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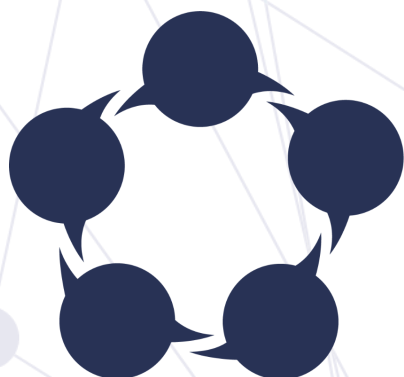
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Words of Welcome

Oleksii Zahreba
IAPSS President, 2022-2024

Dear 2024 IAPSS World Congress Participants,

This Congress is the first IAPSS Congress in Europe since 2019. I joined IAPSS to be a part of the organizing committee of the World Congress 2020 in Vienna – an event that was sadly canceled due to the spread of Covid-19. I could not imagine back then that IAPSS would not host another Congress in Europe until 2024. And yet, after years of pandemic, restructuring the organization to move its headquarters to Canada, and branching out to other regions of the world, IAPSS has finally returned to the European continent.

It is not our first time in Greece. In 2008, IAPSS hosted its Annual Conference in Thessaloniki with the theme *The Future of Governance in the 21st Century*. In 2014, IAPSS returned to Thessaloniki, this time with the rebranded conference called World Congress, which had the theme *Limits to Global Governance*. Finally, in 2024, we will be discussing *The Future of Governance in the Digital Era* in Athens. Clearly, political science students like going to Greece and discussing topics of governance.

Evidently, you are expecting to spend most of your time here by attending the programmed events and enjoying attractions of Athens. While you are at it, I also encourage you to make friends. Cherish the opportunity that these types of events provide to make connections and create lifelong friendships – something we could not do so easily during the long years of the pandemic.

Moreso, you should consider getting involved in IAPSS at a deeper level by running for one of the positions at the General Assembly. IAPSS is run by students like you, and being involved in the organization can do wonders for your professional and academic lives. I hope you will make the most of your membership and opportunities IAPSS provides.

On behalf of IAPSS, we look forward to hearing your presentations!

Best,

Oleksii Zahreba,
IAPSS President

Eyrin Kyriakidi
Vice-President & Head of Department of Academic Affairs, 2022-2024

Dear Participants, Speakers, and Guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 IAPSS World Congress, "Future of Governance in the Digital Era", and an even greater pleasure to welcome you to my home, the City of Athens.

Joining forces with Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, and supported by the Liaison Office of the European Parliament in Athens, the Hellenic Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sport, the Greek National Tourism Organisation, and the Association of International & European Affairs, our World Congress Team has worked for months to provide a stimulating academic experience. This year's World Congress schedule has been meticulously curated to include expert sessions, workshops, roundtables, and, of course, student panels where you will have the chance to showcase your work. We have also worked toward incorporating activities that will familiarize you with Athens and its rich history, while guaranteeing you enjoy your stay in the city.

This year's theme focuses on the critical transformations and challenges posed by digital advancements in political governance. Our expert speakers will discuss a plethora of topics, spanning from teaching methods to international security. Take advantage of the opportunity to engage with them. Attend the student panels to support your fellow panelists and learn about their research. Join the roundtables to discuss Plato, one of the most famous Greek philosophers, as well as how we all, as students, can (trans)form the field of political science. Polish your methodology skills with the planned workshops. And of course, have fun, get to know IAPSS, and attend the General Assembly to shape our Association's future.

Enjoy the Congress and all that Athens has to offer!

Sincerely yours,

Eyrin Kyriakidi,
Vice-President & Head of the Academic Department

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About: The World Congress

On the theme

The digital era has revolutionized the way societies function, communicate, and are governed. The integration of technology into governance processes has shown the potential to enhance efficiency, transparency, and citizen engagement. Although the rate of adoption of digital tools among governments has been slow at first, the growing accessibility of mobile Internet, and notably the COVID-19 pandemic, have forced government transformation to adapt to the digital era. Governments have taken notice of how digital tools help to accelerate operations and optimize resources, allowing for a more effective allocation of public funds. Governmental entities started making use of data-driven decision-making as the ability to collect and analyze vast amounts of data empowered them to make informed decisions based on evidence and trends.

