

**THE EVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE ATHENIAN POLICY FORUM  
( a global non-profit research institution  
incorporated in CANADA)**

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## HISTORY OF THE ATHENIAN POLICY FORUM AND ITS LINKS WITH THE YORK UNIVERSITY/ATHENS UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS EXCHANGE PROGRAM: A CHRONOLOGY

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- 1989: **First Organizational Meeting:** An organizational meeting between Chris Paraskevopoulos (York University) and Andreas Kintis (Rector, Athens University of Economics and Business) on the island of Spetses, to set up an action plan to start the process that, ultimately, led to formation of the Athenian Policy Forum (APF).
- 1990: **Negotiations Held:** Negotiations to formalize a research and scholarship agreement between York University and the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) were set in motion.
- 1991: **The Exchange Agreement:** An Exchange Agreement between York University and the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) was signed in April.
- 1992: **Inaugural Conference:** The first Athens (1992) International Conference was held in Athens, Greece, August 20-22, under the auspices of the exchange agreement.
- 1993: **Application to Incorporate:** As a result of discussions at the 1992 conference, an application to incorporate was made at the federal level, as a Canadian non-profit research organization under the name, The Athenian Policy Forum.
- 1994: **APF Incorporated:** The Athenian Policy Forum Inc, was incorporated in April, as a non-profit research organization.  
**Second Biennial Conference:** The Toronto (1994) International Conference was held in Toronto, Canada, May 27-29, under the auspices of York/AUEB and the APF.  
**Major Publication:** Publication of first title in the APF research series, under the imprint of Edward Elgar Publishing Limited.
- 1995: **Tax Exempt Status:** The APF was accorded tax exempt status as a registered charity in April.
- 1996: **Third Biennial Conference:** The Athens (1996) International Conference was held in Athens, Greece, August 21-24, under the auspices of York/AUEB and the APF.  
**Two Major Publications:** Publication of two more titles under the imprint of Edward Elgar Publishing Limited.

**HISTORY OF THE ATHENIAN POLICY FORUM AND ITS LINKS WITH THE YORK UNIVERSITY/ATHENS UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS EXCHANGE PROGRAM: A CHRONOLOGY (cont'd)**

1997: **APF Regional Conferences Program:** In addition to the biennial conferences the APF embarked on a program of smaller and more frequent conferences.

1998: **Fourth Biennial Conference:** The Toronto (1998) International Conference was held in Toronto, Canada, May 29-31.

**Two Major Publications:** Publication of two more titles under the imprint of Edward Edgar Publishing Limited.

1999: **First APF Regional Conference:** The APF Chicago (1999) conference was held in Chicago, USA, May 14.

**APF Press Inaugurated:** The APF Press was established in August as the publication arm of the Athenian Policy Forum.

**Publication Series:** The series "Studies in Economic Transformation and Public Policy" to commence publication under the imprint of the APF Press

2000: **APF Regional Conference:** The APF Brussels (2000) conference was held in Brussels, Belgium, March 27-28, 2000.

**APF Regional Conference:** The APF Izmir (2000) conference was held in Izmir, Turkey, August 17-19.

**Fifth Biennial Conference:** The Athens (2000) International Conference was held in Athens, Greece, August 25-27.

**APF Regional Conference:** The APF Leuven/Antwerpen (2000) conference was held in Leuven and Antwerpen, Belgium, December 12-14, 2000.

**Two major Publications:** Publication of the first two titles under the imprint of the APF Press.

2001: **Decennial Year:** The year 2001 is the 10th anniversary of the Exchange Agreement and is designated as a "Year of Celebration" of the achievements of both the Exchange Agreement and the APF.

**Three Major Publications:** Publication of three more titles under the imprint of the APF Press.

**APF Regional conference:** The APF Thessaloniki/Xanthi (2001) conference to be held in Thessaloniki and Xanthi, Greece, December 6-9.

**HISTORY OF THE ATHENIAN POLICY FORUM AND ITS LINKS WITH THE YORK UNIVERSITY/ATHENS UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS EXCHANGE PROGRAM: A CHRONOLOGY (cont'd)**

2002: **Five Major Publications** (in press): Publication of five more titles under the imprint of the APF Press.

