



# The Hellenic Society Prometheas

In cooperation with

## The Embassy of Greece

Commemorating 60 years after Nikos Kazantzakis passing  
Invites you to a lecture by:

**Dr. Nicolas Prevelakis**

**Harvard University**

### **The burden of modernity: Kazantzakis' insights and their relevance in today's world**

The lecture explores aspects of the philosophical thought of Nikos Kazantzakis. Kazantzakis reflected upon a series of monumental transformations which took place during his time: the decline of empires and the rise of nation states; the development of a modern economy and the destruction of traditional ways of life; the contestation of traditional religion; and the birth of philosophical currents such as existentialism. Kazantzakis tried to understand the new world that was emerging, combining insights from Western philosophy with a genuine study of Cretan popular culture. This allowed him to formulate a series of philosophical and cultural proposals that are as relevant today as there were then.

Reception will follow

## **The Embassy of Greece**

2217 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 6:30pm**

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The event is part of the [European Month of Culture](#)  
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