However, the high pace of progress of digital technologies presents challenges to governance. Crucial questions about privacy, security, and the equitable distribution of digital resources have been posed, while the recent developments in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) have raised concerns about the risks created by the growing accessibility to AI models. The governments-signatories to The Bletchley Declaration have highlighted that "many risks arising from AI are inherently international in nature, and so are best addressed through international cooperation". As we navigate through an increasingly interconnected and technologically driven global landscape, the future of governance faces unprecedented challenges and opportunities.

There are many implications of the digital era on issues such as human rights, privacy, and the rule of law. How do digital advancements affect the balance between security and civil liberties? What challenges emerge in ensuring ethical governance in the face of rapid technological change? How are developing nations navigating the challenges posed by digitalization? How do advancements in technology impact the security of government systems and citizens' personal data?

About IAPSS

Mission

The International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) is a worldwide representation of students of political science and related studies. IAPSS strives to deliver sustainable academic contributions to the education of its members, foster exchange among young social scientists across the globe, and promote social and scientific responsibility. We do this by offering a multitude of events, publications, professionalization and research networks.

With members from more than ninety countries, IAPSS seeks to promote political science as a discipline and be a global network for students. The Association – founded in 1998 in Leiden (the Netherlands) – is exclusively student-led, non-profit oriented and politically independent. The IAPSS Headquarters is located in Montreal (Quebec, Canada) – hosted and supported by Concordia University.

On the international level, IAPSS works closely together with the International Political Science Association (IPSA), International Studies Association (ISA), the European Consortium for Political Science Research (ECPR), the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) as well as other partner organizations.

Three pillars

Our portfolio and annual agenda provided with great dedication to our members is built up around three pillars. In each pillar, we conceptualize and realize activities, projects and services that contribute to the academic, personal and social development of our members.

1. IAPSS Events – Global Political Science Gatherings
2. IAPSS Academic – Journals, Publishing, Delegations & Research
3. Professionalisation and Career Development

IAPSS' unique international network enables us to influence debates, initiatives and scientific developments internationally. IAPSS has robust accounts on all major social media platforms and regular consultations take place with our international partners in the field of political science.

About Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

Mission and Vision

Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences is a public university that conducts research and offers courses and degrees in a wide range of scientific fields in the areas of social and political theory, such as international and European studies, science and media, sociology, social anthropology, psychology, political science, history, social policy, public administration, and economic and regional development. Through its long and distinguished history of teaching, research, public service, and social contribution, the University has shaped the development and the dissemination of the relevant scientific fields in Greece.

Panteion aims to operate as a hub for producing and transmitting new knowledge. Its teaching and research staff stand out for their research -aimed at excellence and addressing sociopolitical challenges- and public presence in Greece and abroad.

About the Department of Political Science and History

Aim and Mission

In the study programme of the Department, political science is linked with contemporary and modern history as well as social and political theory and philosophy, economic theory and history, public law and historical demography. This interdisciplinary approach not only allows the organization of the programme around geographical areas but also encourages the in depth exploration of the significant problems of Greece, Europe and the world which are by now transnational and global.

At the level of ideology, the Department is particularly interested in the big recurrent problems such as nationalism, religious fundamentalism, racism and all other aspects of collective prejudices. Additionally, interdisciplinarity allows for the exploration of identity issues.

Program at a glance

21.05 Tuesday
09:00 - 10:00 OPENING CEREMONY & KEYNOTE SPEECH

10:00 - 11:30 EXPERT PANEL: STATE SECURITY IN CYBERSPACE

11:45 - 13:00 SESSIONS: Panels 1.1.1, 1.1.2

14:00 - 15:30 SESSIONS: Panels 1.2.1, 1.2.2

15:45 - 17:00 SESSIONS: Workshop 1.3.1, Panel 1.3.2

22.05 Wednesday
09:00 - 10:30 EXPERT PANEL: DIGITAL HUMANITIES AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ACADEMIA

10:45 - 12:15 SESSIONS: Panels 2.1.1, 2.1.2

14:30 - 16:00 SESSIONS: Workshop 2.2.1, Panel 2.2.2

23.05 Thursday
09:00 - 10:30 EXPERT PANEL: DIGITAL GOVERNANCE AND ELECTIONS

10:45 - 12:00 SESSIONS: Panel 3.1.1, Roundtable 3.1.2

14:00 - 15:30 SESSIONS: Panels 3.2.1, 3.2.2

15:40 - 17:00 SESSIONS: Panel 3.3.1, Workshop 3.3.2

24.05 Friday
09:00 - 10:30 SESSIONS: Panel 4.1.1., 4.1.2

10:45 - 11:00 CLOSING CEREMONY & AWARDS

11:00 - 14:00 IAPSS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Leisure and Study Activities in Athens

21.05 Tuesday

19:00 - 21:00 ATHENS CITY TOUR
Meeting in front of the statue of Plato at 18:50, Panepistimiou 28.

