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### **Narratives for immigration/refugee issues in parliament: Construction of identities and national discourse**

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#### *Abstract*

In this study, we analyze critically parliamentary narratives referred to immigration/refugee issues in the Plenary of the Greek Parliament from July 2015 to January 2020. Particularly, we study two narratives recounted by two leaders of opposite political parties: one by Kyriakos Mitsotakis and the other by Yanis Varoufakis. Their narratives concern the past immigration/refugee movement of Greeks to the USA (late 19<sup>th</sup> - early 20<sup>th</sup> century) and these narratives are used as arguments for what kind of immigration/refugee policy Greece should pursue today. According to our findings, Mitsotakis promotes mainly the exclusion of the “others”, while Varoufakis promotes their assimilation, intending each one to enhance the national homogenizing discourse.

Keywords: narrative, parliament, immigration/refugee issues, national homogenizing discourse

### **The role of sectoral composition on economic growth, inequality and poverty: The case of PIIGS during the period 2000-2021**

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#### *Abstract*

This study seeks to empirically investigate the existence of long-run relations between the sectoral composition, economic growth, inequality and poverty by giving a particular emphasis on the so-called PIIGS group (made up of Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Greece and Spain) over the 2000-2021 period. Our data have been collected from the World Bank and OECD databases, while Eviews software was used for performing our econometric analysis. According to our results, the contribution of the industry sector to GDP was found to be a positive and statistically significant predictor of economic growth in the long run. Conversely, a negative long-term relationship was found between the service sector and economic growth. At the same time, the service sector was found to be a causal factor of further boosting both inequality and poverty in the long-run.

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Keywords: inequality, sectoral composition, economic growth, poverty.

### **Key determinants of tax evasion in Greece**

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#### *Abstract*

The purpose of this study is to highlight the main determinants of tax evasion in Greece through the analysis of primary data collected from 2,653 questionnaires on "Citizens' Tax Compliance". The data refer to the period before the pandemic crisis and after the multi-year economic crisis and their analysis using structural equations highlights the importance of citizens' tax morale, and the performance and corruption of tax authorities in justifying the phenomenon of tax evasion. The findings are different from those of previous studies and provide useful guidance for policy making to reduce the informal economy.

Keywords: Informal/shadow economy, tax compliance, tax evasion, tax morale

### **Public Diplomacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Artificial Intelligence-Its Implications for the Economy and the International relations**

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#### *Abstract*

The paper examines the role of Public Diplomacy as a tool of foreign policy in the 21st century, the opportunities it faces with the emergence of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the leaping development of Artificial Intelligence and, in this context, its interaction with international economic relations. It also studies and analyzes the challenges Public Diplomacy has to face, as well as the risks inherent in its combination with unprecedented technological developments. Furthermore, the paper examines the performance of the "tools" of Public Diplomacy during the COVID 19 pandemic and indulges in the new balances that have emerged in international politics.

Keywords: Public Diplomacy, Reputational Security, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy

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### **The Cross and the Fist: Implications of the Church on Trade Unions**

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#### *Abstract*

This paper aims to assess the impact of Christianity on trade union movement. Using an historical framework, we study, initially, the roman-catholic teaching on labour. Then, we approach the various versions of Christian socialism and Christian democracy within trade unions and study their implications on employee relations in the Western countries. In conclusion, we discuss the perspectives of Christian unionism in current socio-economic environments.

Keywords: Church, Christianity, Trade Unions.