

fighting antisemitism and preserving the memory of the holocaust: advances in greece and europe?

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Introductory remarks by The Honorable Christina Valassopoulou, Consul General of Greece in Los Angeles

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4:00 p.m. in the Harry and Yvonne Lenart Auditorium, the Fowler Museum at UCLA
Reception to follow

Conversation following the lecture with Sharon Gerstel, Director, UCLA Stavros Niarchos Foundation Center for the Study of Hellenic Culture and Jennifer Rodgers, Director of Academic Programs, USC Shoah Foundation

This year marks the 80th anniversary from the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp and the end of the Second World War, which resulted in the Holocaust of 6 million Jews in Europe and North Africa by the Germans and their collaborators. Since then, countries have been grappling with how to deal with this past but also with antisemitism, which is scarily showing its ugly face again, threatening democracy, the rule of law and peaceful coexistence. Eighty percent of Jews in Europe feel that antisemitism has grown in their country in recent years. This lecture will focus on these challenges and a way forward, using Greece as a case study, a country trying to heal its wounds after a turbulent past.

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