OR

19:00 - 21:00 SELF-GUIDED CITY GAME
Starting point: Monastiraki Square at 18:50.

22.05 Wednesday

17:30 - 19:00 GUIDED TOUR OF THE WAR MUSEUM
Meeting in front of the Museum Entrance, Rizari 2-4, at 17:20.

23.05 Thursday

20:00 - 22:00 SOCIAL EVENING
Meeting at Hyper Astro Bar, 78 Ermou Str. & 2 Athinas Str.

Participation in activities is <u>conditional</u> on submitting an RSVP at <u>this link</u>.

Keynote Speech

SECURITY AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES
Tuesday, May 21st, 09:20 - 10:00 - Room OLYMPIA
Dr Triantafyllos Karatrantos, Senior Research Fellow, Radicalisation, Terrorism, Policing Models, Security and Foreign Policy, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy

Dr Triantafyllos Karatrantos is an International Relations, European Security and New Threats expert. He is a Research Fellow in Radicalization, Terrorism, Policing Models, Security and Foreign Policy at the Hellenic Institute for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and Senior Advisor on Radicalization, Organized Crime and Terrorism Research and Prevention Policies at the Center for Security Studies (KEMEA). In September 2021, he was appointed by the European Commission to the Advisory Board of Researchers charged with researching and developing the policy for preventing radicalization and countering violent extremism for the RAN – Policy Support.

He is also a postdoctoral researcher on Polarization & the Prevention of Radicalization and Violent Extremism at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and lectures at the National Security School of Greece on Multiculturalism, Migration and Security; Intercultural Policing and Community Policing; and Radicalisation and Terrorism.

He holds a Ph.D. in European Security and New Threats from the University of the Aegean. Since 2014, he has been working at the Center for Security Studies (KEMEA) on training programs and European and research projects. He is also a RAN-certified COE trainer in Radicalization, a member of the RAN LOCAL Group, a CEPOL network expert, and a specialized trainer on polarization, radicalization, multi-agency cooperation and FTF's common identification indicators.

He has published two books with Epikentro Publications and co-edited one with Vasilis Vamvakas and Panagis Panagiotopoulos. He has also contributed seventy-five (75) chapters to collective volumes and journals in Greece and abroad and written, or participated in the writing of, fifteen (15) policy and working papers. Between July 2019 and August 2021, he served as a Security Policy Advisor to the Minister for Citizen Protection. He has been a Security Policy Advisor to the Minister of State since September 2021.

Opening Session, Expert Panels, Closing Session

OPENING SESSION
Tuesday, May 21st, 09:00 -10:00
Oleksii Zahreba - President, IAPSS;
Dr Andreas Kakridis - Panteion University, Department of Political Science and History;
Eyrin Kyriakidi - Head of the Academic Department, IAPSS;

EXPERT PANEL
State Security in Cyberspace
Tuesday, May 21st, 10:00 - 11:30 - Room OLYMPIA

EXPERT PANEL
Digital Humanities and AI in Academia
Wednesday, May 22nd, 09:00 - 10:30 - Room OLYMPIA

EXPERT PANEL
Digital Governance and Elections
Thursday, May 23rd, 09:00 - 10:30 - Room AEGEAN

CLOSING SESSION
Friday, May 19th, 10:00 - 10:15 - Room AEGEAN
Eyrin Kyriakidi — VP for Academic Affairs;
Oleksii Zahreba — President of IAPSS.

Student Panels

All panels will take place at the Stratos Vassilikos Hotel.

