



RESILIENCE and RECONCILIATION Democracy in Crisis and Repair across History

Athens, 28-29 April 2026

28 April, 15:00 Finnish Institute at Athens
29 April, 9:30 Swedish Institute at Athens

INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

Democracies fracture. They collapse under pressure, betray their ideals, or spiral into civil strife. Yet time and again, they return — sometimes stronger, often transformed. But do they truly endure, or are they reimagined beyond recognition? This roundtable event explores how resilience, reconstitution, and reconciliation intersect in the reinvention of democracy. Three panel sessions discuss how communities and institutions, ancient or modern, navigate crisis, uphold democratic forms, or abandon them altogether. The first session addresses conceptual dimensions, the second focuses on the themes in an ancient context, and the third presents historical and contemporary case studies.

Organisers:

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