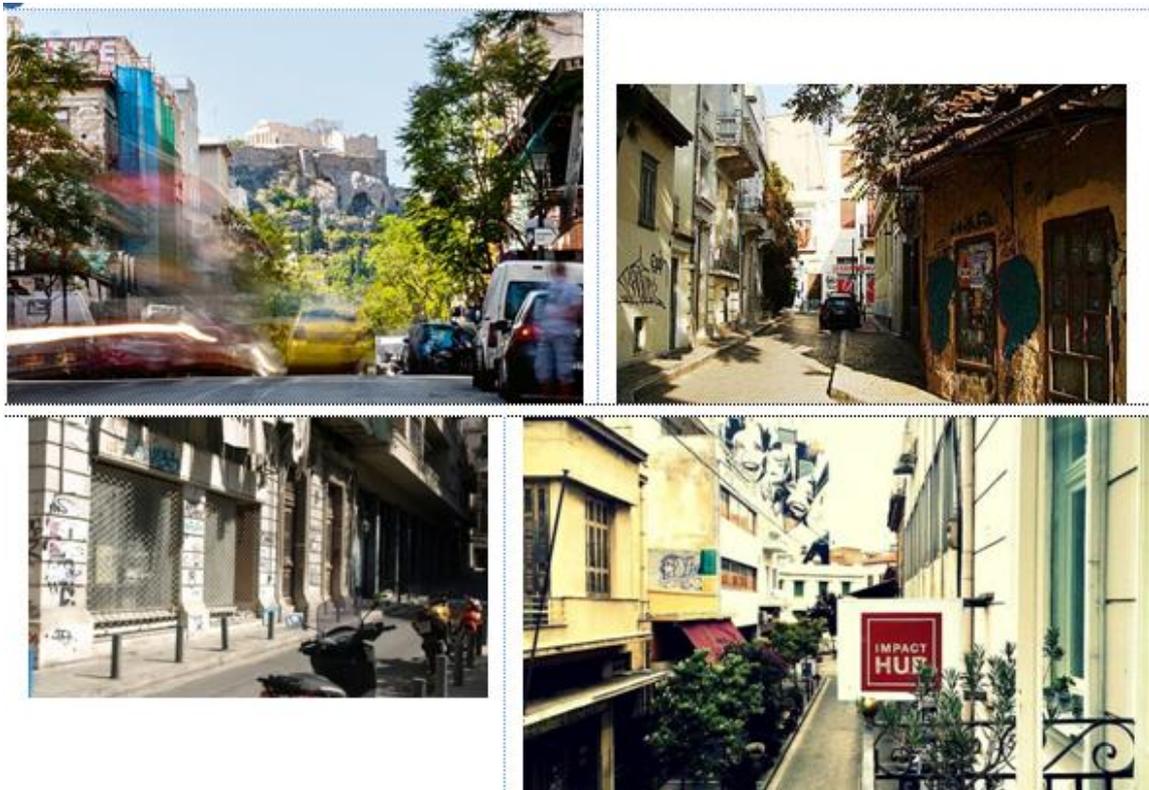


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## URBAN STUDIES FOUNDATION Seminar Series Work practices in the aftermath of the global economic crisis

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### RECONCEPTUALISING URBAN LANDSCAPES OF WORK

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Dear colleagues,

We are happy to announce that the third and final part of the Seminar Series supported by the Urban Studies Foundation is taking place in Athens, Greece, on the **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2018**. Following two successful seminars in Portsmouth (April 2017) and Southampton (September 2017), the Athens-based seminar is hosted by the National Centre for Social Research (EKKE) and co-organised by the University of Patras.

The final seminar will address two core themes: first, *how diverse forms of work shape urban space in times of recession and austerity*; and second, *how work practices and places contribute to the resilience/recovery of crisis-hit urban economies*.

Speakers are invited through international Call for Papers to present their research work on the following issues:

- New business and work practices in urban economies of austerity and recession: the diversity of industry and work across urban neighbourhoods;
- Gentrification and urban landscapes of precariousness and deprivation: place-based micro-business communities, new urban hubs of work, the spatialities of knowledge workers;
- Post-crisis opportunities for structural shift in recession-hit urban economies: emerging pathways to resilience and recovery?

The Final Programme for the two-day Seminar will be announced in due time.

Please send a **300 word abstract** to Dr Maria Tsampras ([mtsampra@upatras.gr](mailto:mtsampra@upatras.gr)) and/or Dr Alex Afouxenidis ([afouxenidis@ekke.gr](mailto:afouxenidis@ekke.gr)), by the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2018.

This event is free to attend.

## Seminar Output

Speakers will be asked to contribute to a publication either for a special issue in a peer-reviewed journal, or a *co-edited book* with 10-12 draft book chapters with a leading publisher (e.g. Routledge, Edward Elgar), focused on ***the aftermath of crisis and austerity in Southern European urban economic landscapes: the new realities of places and practices of work emerging in cities of recession***.