Tuesday, May 21

11:45 – 13:00

Session 1.1.1 – Room HEPHAESTUS

Chair: Mohammad Amaan Siddiqui, *American University of Sharjah*

- The phenomenon of Neo-tribalism in Social Media: Construction of Ideological Narratives
  Sofia Kalamanti, Panteion University of Social and Political Science
- Variations in Online Self-Censorship: Analysis of the Turkish Case
  Sinan Kircova, University of Southern California
- Digital Public Diplomacy in Times of Crisis: The Case of X and how Turkey's New Public Diplomacy is Shaped Through It
  Maria Merkouraki, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Session 1.1.2 – Room MYRINA

Chair: Clio Argyropoulou, *Deree -The American College of Greece & Panteion University*

- An Investigation Into the Economic Effects of the Syrian Refugee Influx in Lebanon
  Ghofrane Lahib, American University of Sharjah
- Navigating the Digital Frontier: Assessing the Impact of Digitisation on Labour Markets
  Shambhavi Sahay, University of Glasgow
- Leadership Without Capacity? Japan and the International Digital Trade Rule-making under the Perspective of Structural Power
  Yilin Aileen Lu, Fudan University

14:00 – 15:30

Session 1.2.1 – Room HEPHAESTUS

Chair: Clio Argyropoulou, *Deree -The American College of Greece & Panteion University*

- The Madman Theory As Cyber Deterrence Model, a First Analytical Framework
  Leonardo Lucchesi, University of Florence
  Niccolò Mariottini, University of Florence
- The Ethics of War in Cyberspace: Cyber Conduct Amounting to War Crimes to be Prosecuted by the ICC?
  Hannah Pakula, The Australian National University
- TERRA NOVA: Human Rights Dilemmas Of AI And The Need For An Effective Normative Global Framework
  Shalvi Ponwar, O.P. Jindal Global University

Session 1.2.2 – Room MYRINA

Chair: Niccolò Mariottini

- Data Assetization & Rentierships: Cooperative Truck Platooning in Ontario
  Ivanna Kazantsev, Queen's University
- Digital Media Illiteracy and Hate Speech Towards Migrants in Eastern Europe
  Triantafyllos Gkaragkanis, Babeș-Bolyai University & CY Cergy Paris Université
- Right-wing Populism: style or doctrine?
  Carlo De Nuzzo, Sciences Po Paris

15:45 – 17:00

Session 1.3.2 – Room MYRINA

Chair: Cassandra Rudenko, *Queen's University*

- A perspective of IR: Is Artificial Intelligence a Reward or a Danger for States and Humanity?
  Meltem Aran, Yeditepe University
- The Future of Deepfakes in Russian Disinformation
  Desiree Winns, George Washington University
- An Analysis of Russian Model for Internal and External Implementation of Digital Authoritarianism
  Elena Evdokimova, Lomonosov Moscow State University

Wednesday, May 22

10:45 – 12:15

Session 2.1.1 – Room HEPHAESTUS

Chair: Niccolò Mariottini, University of Florence

- Unveiling the shadows; The recruitment process of women through social media
  Clio Argyropoulou, Deree-The American College of Greece & Panteion University
- Algorithms of fate: Walter Benjamin and the power dynamics of social media
  Mateusz Olczak, KU Leuven
- Our Digital Idea of Politics: A Critical Feminist Theory on the Digital Public Sphere
  Iknoor Khaira, University of Ottawa

Session 2.1.2 – Room MYRINA

Chair: Néstor Fernando Aranibar Campero, *KU Leuven*

- Disaggregating Dissent: A Multi-Thematic Study of Anti-Hindutva Discourses on Twitter
  Mohammad Amaan Siddiqui, American University of Sharjah
- The Trajectory to World Peace: Gandhian Perspective
  Raj Kumar Kothari, University of Bombay
- Sinicization of Post-materialism: Socialist Civilization
  Yue Xu, Chinese University of Hong Kong

14:30 – 16:00

Session 2.2.2 – Room MYRINA

Chair: Leonardo Lucchesi, *University of Florence*

- A Reflection on the Concept of Smart Cities and the Degree of Democracy in the Ranked Countries
  Alda Maria Napolitano Sanchez, Federal University of ABC
  Lais Cavalcante, Federal University of ABC
  Évani Santos, Federal University of ABC

- Exploring Pragmatic Legitimacy in Urban Mobility Schemes: A Case Study of Kristiansund's City Package
  Faris Henry Gergis, Molde University College
- Technology and Homelessness How Website Design and Blockchain Technology Could Impact the Unhoused
  Casey Renee Pratt, University of Denver

Thursday, May 23

10:45 – 12:00

Session 3.1.1 – Room AEGEAN

Chair: Triantafyllos Gkaragkanis, *Babeș-Bolyai University & CY Cergy Paris Université*

