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# Human Rights in Greece

George Andreopoulos, a professor of political studies at the City University of New York (CUNY) and founding director of the Center for International Human Rights based at John Jay College, will give a talk at UC Santa Barbara on Friday, October 23.

Andreopoulos's lecture, "Human Rights in Greece: Challenges and Prospects," will begin at 1 p.m. in the McCune Conference Room, 6020 Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

Free and open to the public, the talk is presented by the campus's Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies. It is a program of the center's Interdisciplinary Research Hub on Global Governance and Human Rights.

"We are very pleased to be able to welcome Professor Andreopoulos, a noted scholar on human rights, to the Orfalea Center to discuss human rights with us," said Michael Stohl, a professor of communication and the center's director. "He has an intimate knowledge of the human rights situation in Greece and the scholarly research background to put that situation in historical and political context."

An expert in the areas of international human rights and global governance, Andreopoulos studied history, law and international relations at the University of Chicago and at Cambridge University. Before joining the CUNY faculty, he taught at Yale University, where he was the founding associate director of the Orville Schell Center for International Human Rights.

His current research project, supported by a grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, is titled “Policing Across the Borders: The Role of Law Enforcement in Global Governance.”

Over the course of his career, Andreopoulos has participated in several human rights missions, most recently in Sierra Leone, to study and prepare recommendations on accountability mechanisms in that country. He has served as president of the human rights section of the American Political Science Association, as well as chair of the section’s book award committee.

Andreopoulos is the author of numerous books and articles, including the forthcoming edited volume “Policing Across Borders: Law Enforcement Networks and the Challenges of Crime Control” (Springer), which grew out of a four-year research project carried out in collaboration with the Hellenic Center for Security Studies, an organization established in Greece by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection as a think tank on security issues.

Also forthcoming is a special issue of the journal Criminal Justice Ethics, of which Andreopoulos is both the guest co-editor and a contributor. The theme of the issue is private military and security companies and the quest for accountability.

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