## Travel and Accommodation

*“With equal measures of grunge and grace, Athens is a heady mix of history and edginess. Cultural and social life plays out amid, around and in ancient landmarks. The magnificent Acropolis, visible from almost every part of the city, reminds Greeks daily of their heritage and the city's many transformations...”*



### Getting from Athens airport (El. Venizelos) to the city centre:

- *The best way* is to take the metro line 3 (blue color) from the AIRPORT station to SYNTAGMA or MONASTIRAKI station (depending on your hotel's location); (running until midnight; trip duration 38-40 min; buy a return ticket for 18,0 €)

Or.....

- Take the express bus **X95** to terminal SYNTAGMA\* (leaving every 30+ minutes; departure from the designated area at the arrivals level; running all day round; one way ticket: 6,0 €)

*\*then, you either walk or take a taxi from SYNTAGMA terminal to your hotel*

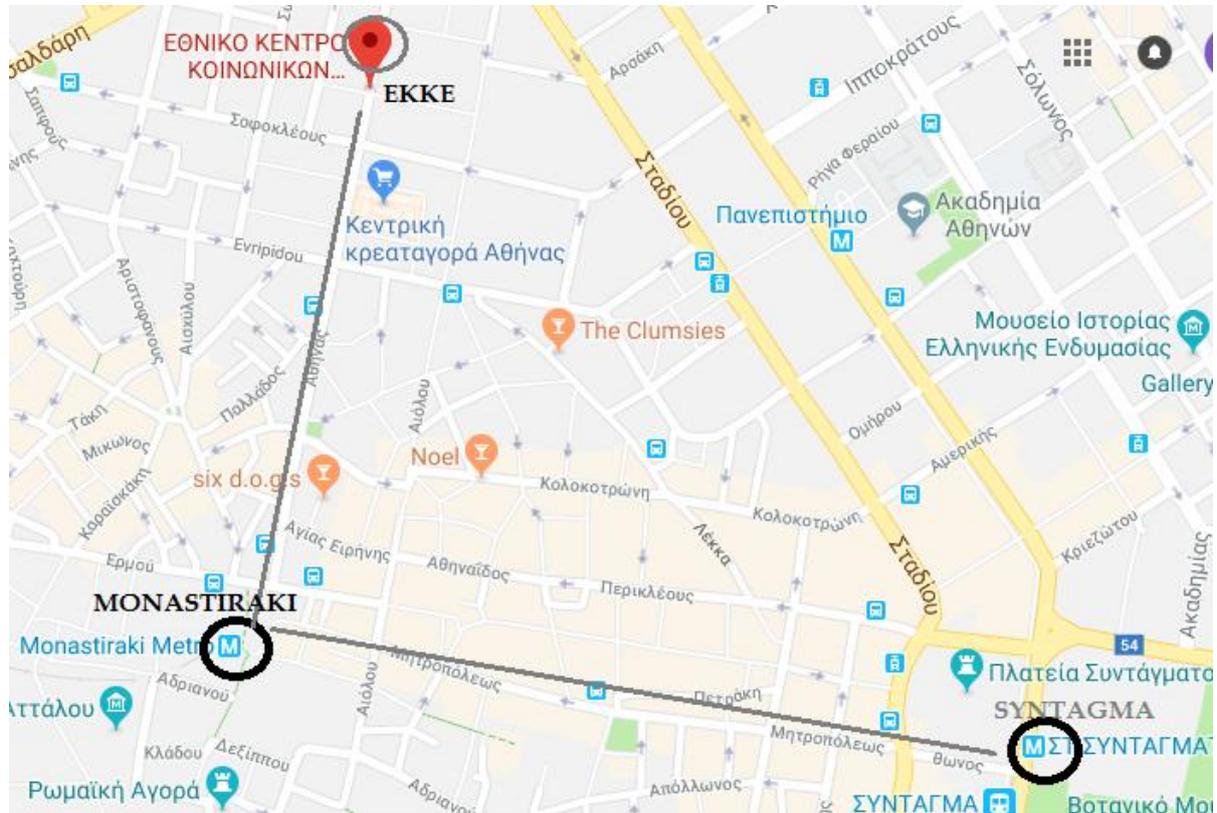
### METRO PLAN from AIRPORT to MONASTIRAKI (or SYNTAGMA)



## Venue Location and Accommodation:

The seminar venue, **EKKE (National Centre for Social Research)**, is located close to **Monastiraki metro station**, within Athens' historical centre:

**9 Kratinou str. and Athinas str.**



Walking distance from EKKE to MONASTIRAKI: 5 minutes

Walking distance from EKKE to SYNTAGMA: 15 minutes

Many hotels are located in the area, due to its touristic interest.

Some of the best-value-for-money suggestions (as found at [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)) are:

- FRESH HOTEL (aka Hotel Fresh) → 270 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included
- Lotus Inn → 260 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included
- Best Western Amazon Hotel → 190 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included
- Athens Center Square → 165 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included
- Adrian Hotel → 165 euros for 3 nights and breakfast included

And many other....