- Death Penalty: An Analysis of Strategic Narratives in the U.S. and Taiwan within a New Media Ecology
  Maria Wilkinson, National Chengchi University
- The Dangerous Impact of Disinformation on Human Rights
  Lillian Curtin, Quinnipiac University
- Political activism against algorithmic discrimination: thematic analyses of the project "Desvelar"
  Gabriela Rabello de Lima, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)
  Mauricio Silveira Cardoso, University of São Paulo
  Consuelo Vásquez, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)

14:00 – 15:30

Session 3.2.1 – Room AEGEAN

Chair: Orçun Oltulu, *Hacettepe University*

- Analysis of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Era
  Nadire Burcu Gümüşfiliz, Yeditepe University
- Reducing Racial and Ethnic Bias in AI Models: A Comparative Analysis of ChatGPT and Google Bard
  Tavishi Choudhary
- From Pixels to Policies: A Cross-country Exploration of Digital Engagement and Political Action
  Kevin W. Settles, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

Session 3.2.2 – Room LEMNOS

Chair: Raj Kumar Kothari, *Sanskrit College and University*

- Construction of Environmental Discourse Concerning Europe in China
  Luhua Yang, Luiss Guido Carli
  Sidan Wang, Luiss Guido Carli
- Rising Tides: An Analysis of the Thematic Relationship between the UNSC and Climate Change
  Colby Gauthier, University of Manitoba
  Abigail Georgison, University of Manitoba
- The effects of the 'One China' policy on EU-Taiwan cooperation
  Laia Comerma, Pompeu Fabra University

15:40 – 17:00

Session 3.3.1 – Room AEGEAN

Chair: Maria Merkouraki, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

- Social Participation And The Right To Health In The Brazilian Amazon: An Experience Report
  Évani Larisse dos Santos Carvalho, Federal University of ABC
  Alda Maria Napolitano Sanchez, Federal University of ABC
  Laís Siqueira Ribeiro Cavalcante, Federal University of ABC
- Creating Emergency Policies in a Virtual World: Tracing the Policy Production in the European Union during the COVID-19 Pandemic
  Yulieth Martinez Villalba, Federal University of Minas Gerais & University of Konstanz
- Social Media Mobilizations: Menstrual Poverty in Brazil
  Laís Siqueira Ribeiro Cavalcante, Federal University of ABC
  Alda Maria Napolitano Sanchez, Federal University of ABC
  Évani Larisse dos Santos Carvalho, Federal University of ABC

Friday, May 24

09:00 – 10:30

Session 4.1.1 – Room HEPHAESTUS

Chair: Leonardo Lucchesi, *University of Florence*

- Risks that May Arise Regarding Military Fully Autonomous Systems in the Context of the Law of War
  Orçun Oltulu, Hacettepe University
- A paradox of power: NATO, the U.S., and how Trump can Instill Alliance Uncertainty Amidst a Tense World
  Colby Gauthier, University of Manitoba
- The Intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy
  Cassandra Rudenko, Queen's University

Session 4.1.2 – Room MYRINA

Chair: Néstor Fernando Aranibar Campero, *KU Leuven*

- Parliamentary Diplomacy and the Perspectives of Romania's Digital Horizon
  Alex Cozma, Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca
  David Măhălean, Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca
- Shaping the Digital Governance in Colombia: The Influence of the Relation between Presidential Leadership and Technology
  Julian Alberto Paez Vargas, Hertie School
- Democratic transitions and hollowed democracies: Peru and Chile
  Valezka Yrigoyen Cruz, University College London (UCL)
  Selena Lopez Trujillo, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP)

Workshops and Roundtables

All workshops and roundtables will take place at the Stratos Vassilikos Hotel.

Tuesday, May 21
15:45 - 17:00

Session 1.3.1 – Roundtable– Room HEPHAESTUS

- Plato's Meno: The Problems of Scientific Definitions in Our Understanding of the Political
  Néstor Fernando Aranibar Campero, KU Leuven

The first part of Plato's Meno focuses on three failed attempts to define virtue. Each of the attempts is intertwined with a claim for political rule, the classical standard that rule should be performed by the best human beings. Although every attempt to define virtue has its problems and its grains of truth, the third example is most akin to the

problems we deal with in our times in regard to the examination of political phenomena. This workshop will provide a brief introduction to the two previous attempts and a careful reading of the third attempt. In exploring Plato's arguments together, we will gain the tools for a better understanding of political phenomena.

🎤 RSVP to participate in this roundtable at this link.

