

**Professor Nikiforos Diamandouros  
European Ombudsman**



Professor Nikiforos Diamandouros is, as of 1 April 2003, the European Ombudsman. From 1998 to 2003, he was the first National Ombudsman of Greece. He has also been Professor of comparative politics at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Athens since 1993. From 1995 to 1998 he served as Director and Chairman of the Greek National Centre for Social Research (EKKE).

He received his B.A. degree from Indiana University and his M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. He has served as President of the Greek Political Science Association and of the Modern Greek Studies Association of the United States. In 1999 and 2000, he was appointed member of Greece's National Commission on Human Rights and the National Council for Administrative Reform respectively. In 2000, he was a participant in the Bilderberg Conference. Since 1990, he has been co-chair of the Subcommittee on Southern Europe of the Social Science Research Council, New York. He is also joint General Editor of the Series on the New Southern Europe published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

He has written extensively on the politics and history of Greece, Southern Europe and Southeastern Europe and, more specifically, on democratisation, state and nation-building, and the relationship between culture and politics.

**Inaugural Lecture**

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