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# THE MANY AND THE FEW: MULTITUDE AND VIRTUE

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On the occasion of the Anniversary Year



THERMOPYLAE-SALAMIS

ΘΕΡΜΟΠΥΛΕΣ - ΣΑΛΑΜΙΝΑ

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## PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd 2020 | 18.00

Great Hall of the University of Athens



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A focal point of the battles between the Persian Empire of King Xerxes and the Greek Cities during the Persian Wars is the big disproportion in numbers that was actually surpassed in practice. The victory of the Greek Cities opened the way for the Golden Age of Athens, and thus for the ancient Greek philosophy and arts to become the foundation of the Western Civilization. The importance of co-existence and cultural correlation of small and big countries is a key point that will build the core of this event, as there are small countries with self-confidence, great cultural background and significant contribution to the history of humanity. The message of peace and a common heritage and future of the world will be thus finally highlighted.

## INTRODUCTION

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### **Prof. Meletios-Athanasios Dimopoulos**

Rector of the University of Athens, Member of the Honorary Committee of the Anniversary Year "Thermopylae-Salamis 2020"

## ADDRESS

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### **Marianna V. Vardinoyannis**

Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO, Trustee NGIC, President of the Honorary Committee of the Anniversary Year "Thermopylae-Salamis 2020"

**Award of an Honorary Plaque to Dr Vaira Vike Freiberga and Dr Ismail Serageldin for their contribution to world peace and the intercultural dialogue by the Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Professor Meletios-Athanasios K. Dimopoulos.**



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## KEYNOTE LECTURE

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### **Prof. Konstantinos Bouraselis**

Professor Emeritus of Ancient History, Advisor of the Rectorate on Academic and International Affairs, University of Athens, Greece, Member of the Honorary Committee of the Anniversary Year "Thermopylae-Salamis 2020"

*The Persian Empire invades Greece or the many and the few.*

## PANEL

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### **Moderator**

**Antonio Zanardi Landi**, Former Diplomatic Advisor to the President of Italy, Ambassador of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta

### **Speakers**

#### **Dr. Vaira Vike-Freiberga**

President of Latvia 1999-2007, Co-Chair NGIC, Member of the Honorary Committee of the Anniversary Year "Thermopylae-Salamis 2020"

*Possibilities and record of cultural survival of small countries versus big ones. The example of Latvia.*

#### **Prof. Emil Constantinescu**

President of Romania 1996-2000

*The Cultural Heritage and survival in a multicultural regional entity. The example of Romania in the Balkans.*

#### **Dr. Ismail Serageldin**

Vice President of the World Bank 1992-2000, Co-Chair NGIC, Member of the Honorary Committee of the Anniversary Year "Thermopylae-Salamis 2020"

*Cultural survival despite foreign occupation. The case of Egypt.*

#### **Rashid Alimov**

Secretary General Shanghai Cooperation Organization 2016-2019, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan 1992-1994

*The Many and the Few: Impact of ancient Chinese and Greek Civilization to mankind.*



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