Wednesday, May 22
14:30 – 16:00

Session 2.2.1 – Workshop – Room HEPHAESTUS

- Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science
  Dr Andreas Kollias, Panteion University for Social and Political Sciences

Thursday, May 23
10:45 - 12:00

Session 3.1.2 – Roundtable– Room LEMNOS

- Forming a Discipline: Student Voices in Political Science
  Colby Gauthier, IAPSS Outreach Coordinator, University of Manitoba

The discipline of Political Science is dominated by professors of high reputation and pages-long CVs. However, an integral part of PoliSci studies is us, the students. IAPSS, through its new Outreach Project "Connect and Contribute" aims to encourage political science students worldwide to connect, network, and cooperate. Do you have experience with similar projects? What are the ways your association/university empowers student participation? We would love to know more! Join our roundtable and share your views!

🎤 RSVP to participate in this roundtable at this link.

15:40 – 17:00

Session 3.3.2 – Workshop – Room LEMNOS

- Behind the Scenes: Conference Paper Submission, Review and Assessment Process
  Eyrin Kyriakidi, Head of Academic Department, IAPSS

Information for Panelists

Time Structure of Panels

Each paper presentation will consist of a presentation by the paper presenter, the discussant's reply and a Q&A session with the audience.

Panels featuring <u>three panelists</u> will be structured (as per paper presenter) as follows:

- 12 minutes presentation;
- 3 minutes discussion by the discussant;
- 15-minute Q&A with the audience.

Panels featuring <u>four panelists</u> will be structured (as per paper presenter) as follows:

- 10 minutes presentation;
- 2,5 minutes discussion by the discussant;
- 10-minute Q&A with the audience.

All panels are limited to about 90 minutes each.

All paper presenters, discussants and chairs are requested to be at the venue of the panel at least 10 minutes before the panel's opening.

PROVIDED TECHNICAL FACILITIES

All rooms are equipped with presentation facilities (fixed data projectors, podium microphones, fixed hearing loop, whiteboards).

You are kindly suggested to prepare a visual presentation underlining your discourse. Please bring your laptop with the respective file(s) to the panel, best if in both .ppt and .pdf file types.

How To Be A Good Panelist

- Keep to time. You will be allocated between 10 and 12 minutes (according to the total number of paper presenters in your panel) and if you go over the limit, it will be taken from the time of your co-panelists.
- Structure your presentation so that the audience has the time to ask you questions afterward.

- Prepare your speech beforehand. You do not need to read directly from the paper but hint-cards are always useful.
- If you write down your speech, make sure you have leeway time-wise. Speakers reading directly from the paper very often underestimate the time they will need for presentation.
- If you run out of time, you will be cut off mid-presentation. No exceptions.
- You have the option to use a laptop and a projector to display your figures, charts, or the summary of your paper. Be cautious with its use. Do not merely read what is written behind you – that is not presenting. The projector is an addendum, not the core of your presentation.
- Be precise and concise. You are presenting your research results, not making a political speech. Keep in mind that your audience is smart.
- Read the papers of your colleagues. It is polite to prepare at least one question for each of your co-panelist and give them proper feedback. Your work does not end with finishing your paper, the key to a successful academic panel is interaction among its participants.

Guidelines for Panel Chairs

HOW TO BE A GOOD PANEL CHAIR

- You must read the papers in your panel carefully and prepare questions.
- Start your panel exactly on time whenever possible.
- No need to introduce yourself or anyone else at length. At most, say people's names and institutional affiliations. Let them introduce their papers themselves.
- Let the panelists speak in the order listed on the programme unless they request otherwise – for technical reasons, for example.
- Keep each panelist to the time allotted. This is the most important part of the role of the panel chair. Divide the entire session evenly between all panelists. If one person goes over the time limit, they are cutting directly into the time of the other panelists, and that must be avoided. Give people a subtle warning when they are close to time by typing out '5 minutes/2 minutes/1 minute' in the chat box. Once they are out of time, give them notice. If they do not stop, you will need to be bold and ask them out loud to wrap up.
- Take questions from the audience immediately after individual presentations. The Q&A should comprise at least one third of the time allocated to one panelist. If there are lots of questions, try to avoid asking any yourself, but do try to think of some just in case the audience goes silent too soon.

- Do not allow the audience to go off on a lengthy tangent; you may need to interrupt them to refocus the discussion.
- Make sure the session finishes on time. People will want to take a break and stretch their legs before the next events, and if you want to continue discussing with someone about their research, you can always reach out to them via email.
- Thank the presenters at the end of every presentation.

