

## Meet Public Speaking Seminars Panel Members!



### **Stratos Baloutsos**

Stratos has been involved in public speaking and competitive debating since 2004 in many roles and functions. A seasoned public speaker, he has won many awards at debate tournaments in Greece and internationally. He was a debate coach and trainer, initially at the University of Patras debate club, and later on at the AUEB debate club.

He is also a founding member of the Debating Society of Greece and the University of Patras debate club, and has organized debate tournaments for every debate club in Greece. Stratos is an iMBA alumnus and is currently a doctoral candidate at AUEB's ELTRUN where he also works as a researcher.



### **Vasiliki Koniakos**

Vasiliki has been introduced to competitive debating in 2003 and ever since she is actively engaged with argumentation and public speaking through various activities and positions. As a competitive debater she has won many awards, while with her moot court team she participated in several competitions winning her cases. At some point she changed side, becoming a debating coach, and public speaking and mooting trainer. She is a founding member of Law School of Athens Debating Society and has been one of the main trainers of the club until 2012. She was the Vice President and a debating and public speaking coach for the University of Turku Debating Club for five years. She has delivered numerous workshops and seminars on debating, public speaking, argumentation and presentation skills, and organized three International Open Debating Tournaments and co-hosted plenty of debating and public speaking events. Vasiliki is a master of International and Comparative Law, majoring Information Society Law and Regulation. Since 2015 she is a Doctoral Candidate of Law in University of Turku, she offers lectures on Internet Governance and Internet Law, she is a CONSTIP researcher, member of the Digital Futures Lab and an Academy of Finland scholar.



### **Themis Markidis**

Themis had his first debating experience in 2002 and kept debating throughout his secondary education in both Greek and English. After a pause in his involvement during his university studies in the US, he helped run and train Aristotle University of Thessaloniki's Debating Club, the Deree College debate team, and multiple schools teams. Since 2016 he is also a coach of the Greek World Schools Debating Championship team.



### **Athina Pitta**

Athina is the founder of [Glossopolis](#) and Team Leader of the Outbound Business Development team at Workable. She has participated in numerous startup competitions where she pitched her business in investors but also in various media broadcasts both in TV and digital media for the promotion of her business from where she acquired her experience in selling and convincing in public. She is also a [TEDxNTUA](#) speaker and President of the IMBA Alumni Association Network.



### **Petros Papalios**

Petros Papalios has studied Economics in the Athens University of Economics and Business and holds two Master's Degrees: one in 'Applied Economics and Finance' by the same University and one in 'Bank and Insurance Management' from Université Paris 13. He is currently employed as a financial officer for a private sector contractor. Petros has been an active member of the debating community in Greece since 2001. He is a founding member and the resident coach of the Athens University of Economics and Business Debating Society. Through it he has trained a number of speakers and has organized seminars and debating tournaments throughout Greece. He has served as a judge and a member of the organizing committee for 'Antilogia', the Greek Ministry of Education's Students Debating Competition, as well as the World Schools Debating Championship in Athens in 2009.