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CONFERENCE DAY

After the Crisis: Media and “the Return to Normality”

June 4, 2026

Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
(136, Syngrou av. 17671 Athens, Greece)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

9.30 a.m. Registration and welcome

10.00 a.m. Opening session

10.15 a.m. Keynote lecture

“The political economy of the Public Sphere. A critical perspective”. Nikos Smyrnaiois (Professor, University of Toulouse).

11.15 a.m. Panel 1: Media and Post-Crisis Social Movements

Coordinated by Pantelis Vatikiotis (Associate Professor, Panteion University).

1A. “Digital Counter-Narratives and Contestation on Greek Social Media: The Case of the Tempi Railway Disaster”. Dimitris Elafropoulos (Media researcher and Data journalist at *To Vima*).

1B. “The Journalistic Coverage of the Tempi Tragedy in the Greek Print Media”. Stefanos Pnevmatikos (Research and teaching assistant, Paris-Pantheon-Assas University).

1C. “Twitter as a new alternative ‘space’ for public deliberation: the murder of Pavlos Fyssas as a case study”. Matina Peppas (Post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Communication, Media and Culture, Panteion University).

1D. “Pre-crisis discourse in post-crisis Greece: how the press redefined normality”. Melina Skouroliakou (PhD in Information and Communication Studies, Paris-Pantheon-Assas University).

1.00 p.m. Break

2.30 p.m. Conference

“Fact checking : a modern propaganda machine in the era of fake news?”. George Pleios (Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens).

3.30 p.m. Panel 2: Social and New Media Post-Crisis Discourses

Coordinated by Jaércio da Silva (Associate Professor, Paris-Pantheon-Assas University).

2A. “Immersive Journalism and the Construction of Post-Crisis Narratives: A New Normality or a Fractured Reality?”.

Ioanna Eskiadi (Post-doc candidate, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)).

2B. “Listening in/to the crisis aftermath; podcasting and lived experience”. Sofia Theodosiadou (Assistant Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), Maria Ristani (Assistant Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki).

2C. “Between Superficiality and Depth: How Traditional and Online Media Cover the Political Crisis in France”- Michel Durampart (Professor, University of Toulon) and Billel Aroufoune (Senior Lecturer, University of Toulon).

2D. “Shifting focus: normalization through erasure in social media discourses”. Pietro Lana (PhD Candidate, University of Turin).

5.15 p.m. Break

5.30 p.m. Poster Presentation

Conference by Cristian Monforte (PhD in Information and Communication Studies) and students of Master Media, Audience and Digital Culture, cordoned by Valérie Dévillard (Professor, Paris-Pantheon-Assas University).

6 p.m. Panel 3: Media framing, Political Communication, and Post-Crisis Regulation

Coordinated by Ioanna Vovou (Associate Professor, Panteion University).

3A. "Press Discourse, Parliamentary Rhetoric and Affective Polarisation in Post-Crisis Greece (2015–2019)". Fani Kountouri (Associate Professor, Panteion University).

3B. "Political communication in the age of permacrisis: The Greek Prime Ministers under the lens of Critical Discourse Analysis". Michalis Tastsoglou (Adjunct Lecturer, PhD, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens).

3C. "Defending the "return to normality": the Liar's Dividend and the strategic labeling of "fake news" and "conspiracy theory" in Greek political and media discourse". Michalis Chatzikonstantinou (PhD in Communication Studies, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens).

3D. "When the Waters Recede, Silence Returns: Media Framing of "Administrative Normality" versus Lived Trauma in Post-Flood Thessaly". Achileas Karadimitriou (Assistant Professor, Panteion University).

7.45 p.m. Conclusion / End of the conference

This conference day, held in Athens, continues the discussions initiated during the first edition, which took place in Paris on November 7, 2025. It explores how media and communication shape the perception and declaration of a "return to normality" following various societal crises. Our starting point is that, while crises have been widely studied, the concept of returning to normality remains underexplored, particularly concerning the discourses, practices, and imaginaries that accompany these transitions. The presentations gathered in this program examine the media's role in constructing narratives, exercising political influence, enabling resistance movements, shaping individual experiences, fueling populist rhetoric, and framing conflicts over national identity. Ultimately, the conference seeks to understand how media and political discourses construct post-crisis realities and contribute to shaping collective perceptions.

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