**Sixth Biennial Conference:** The Chicago (2002) International Conference to be held in Chicago, USA, August 16-18.

**Launching of Own Journal:** Plans are underway for launching of our own journal tentatively entitled *The Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, to be published under the imprint of the APF Press.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Published by APF Press

1. GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKETS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos, A. Kintis and T. Georgakopoulos (2000)  
[ISBN 1-894490-00-2]
2. THE MACROECONOMICS OF EXCHANGE RATE POLICIES, TARIFF PROTECTION AND THE CURRENT ACCOUNT: A DYNAMIC FRAMEWORK  
Simon Neaime (2000)  
[ISBN 1-894490-01-0]
3. GLOBALIZATION AND THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF TRADE POLICY  
Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos, A. Kintis and A. Kondonassis (2001)  
[ISBN 1-894490-02-9]
4. THE ASYMMETRIC GLOBAL ECONOMY: GROWTH, INVESTMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY  
Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos, T. Georgakopoulos and L. Michelis (2001)  
[ISBN 1-894490-04-5]
5. AN INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMIC EVALUATION IN HEALTH CARE: METHODS AND CASE STUDIES  
M. Marzouk (2001)  
[ISBN 1-894490-03-7]

### In Press:

6. ASYMMETRIES IN FINANCIAL GLOBALIZATION  
Edited by B. Batavia, N. Lash and A. Malliaris (forthcoming)  
[ISBN 1-894490-05-3]
7. TRADE, COMPETITIVENESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION  
Edited by J. Pacolet and E. Claessens (forthcoming)  
[ISBN 1-894490-06-1]
8. THE STATE OF THE WELFARE STATE ANNO 1992 AND FIVE YEARS LATER  
Edited by J. Pacolet (forthcoming)  
[ISBN 1-894490-08-8]

## **PUBLICATIONS (cont'd)**

9. GLOBALIZATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH  
Edited by T. Georgakopoulos, C. Paraskevopoulos and J. Smithin  
(forthcoming)  
[ISBN 1-894490-09-6]
10. MONEY AND FINANCE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY  
Edited by A. Kintis, P. Koveos and C. Paraskevopoulos (forthcoming)  
[ISBN 1-894490-10-X]

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Published by Edward Elgar Publishing Limited

1. ECONOMIC INTEGRATION BETWEEN UNEQUAL PARTNERS  
Edited by T. Georgakopoulos, C. Paraskevopoulos and J. Smithin (1994)
2. ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY IN THE  
EUROPEAN  
UNION  
Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos, R. Grinspun, and T. Georgakopoulos  
(1996)
3. ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE AMERICAS  
Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos, R. Grinspun, and G. Eaton (1996)
4. GLOBAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS IN TRANSITION  
Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos (1998)
5. EUROPEAN UNION AT THE CROSSROADS: A CRITICAL  
ANALYSIS OF MONETARY UNION AND ENLARGEMENT  
Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos (1998)

*"We Athenians, in our own persons, take our decisions on policy or submit them to proper discussions: for we do not think that there is an incompatibility between words and deeds; the worst thing is to rush into action before the consequences have been properly debated..."*

**Thucydides  
(460-400 B.C.)  
Pericles' Funeral Oration**

**INTERFACE AND SYNERGIES OF THE ATHENIAN POLICY FORUM (APF) WITH THE HOST INSTITUTION:**

1. Immediate entry to an established network of international researchers.
2. High visibility and impact on global economic issues.
3. Ongoing high-quality research programs both on-site and international.
4. Numerous synergies with teaching, particularly in areas of international economics, international business, international finance, etc.
5. An ongoing conference program which acts as an international showcase for the institution.
6. Facilitating links to local business and ethnic communities for outreach and fundraising purposes. This can include plans for a coordinated fundraising effort to endow an APF chair for the host institution.
7. The Athenian Policy Forum has its own publishing arm under the imprint of the APF Press [[www.apfpress.com](http://www.apfpress.com)]. A list of published titles can be founded at the APF website [[www.apf.org/publicat.htm](http://www.apf.org/publicat.htm)].
8. Plans are well underway for the launching of our own scholarly journal, tentatively entitled *Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, to be published by the APF Press.
9. Jean Monnet chairs (funded by the EU) are now available globally. APF links with existing incumbants may facilitate this process for the host institution.

# THE ATHENIAN POLICY FORUM

May 26, 2001

Re: DECENNIAL CELEBRATIONS-UPDATE

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Greetings from Toronto!