HOW TO GIVE FEEDBACK

Your first and most important responsibility is to help the audience understand the papers better. You must read the papers carefully, take time to understand their contributions, strengths and weaknesses, and what the audience needs to know about them.

Your second responsibility is to the authors. What are your reactions to the papers and why? What can the authors do to improve the paper? Learning how to read other papers with the critical eye of a good discussant will help you to learn how to write papers that appeal to the profession.

Review all papers through the following steps:

1. Briefly summarize the main messages, arguments, and the paper's contributions to academia and the wider society.
2. Provide an assessment of the paper: does it make its case convincingly and is it academically rigorous?
3. Suggest constructive ways to improve the paper.
4. Highlight the relevance of the paper to academia and society.
5. Stimulate conversation among the audience by posing questions for discussion. During the discussion, you can also draw comparisons between two or more papers presented in your panel.

During the IAPSS World Congress 2024, Chairs are responsible for the Best Panelist Award, presented during the Closing Ceremony to the panelist with the most coherent, structurally-sound, and informative presentation. Chairs are not obliged to recommend a panelist for the award, but your written feedback on the very best of the participating scholars could present someone with the opportunity of winning! Lastly, Chairs may recommend papers for publication at Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science or Encuentro Latinoamericano: Revista de Ciencia Politica.

Online Paper Room

You can find all papers of the Congress in the [Online Paper Room](#).

Awards

The IAPSS Academic Department will give **two** awards at the end of the Congress.

- **Best Panelist Award** will be given to a panelist recommended by panel chairs.
- **Best Paper Award** will be given to a paper author with the best paper as determined by the IAPSS Academic Committee.

The award recipients will be informed of their selection on May 23. Award recipients will have to be at the Closing Ceremony on May 24 to receive their awards.

Social Media

Use #iapss2024 in your social post you may make regarding the conference. We permit participants to take photos and share them on social media so long as they have permission from other panelists. To keep up to date on news from the conference, follow us on our social media.

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IAPSS

IAPSS General Assembly and Elections

If you enjoyed the World Congress and are looking for more ways to get involved in IAPSS, join us at our General Assembly and Elections and make your voice heard!

The IAPSS General Assembly and Elections will take place on the margins of the World Congress in a hybrid format on Friday, May 24, 2023, at 11:00 (EEST, Athens Time). The onsite location of the General Assembly is the Stratos Vassilikos Hotel. This is a chance to take part in crucial decision-making about the future of IAPSS as well as run and vote for IAPSS elected positions at continental and global levels. The General Assembly web page also includes the agenda and important documents plus information on how to participate. We encourage you to read through this information and let us know if you have any questions or if there is anything else you need.

IAPSS operates according to its official Bylaws that were written in compliance with Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. Before writing a motion, we suggest you get familiarized with IAPSS' Bylaws to ensure your motion is compliant with IAPSS' legal framework.

In addition, we encourage you to consider running for IAPSS' elected positions. These volunteer roles are very important to the organization and include the Global Executive Committee, the Advisory Board, and the 6 Regional Chair positions from each inhabited continent.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Scan the QR Code to access the General Assembly webpage

Practical Information

Onsite Registration on May 21

Registration will begin on the first day at 8:30 am.

The Registration and Information desk will be located on the **ground floor** of the Stratos Vassilikos Hotel. You do not need to bring a printed or a digital ticket to register. We ask you to arrive in advance of the Opening Ceremony, so you do not have to register in a hurry.

The Opening Ceremony will be held in the **Room OLYMPIA** at **9:00 am**. Please arrive early, so we can begin on time.

How to get to the Venue

All panels and sessions will take place at the Stratos Vassilikos Hotel.

