

**Conference on Identity & Conflict:
Exploring the Nexus Between Social Identities and
Intergroup Conflict within & across Borders¹**

June 12~13, 2025
Delphi, Greece

Day 1, June 12 (Thursday), 2024

08:50~09:20	Continental Breakfast
09:20~09:30	Welcome & opening remarks by Nicholas Sambanis²
09:30~11:00	Panel 1: Ethnic identity, intergroup competition, and violence Chair: Eleni Kyrkopoulou <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashrakat Elshehawy (Stanford), <i>Religious Minorities and Public Service Provision</i>Nirvikar Jassal (LSE), <i>Hate-Crime, Coethnicity, and Law Enforcement: Evidence from Caste-Segregated Police Stations in India</i>Mikael Hiberg Naghizadeh (Harvard), <i>Patterns of Violence Against Civilians During the Tigray War</i>
11:00~11:15	Coffee Break
11:15~12:15	Panel 2: Group identity, pro-sociality, and democratic norms Chair: Panagiotis Tsakonas <ul style="list-style-type: none">Burcu Kolcak (Princeton), <i>Space Will Tear Us Apart: Ethnic Identity, Political Geography and Democracy</i>Eleni Kyrkopoulou (Yale), <i>Perceptions of Good Citizenship Across Countries</i>

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² Thirty (30) minutes are allocated to each paper, including presentation and general discussion. There are no assigned discussants. Participants are encouraged to read drafts prior to the meeting.

12:15~13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30~15:00 **Panel 3: Collective Identity, Group Formation, and Conflict**

Chair: Alexis Heraclides

- Gulnaz Sharafutdinova (KCL), *Why did Putin Turn Russia into 'Baba Yaga'? The Politics of Collective Identity in Russia*
- Narrelle Gilchrist (Princeton), *Forgive or Forget? Historical Narratives and Ethnic Prejudice in Post-Conflict Countries*
- Julio Solis Arce (Harvard), *Scarification Identity Formation and Integration in Post-Conflict Ghana*

15:00~15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15~16:15 **Panel 4: Attitudes toward Immigrants**

Chair: Stergios Skaperdas

Omar Garcia Ponce (George Washington), *Measuring and Counteracting Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in High-Crime Contexts: Evidence from Mexico*

- Nicolas Fliess (Max Planck), *Pride and Prejudice: Impact of National Days on Patriotism and Attitudes Toward Immigrants*

End of first day

Free time until dinner (will convene to take local transportation to Arachova)

20:00 **Dinner: TBD (Arachova)**

Day 2, June 13 (Friday), 2024

09:00~09:30 **Continental Breakfast**

09:30~10:30 **Panel 5: National Identity and Conflict**

Chair: Maria Papathanassiou

- Nikitas Konstantinidis (IE), *How Sports Nationalism Impacts Attitudes Toward Political Violence and Economic Redistribution*
- Nicholas Sambanis (Yale), *Misperceiving Nationalism: Beliefs About Others' Beliefs and the Escalation of Foreign Policy Disputes*

10:30~10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45~12:15 **Panel 6: State building and national identity**

Chair: Dimitris Georgiadis

- Andres Uribe (Wisconsin- Madison), *The Social Contours of Statebuilding: Evidence from the Andean Coca Economy*
- Stergios Skaperdas (UC Irvine), *National Identity, Public Goods, and Modern Economic Development*
- Krzysztof Krakowski (KCL), *United on Divisive Waters: Decentralization of Irrigation and Conflict in India*

12:30~13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30~14:30 **Panel 7: National identity & inter-state conflict**

Chair: Nikitas Konstantinidis

- Alexis Heraclides (Panteion), *The National Identity-Conflict Nexus in the Balkans*
- Seanon Wong (Chinese University of Hong Kong), *Nationalistic Backlash and Social Creativity Strategies: How Beijing Boosts Citizens' Esteem in International Conflicts*

[Possible 30' policy panel on sources of native-immigrant conflict in Greece]

14:30 **Wrap-up and farewell by Nicholas Sambanis & Panagiotis Tsakonas**

Dinner in Galaxidi around 20:00; (registration required)