

## INVITATION ΠΡΟΣΚΛΗΣΗ

### THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GREECE

**SUBJECT:** Faculty Research Seminars (FRS)  
Eleftheria Bernidaki-Aldous, Ph.D. Professor III of Classics and  
Former Member of the Hellenic Parliament

**TIME:** Wednesday, May 13, 15:00-16:00

**PLACE:** John S. Bailey Library, Upper Level

We are very happy to announce that Dr. Eleftheria Bernidaki-Aldous, Professor of Classics at Deree, former Member of the Hellenic Parliament Nationwide and President of the “**Inter-Party Committee of the Hellenic Parliament on Issues Concerning Persons with Disabilities**” (2004-2007) and Holder of the Eleftherios Venizelos Chair at the American College of Greece, is our fourth speaker in the spring semester’s FRS series.

The title of her lecture is:

**“Equal Opportunity in Education and Employment for People with Disabilities and Learning Differences: Working for a New Legal Culture in the Context of Developments in Greek and International Legislation”**

#### ABSTRACT

This lecture will contribute to the effort of the American College of Greece to stay informed regarding new developments about changes in legislation and attitudes of our society towards people with disability. Recently **Law 3699/2008** on special education and **Law 3304/2005** regarding non-discrimination at the workplace of minorities, including people with disabilities, have provoked much discussion and merit consideration. The **International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** of December 6, 2006 of the United Nations calls for intensive and meaningful study and action on these issues, especially on the part of States and Institutions of learning for increased awareness of the public. As Europeans, we must continue to study the meaning of the proclamation of the **year 2007 as the European Year of Equal Opportunity for All**. As an American College, ACG must be involved in the discussion and evaluation of the **A.D.A.** (Americans with Disabilities Act) of 1992, which guided the Directives and Guidelines of the European Union, which are being implemented in Greek legislation.

This presentation aims at starting a discussion on those issues. The topic is of interest to employers, educators and students. The meaning of "reasonable accommodation" in the workplace and the elimination of discriminations and stereotypes concerns us all. The principle of "mainstreaming" in the school system (from elementary through university education) and "inclusion" in society should involve us all. The topic of **mainstreaming** those with disabilities and learning differences in the educational system, in the workplace and in society in general, will open a much needed dialectic of **human rights**, of **legal culture**, for a civilization of **inclusion**.