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International Conference

The University in the 21st Century: Challenges and Perspectives

Universities across the globe are currently experiencing major challenges, leading to a gradual transformation of their role in the society. As an institution that has undergone continuous evolution through time, the European University cannot stand isolated as an island in a sea of social change. The Universities' role in promoting innovation, economic growth, social inclusion and civic participation are increasingly in the forefront of the public discourse in all European countries. These issues are particularly relevant in the Greek context and call for an informed debate.

Within this framework, the **Hellenic Federation of University Teachers' Association (POSDEP)** is organizing a Conference entitled *The University in the 21st Century: Challenges and Perspectives*. The conference aims to contribute to a deeper understanding of the aforementioned challenges and opportunities, by engaging distinguished Greek and international academics, experts, stake holders and policy makers. The conference will be organized around the following main themes, clustering the most important issues at stake for the Greek and European Universities in the emerging globalised context:

1. *The University in the Knowledge Society: Promoting Growth and Social Cohesion*
2. *The Quest for Quality and Excellence: Research, Knowledge Creation and Tertiary Education*
3. *Governance and Funding Models of Tertiary Education: Public Policies, Funding Mechanisms, University Governance and Accountability*

The Conference will be held in Athens on 23-26 April 2010, at the *Karatzas Megaron* of the National Bank of Greece. The Opening Ceremony will take place on April 23rd, in the Main Conference Hall of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

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