Here is an update of the latest Athenian Policy Forum (APF) news in our Decennial Year:

1. The Board of Directors (BOD) of the APF has decided that the 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference for 2002 will take place in Chicago, Illinois. The Conference Chair and head of the local organizing committee is Tassos Malliaris. This is part of the usual North American/European rotation but we decided to go to the 'Windy City' this time instead of Toronto for a change. The conference will likely take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of August 2002. Further details to follow in due course.
2. George M. von Furstenberg will be organizing a regional conference, under the auspices of the APF, with the topic "Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA)" in April 2004 in New York City. Details to follow.
3. Apostolos Serletis is looking into the possibility of a regional conference with the theme "Energy Issues for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" to be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. We will keep you posted as this develops.
4. For those of you who took part in the Athens (2000) Conference, the Editorial Board has extended the deadline for submission of papers for the proceedings' volume until JULY 20,2001. This, however, is firm!

Finally, I should mentioned that I will be away from the office from June 6, 2001 to July 10, 2001. Please hold any correspondence during that period, as I am afraid that the Internet does not reach where I am going! [I hope this does not sound too mysterious].

Wishing you all a great summer.

Best wishes

Christos C. Paraskevopoulos  
President

## THE ATHENIAN POLICY FORUM

April 10, 2001

Re: DECENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to write to you as a member of the Athenian Policy Forum (APF), York University or the Athens University of Economics and Business. The year 2001 is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Exchange Agreement between York University and the Athens University of Economics and Business signed by Dr. Harry W. Arthurs (former President of York University) and Dr. Andreas A. Kintis (Rector of the Athens University of Economics and Business) in April 1991.

The APF, which, of course, is now a flourishing independent research organization, is nonetheless one of the important fruits of this collaboration, which has also provided many other intellectual benefits over the last decade. And so, it would be appropriate for the year 2001 to be a "Year of Celebration" of the achievements of both the Exchange Agreement and the APF. Here are some of the planned events:

- (a) The first event of this decennial year actually took place last December; namely the LEUVEN/ANTWERP international conference [on *Trade, Competitiveness and Social Protection*] ably organized by Jef Pacolet and Evrard Claessens. This coming August there will also be a celebration at an international conference [on *Current Issues in the Transitional Economies for the BroaderBalkanRegion*] in XANTHI/THESSALONIKI.
- (b) Additional plans are underway for conferences in MADRID, STOCKHOLM and MEXICO CITY.
- (c) Also, plans are well underway for the launching of our own journal-a longstanding objective of the APF- entitled, tentatively, *The Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, to be published under the imprint of the APF Press, the research and publishing arm of the APF.

As the year unfolds we will keep you informed of all other celebratory and intellectually progressive events which will take place under the auspices of the APF. Also, we are open to suggestions from you about additional ways of celebrating the first decade of an academic endeavor, which we hope to continue for many years to come. Many thanks for your support and friendship over the years.

Sincerely yours,

Christos C. Paraskevopoulos, President

- Encls.: (a) Belgium speech on *Trade, Blocs and Asymmetry: A Decade of Research in the Athenian Policy Forum*  
(b) Board of Directors [[www.apf.org/boardof.htm](http://www.apf.org/boardof.htm) ]  
(c) Advisory Board [[www.apf.org/toppage11.htm](http://www.apf.org/toppage11.htm)]  
(d) Application Letter [ [www.apf.org/applicat.htm](http://www.apf.org/applicat.htm) ] and Application Form [[www.apf.org/applicat1.htm](http://www.apf.org/applicat1.htm)]

**TRADE, BLOCS AND ASYMMETRY:  
*A DECADE OF RESEARCH IN THE ATHENIAN POLICY FORUM\****

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*"We Athenians, in our own persons, take our decisions on policy or submit them to proper discussions: for we do not think that there is an incompatibility between words and deeds; the worst thing is to rush into action before the consequences have been properly debated"*

***Thucydides***  
***(460-400 B.C.)***  
***Pericles' Funeral Oration***

More than a decade ago, in the Summer of 1989, a meeting between Chris Paraskevopoulos and Andreas Kintis, at the island of Spetses, set up a mechanism to formalize the process that, ultimately, led to the formation of the Athenian Policy Forum (APF). This was accomplished into two stages:

(a) An Exchange Agreement between York University and the Athens University of Economics and Business which was signed in April 1991, and (b) The inauguration and incorporation of the APF, in Canada, in 1994 and the award of tax exempt status a year later.

