

GREECE: DEBT COLONY

THE EUROPEAN EMPIRE AND GERMAN PRIMACY

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Nikos Kotzias formulates a new interpretation of the political-institutional consequences of the Greek and European Crisis. By studying and analyzing the empires that existed during the last 500 years, he arrives at the conclusion that the EU mutates into an empire supported by: a) the financial markets, b) the Brussels bureaucracy, c) Germany.

The writer claims that the tendency of unequal gradation between member states, dominates more and more within the EU. A chain, with Germany being at its top, since it possesses the primacy within the EU, and the European South at its bottom, is being formed. The powerful EU countries, Germany in particular, are characterized by “economic cultural nationalism”, or even “racism”.

The EU tendency to turn into an empire is directly connected with the mutation of Germany into an “imperial state”, a New Rome, which is the real center of Europe. This change is also connected with the transformation of Greece in a colony of debt. The writer presents, through the experiences and the theoretical discussions of the past, a sequence of comparisons, explaining what is a “colony of debt” and how it is defined.

The writer analyzes the current supervision system set up in Greece: a) the way it functions, the mechanisms, the institutions and the programmes, b) the devastating objectives of the Troika and the Germans, c) the enormous responsibilities held by the Greek oligarchy and intertwining, d) the repercussions of the transformation of Greece, as well as Cyprus, in a colony of debt on its society and economy.

Overall, Nikos Kotzias analyzes the democratic problem and the problem of sovereignty resulting for “Greece colony of debt”. He does not refrain from formulating proposals.

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