

# Should I stay or should I go? Youth and Migration

Monday, 24 November, 7 p.m.

**Venue: City Hall of Thessaloniki**, (multipurpose Room)  
1, Vassileos Georgiou A' St., 54640 Thessaloniki

Greece 2014. More than 50% of young people under 25 are unemployed although Greek youths have never been so well educated before. Since they cannot see any prospects in their future in Greece, many of them decide to leave their families and friends behind in order to go abroad and search for a job.

It is a great opportunity and also a new experience: learn a new language, get to know a new culture and way of living and overall have a job! Especially people with a university degree leave Greece after finishing their studies. They can easily find a job in other European countries, while at the same time Greece loses its best qualified people. It is uncertain whether they will ever come back in the future. Thus

the "brain drain" starts. However, there are also young people who choose to stay in Greece or come back from abroad. They see a chance in the crisis, an opportunity to get their life started at home and make a difference in this difficult situation. Every single person has to find an answer to the following question: Should I stay or should I go?

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Welcoming Speech:

**Maria Paschalidou**  
PRESIDENT OF THESSALONIKI – EUROPEAN  
YOUTH CAPITAL 2014

**Nicole Katsioulis**  
DIRECTOR, FRIEDRICH-EBERT-FOUNDATION  
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Speakers:

**Vicky Tarnana**  
OWNER & MANAGER OF THE YOUTH HOSTEL  
"LITTLE BIG HOUSE", THESSALONIKI

**Leonidas Karapanos**  
REPRESENTATIVE OF A YOUNG DOCTORS GROUP  
WILLING TO EMIGRATE

**Faye Orfanou**  
CO-FOUNDER OF AELIA WORKING LIFE LAB

**Sotirios Stampoulis**  
MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE  
OF THE CULTURAL INNOVATORS NETWORK  
(CIN) AND MANAGER OF THE PROJECT  
"ARTIVISTS4CHANGE"

Chair:

**Thomas Papakonstantinou**  
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