The major objective of the Athenian Policy Forum, as stated in its mandate, is to promote independent objective analysis and stimulate public discussion on issues and problems relating to economic adjustment. It contributes to this goal by disseminating the results of innovative research on the economic implications of the changing forces of demography, the environment, social and political transformation, technology and trade. In drawing on the

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\* Speech delivered at the LEUVEN/ANTWERP international conference on *Trade, Competitiveness and Social Protection*, December 14-15, 2000.

ancient Greek and Athenian tradition of discussing important issues in public, the APF focuses on the challenges faced particularly by the small and middle-sized countries in the contemporary era of globalization. It examines and debates issues and concerns that may have been overlooked by mainstream analysis oriented to the interests of the major players. To this end, the themes of globalization, unequal development and asymmetry, as developed in previous publications, will be maintained.

For more than a decade now the APF has, therefore, been studying the complex and divisive issues surrounding the ongoing processes of economic integration and globalization. The results have been debated at a number of major conferences, and have been published at regular intervals in the series on *Economic Transformation and Public Policy*.

Two main principles have guided these discussions all along. First, and as mentioned, from the start the focus has been on the concerns of the smaller players caught up in globalization. Significantly, the very first volume in the series in 1994, of which I was a co-editor, was entitled *Economic Integration between Unequal Partners*. This also explains the collaboration of Greek and Canadian scholars, in particular, under the auspices of the Forum. Both groups inevitably feel that their nations are somewhat removed from the centers of power in Europe and North America, respectively. Second, there has been a serious commitment to an open debate, reflecting, as far as possible, every shade of political and economic opinion. This pluralism is sufficiently rare in academic discussion these days to warrant special mention.

The APF will continue the program of work which has been ongoing with great success since 1992, and has resulted in a dozen major publications to date, the most recent under the imprint of the APF Press, the publishing arm of the Athenian Policy Forum. Moreover, in pursuing its objectives internationally, the APF is pleased to announce:

(a) a major project, currently underway, entitled: *The Balkans: Prospects for Development*. To this end, an international conference, under the auspices of the APF, with the theme *Current Issues for the Transitional Economies in the Broader Balkan Region* is planned to take place at the end of next summer in Salonica, Greece.

(b) plans that are underway for three additional regional conferences (2001-2002) on:

- Latin America on *Currency Issues in the Americas*
- Stockholm on *Issues of the Nordic Enlargement*
- Turkey on *Accession and Currency Issues outside the Euroland*.

**TABLE 1: BIENNIAL APF CONFERENCES**

*5th Biennial Conference on:  
"The Global Economy: Challenges and Opportunities for the  
21st Century"  
Athens, GREECE, August 25-27, 2000*

*4th Biennial Conference on:  
"Economic Integration and Transformation:  
Structural Change, Equity and Efficiency"  
Toronto, CANADA, May 29-31, 1998*

*3rd Biennial Conference on:  
"Economic Integration in Transition"  
Athens, GREECE, August 21-24, 1996*

*2nd Biennial Conference on:  
"Economic Integration and Public Policy:  
NAFTA, The European Union and Beyond"  
Toronto, CANADA, May 27-29, 1994*

*1st Biennial Conference on:  
"Economic Integration between Unequal Partners"  
Athens, GREECE, August 20-22, 1992*

**TABLE 2: NEW TITLES PUBLISHED BY APF PRESS**

*- Studies in Economic Transformation and Public Policy Series in Association with the ATHENIAN POLICY FORUM INC.*

