two upcoming special **symposiums on Sports, Media and Wars** as part of the **26th Annual International Conference on Sports: Economic, Management, Marketing & Social Aspects** (www.atiner.gr/2026spo-pro) and the **24th Annual International Conference on Communication and Mass Media** (www.atiner.gr/2026med-pro):

- Monday, 11 May 2026: [Sports, Media and Wars I](#)
- Tuesday, 12 May 2026: [Sports, Media and Wars II](#)

Publications

Athens Journal of Technology & Engineering

16 Forthcoming Papers

Forthcoming Conferences Organized by the Athens Institute

The Athens Institute is organized into 7 [Divisions](#), 37 [Units](#) and 8 [Centers](#). Each one organizes at least one annual academic event (conferences, symposiums, roundtable discussions etc.). All events are small academic gatherings as these are described in ATINER's [mission](#) and [policy](#).

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