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Launch of the International Economics and Development Laboratory (IEDL) Website

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

We are pleased to announce the official launch of the website of the **International Economics and Development Laboratory (IEDL)** at the University of Athens. The platform is now live and accessible at <https://iedl.econ.uoa.gr/>, offering a comprehensive overview of our research agenda, academic outputs, and collaborative initiatives.

The IEDL is a newly established academic initiative dedicated to advancing research on growth dynamics, economic integration, and structural transformation. Our work places particular emphasis on the erosion of global public goods and the role of financial markets in fostering innovation.

The Laboratory brings together a diverse community of scholars and practitioners committed to:

- Advancing research and education in international economics and development, through undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes
- Producing high-quality academic outputs including working papers, journal articles, and books
- Hosting scholarly events such as lectures, workshops, and conferences
- Fostering collaboration with universities, research centres, international organisations, and civil society
- Managing projects and consultancy services aligned with our thematic priorities

To mark the launch of our activities, we are proud to present the inaugural series of IEDL Working Papers, introduced by Governor Yannis Stournaras of the Bank of Greece. These papers reflect the Laboratory's commitment to policy-relevant and globally engaged research, with contributions from leading institutions including Boston University, the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, Harvard University, Warwick Business School, and the United Nations Capital Development Fund.

Selected titles include:

- *Should Central Banks' Mandate Be Revised* -Stournaras, Bank of Greece
- *Bridging the \$4 Trillion Gap* -Kurukulasuriya, UNCDF

- *Catalysing the Global Energy Transition through Regions and Finance* -Vega, Columbia University
- *Investment in Infrastructure and Trade: The Case of Ports* –Kalouptsidi, Harvard University
- *Multilateral Development Banks and Financing for Development* -Gallagher, et al., Boston University
- *Development Finance at a Crossroads - after Seville and Beyond* -Mavrotas, University of Antwerp
- ...and many more

Our current projects span themes such as financial innovation for sustainable development, the High-Level Working Group on Development Finance, post-crisis innovation dynamics, growth drivers for the Greek economy, and educational resource development. These initiatives reflect our dual commitment to academic excellence and policy relevance.

A recent profile of IEDL's core activities was featured as the cover story of the OPEC Fund for International Development Quarterly (Q3 2025). You can access the article via the following link: [OPEC Fund Quarterly – 2025 Q3](#).

We warmly invite you to explore our website, engage with our research, and consider opportunities for scholarly collaboration. Your expertise and insights are vital to our shared mission of advancing inclusive and sustainable development trajectories.

Best regards,

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