Stratos Vassilikos Hotel is located at a ten-minute walk from Megaro Mousikis Metro Station. To reach the hotel, take the metro to the [Megaro Mousikis] station on Line 3, (Exit Vas. Sofias/Eginitio Hosp.) **walk past the Aretaieion University Hospital** on Vasilissis Sofias Avenue, turn right onto Lourou, and then turn left onto Michalakopoulou, and walk until you see the hotel.
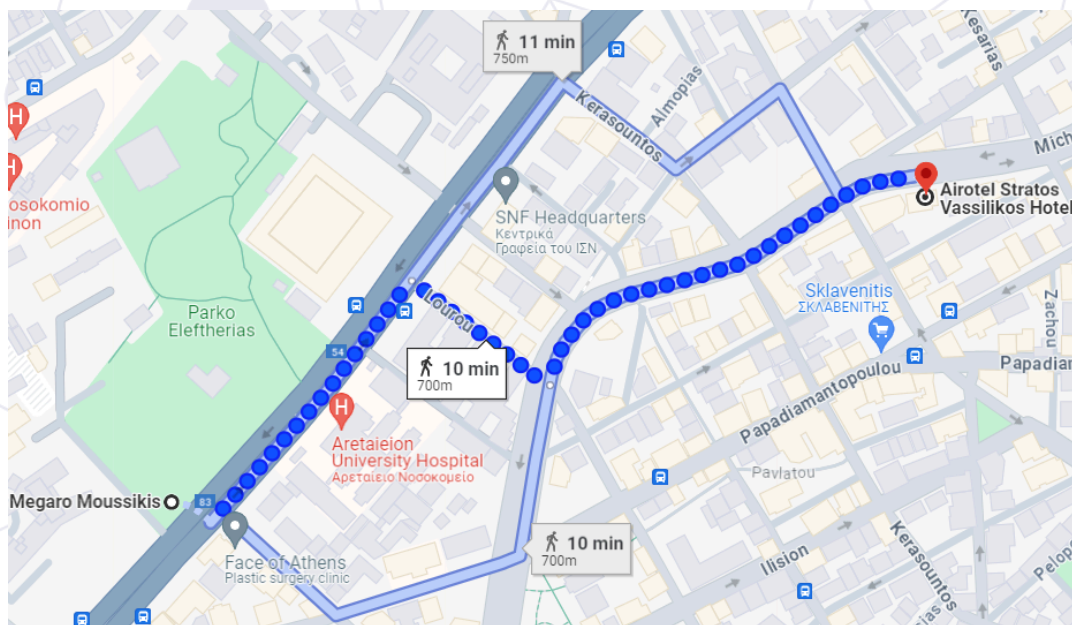
Each event is allocated to a room in the Congress Schedule.

Dining

The surrounding area of Stratos Vassilikos Hotel provides many dining opportunities.

👉 Click on the links to get an itinerary on Google or Apple Maps.

Traditional Greek & Mediterranean Cuisine

- TAVERN - RESTAURANT "PAPAGIANNIS" – Papadiamantopoulou 53, Zografou 115 28.

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- Goudiotiko, Geor – Papandreou 45, Zografou 157 73.

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- MonkFish Athens – Papadiamantopoulou 108, Zografou 157 73.

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- AGORA – Christou Vournazou 31, Athina 115 21.

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Chair Restaurants

- Noodle Bar Zografou – Geor. Papandreou 31, Zografou 157 73.

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- TGIFridays™ – Leof. Kifisias, Athina 115 23.

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Takeaway

- Kantina Mavili – Dim. Soutsou 3, Athina 115 21.

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Dress Code

We do not issue any specific dress code recommendation but rather advise to dress appropriately with respect to be paid to the diversity of participants from across all continents and cultural backgrounds.

Internet Access

Wireless internet is available at the hotel.

Navigating Athens

The city of Athens has a reliable [metro system](#). If you need to use the bus, we encourage you to download the OASA Telematics app, as Google Maps information is usually inaccurate.

You can use the [ATH.ENA ticket](#) for all public transportation options (except for taxis) in Athens. ATH.ENA tickets are rechargeable; there is no need to issue multiple tickets for the duration of your stay in Athens. Tickets can be purchased at the automatic vending machines or ticket countries in metro stations. Bus drivers do not issue tickets.

Should you need to ride a taxi, we recommend downloading the FREE NOW app.

Lastly, we advise against riding a taxi from the airport to your hotel/city centre. The "Airport" metro station is a few steps away from the arrivals terminal. You can find all necessary information regarding ATH.ENA ticket prices [here](#) and [here](#).

First Aid & Emergency Numbers

General Emergency: The national emergency number in Greece is 112, which can be used for any emergency, including medical, police, or fire.

The <u>emergency</u> telephone number of the World Congress Team: 6982247487. We can be contacted in case of <u>emergencies</u> 24/7.

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28th World Congress of Political Science
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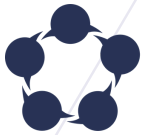or visit our website: **ipsa.org/go/wc2025**

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