1. **GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKETS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
*Edited by C.Paraskevopoulos, A.Kintis and T.Georgakopoulos (2000)*  
*[ISBN 1-894490-00-2] 256 pages Price US \$29.95*
2. **THE MACROECONOMICS OF EXCHANGE RATE POLICIES, TARIFF PROTECTION AND THE CURRENT ACCOUNT: A DYNAMIC FRAMEWORK**  
*Simon Neaime (2000)*  
*[ISBN 1-894490-01-0] 156 pages Price US \$19.95*
2. **GLOBALIZATION AND THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF TRADE POLICY**  
*Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos, A. Kintis and A. Kondonassis (2001)*  
*[ISBN 1-894490-02-9] 292 pages Price US \$ 34.95*
3. **THE ASYMMETRIC GLOBAL ECONOMY: GROWTH, INVESTMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY**  
*Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos, T. Georgakopoulos and L. Michelis (2001)*  
*[ISBN 1-894490-04-5] 302 pages Price US \$ 34.95*
- In Press:**
4. **AN INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMIC EVALUATION IN HEALTH CARE: METHODS AND CASE STUDIES**  
*M. Marzouk (forthcoming)*  
*[ISBN 1-894490-03-7]*
6. **ASYMMETRIES IN FINANCIAL GLOBALIZATION**  
*Edited by B. Batavia, N. Lash and A. Malliaris (forthcoming)*  
*[ISBN 1-894490-05-3]*
7. **TRADE, COMPETITIVENESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**  
*Edited by J. Pacolet and E. Claessens (forthcoming)*  
*[ISBN 1-894490-06-1]*
8. **THE STATE OF THE WELFARE STATE ANNO 1992 AND FIVE YEARS LATER**  
*Edited by J. Pacolet*
9. **GLOBAL DIMENSIONS IN BANKING AND CURRENCY CRISES**  
*Edited by B. Kazaz et al. (forthcoming)*

**TABLE 3: TITLES PUBLISHED BY EDWARD ELGAR PUBLISHING LIMITED:**

**1. ECONOMIC INTEGRATION BETWEEN UNEQUAL PARTNERS**

*Edited by T. Georgakopoulos, C. Paraskevopoulos and J. Smithin (1994)*

*Reviewed by:*

*International Trade Journal [Vol.XI, No 2(1997)]*

*Eastern Economic Journal [Vol. 22, No 2, (1996)]*

*Economic Journal [Vol 106, No. 436 (May 1996)]*

*Journal of Economic Literature [Vol 33, No.1 (March 1995)]*

*Economia Internazionale [Vol XLVIII, No. 3 (August 1995)]*

*Rivista Di Studi Politici Internazionali [1995, pp 126-127]*

*Journal of European Integration [XVIII, No. 1 (1994)]*

*Aslib Book Guild [Vol. 59, No 10 (October 1994)]*

**2. ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

*Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos, R. Grinspun, and T. Georgakopoulos (1996)*

*Reviewed by:*

*International Review of Administrative Sciences [1997, p. 162]*

*Journal of Economic Literature [Vol. 35, No. 2 (June 1997)]*

*Reference and Research Book News [ May 1997]*

**3. ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE AMERICAS**

*Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos, R. Grinspun, and G. Eaton (1996)*

*Reviewed by:*

*Economic Journal [Vol. 107, No 444 (September 1997)]*

*Choice [Vol.34, No 11/12 (July/August 1997)]*

*Journal of Economic Literature [Vol. 35 No. 2 (June 1997)]*

*Reference & Research Book News (May 1997)*

*Rivista di Studi Politici Internazionali (Luglio-Settembre 1998)*

*International Review of Administrative Sciences [1997, p. 162]*

*Journal of Economic Literature [Vol. 35, No. 2 (June 1997)]*

*Reference and Research Book News [ May 1997]*

**4. EUROPEAN UNION AT THE CROSSROADS: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF MONETARY UNION AND ENLARGEMENT**

*Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos (1998)*

*Reviewed by: Journal of Economic Literature [Vol 37, No.1 (March 1999)]*

**5. GLOBAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS IN TRANSITION**

*Edited by C. Paraskevopoulos (1998)*

*Reviewed by: Journal of Economic Literature [Vol 37, No.1 (March 1999)]*

#### TABLE 4: ONGOING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

*The APF has embarked on a research program of more frequent and smaller conferences - symposia, colloquia -centred around groups of scholars who might be commissioned to operate under the auspices of their own institutions and the APF. These smaller conferences would feed to the biennial international conferences. Such conferences must maintain the theme of globalization and the notion of "unequal" or "asymmetry" developed by previous publications of the APF.*

*Asymmetries in Financial Globalization  
[Chicago, USA - May 14, 1999]*

*The State of the Welfare State Anno 1992 and Five Years Later  
[Brussels, BELGIUM - March 27-28, 2000]*

*Global Dimensions in Banking and Currency Crises  
[Izmir, TURKEY - August 17 - 19, 2000 ]*

*The Global Economy: Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century  
[Athens, GREECE - August 25-27, 2000]*

*Trade, Competitiveness, and Social Protection  
[Leuven & Antwerpen, BELGIUM - December 14-15, 2000]*

*Current Issues for the Transitional Economies in the Broader Balkan Region  
[Thessaloniki, GREECE – December 2001]*