



A NORTHERN LIGHT IN SOUTHERN STRUGGLES: SWEDISH SOLIDARITY TOWARDS GREECE

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Danish Institute at Athens
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Sweden and Greece are bound by a history of empathy, civic engagement, and shared democratic values. This event, hosted by the Swedish Institute at Athens in collaboration with the NORMED Network, invites you to an evening of reflection and celebration of how a northern nation extended a hand of solidarity to Greece during some of its most critical 20th-century struggles. With our distinguished panelists and coordinator, we will retrace the humanitarian presence of the Swedish Red Cross during the Second World War, examine the emergence of solidarity movements in Sweden from the 1960s onward, Sweden's response to the Greek military dictatorship and reflect briefly on Sweden's principled engagement within the United Nations. The evening will also touch on more recent events, including Sweden's responses to the Greek debt crisis, revealing how solidarity has evolved in the face of new geopolitical and economic challenges. Join us for a dialogue on enduring values, moral courage, and the transformative potential of transnational solidarity.

George Papandreou
fm. Prime Minister of the
Hellenic Republic, MP

Kajsa Ekis Ekman
Journalist, Author of *Κλεμμένη άνοιξη Το χρονικό της κρίσης με τη ματιά της σουηδής δημοσιογράφου* (Κέδρος) and member of Nätverket för Grekland.

Marie Mauzy
Author, scholar

Panel chair: ALEXANDRA PASCALIDOU
Author, journalist

Welcome messages by Jenny Wallensten (SIA) and George Kalpadakis (Academy of Athens & NORMED)

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