

Germany's 2025 election and its aftermath

How Did We Get Here? What's Next for Germany and Europe?

Programme

Monday 16 June 2025, 18:30 PM – 20:30 PM

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Languages: Greek and English with simultaneous interpretation

The collapse of Germany's 'traffic light coalition' in November 2024 triggered a snap election on February 23rd. Its outcome was a shock, but no surprise. The far-right *Alternative for Germany* (AfD) doubled its vote share to 21%, and the far-left *Linke* party also experienced a surge in support. Conversely, the *Social Democrats* (SPD) and the *Christian Democrats* (CDU/CSU), Germany's (former) mainstream parties, achieved their worst and second-worst post-war results respectively, creating considerable challenges for forming a stable government. Given the ongoing economic and geopolitical pressures facing Europe – challenges also keenly felt here in Greece – Germany's traditional role as a pillar of stability has been called into question. This talk will explore the factors driving these electoral results and their implications for Germany, Europe, and the future of European integration.

18:30pm.

Welcome

- **Regine Schubert** - Director FES Athens
- **Dimitris Charalambis** – Professor em. of Political Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, President of the Hellenic Political Science Association

18:45pm.

Keynote

- **Kai Arzheimer** – Professor of Political Science, University of Mainz

19:15pm.

Commentary

- **Vasiliki Georgiadou** – Professor of Political Science, Panteion University
- **Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos** – Professor of Political Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

19:45pm

Discussion

Moderation: **Xenia Kounalaki** – Journalist, KATHIMERINI

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