



Archive of Ioannis (Yangos) Pesmazoglou

ARCHIVE

Reference code:

GR IATE A6

Dates:

1885-2018 (mostly 1945-2003)

Extent:

40 linear metres
2,556 document files
ca. 1,500 photographs
143 audiovisual records

Source of acquisition:

Donated by Ioannis Pesmazoglou's family: his wife, Miranda, and his sons, Stephanos and Vassilis Pesmazoglou

CREATOR

Pesmazoglou, Ioannis (Yangos)
(1918-2003)

Biographical note:

Ioannis (Yangos) Pesmazoglou (1918-2003), son of the banker Stephanos Pesmazoglou, studied law, political science and economics at the Athens Law School and the St John's College of the University of Cambridge. He was elected Assistant Professor of Political Economy at the Athens Law School in 1950, Associate Professor in 1964 and Full Professor in March 1967. With the exception of the period 1968-1969, during which he was suspended, he taught continuously until resigning in protest against the dictatorial regime, in 1970. Between 1951 and 1955, he served as Director General for Economic Policy and Programme at the Ministry of Coordination and, between 1955 and 1960, as economic advisor to the Bank of Greece. He headed the Greek delegation that negotiated with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and the EEC (1957-1961) and subsequently became Chairman of the Greek Interdepartmental Committee for European Cooperation (1962-1965). Meanwhile, in 1960 he was appointed Deputy Governor of the Bank of Greece, a position he held until he stepped down in 1967. In 1967-1974, he actively resisted the military dictatorship, and, in this context, founded the Society for the Study of Greek problems (EMEP). For this activity, he was exiled and imprisoned by the military junta. After the restoration of democracy, he became actively involved in politics. He served as Minister of Finance in the National Unity Government of 1974 and, in the same year, was elected to parliament on the ticket of the Centre Union-New Forces (EK-ND) party, later renamed Union of the Democratic Centre (EDIK). He was re-elected with the EDIK party in 1977 and as an independent Member of Parliament (allied to the

New Democracy party) in 1985. At the same time, as head of the cross-party delegation of the Hellenic Parliament, he resumed negotiations on Greece's accession to the European Economic Community (1975-1978). He was one of the founding members of the Party of Democratic Socialism (KODISO), of which he was president from 1979 until his departure from the party in 1984. He represented Greece in the European Parliament, having been elected for the KODISO party (1981-1984), and then as an independent candidate, backed by the New Democracy party (1989-1994). His areas of focus included economic policy, public health, the language question, education, Greek-Turkish relations and political developments in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. He played a decisive role in the establishment of the Royal (later National) Hellenic Research Foundation in 1958, of whose board he was a member until 1968. He was elected a regular member of the Academy of Athens in 1992, and became its president in 1996. In his studies and speeches, he discusses a host of issues ranging from the economy to European integration, and from foreign policy and security to human rights. He was the recipient of numerous foreign and domestic honours and decorations: the Grand Commander of the Royal Order of George I; the Grand Cross of the Order of the Phoenix; the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany; the Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur de la République Française; the Grand Commander of the Order of the Flag (Yugoslavia); the "Archon Megas Rhetor" (Ecumenical Patriarchate); and the "Pro Merito Europa" medal (Council of Europe).

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CONTENT

The Archive contains records relating to Ioannis (Yangos) Pesmazoglou's career as Director General at the Ministry of Coordination and as Economic Advisor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of Greece and Minister of Finance. Also included is material reflecting his involvement in the negotiations between Greece and the EEC, his academic career, his resistance to the military dictatorship (1967-1974), and his political activity in Greece and as a Member of the European Parliament.

The Archive has been enriched with further material from the archive of his father, Stephanos I. Pesmazoglou, (12 files from the period 1885-1963) and material collected after his death (18 files from the period 2003-2018).

Included are documents, notes, correspondence, writings, speeches, newspaper and magazine clippings, official publications of European institutions, audiovisual material and photographs.

ARRANGEMENT

The original order of the Archive has been maintained or restored where disrupted. The material has been arranged into 16 archival series corresponding to the main lines of activity I. Pesmazoglou pursued during his lifetime, namely: A6S1: Ministry of Coordination; A6S2: Bank of Greece; A6S3 EFTA-EEC: Negotiations-Accession Agreement; A6S4: Ministry of Finance; A6S5 National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; A6S6: Academy of Athens; A6S7: Scholarly research: Actions and recommendations; A6S8: Anti-dictatorship activity; A6S9: Centre Union-New Forces, Union

of the Democratic Centre; A6S10: Party of Democratic Socialism (KODISO); A6S11: Independent Member of the Hellenic Parliament; A6S12: Independent Member of the European Parliament; A6S13: Information-communication; A6S14: Various subjects; A6S15: Photographic material; and A6S16: Audiovisual material. The files have been arranged in thematic and chronological order. All records have been retained with the exception of duplicate copies of typed documents which have been destroyed.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ The Archive's finding aids are available in electronic format on the Bank of Greece website. At the IATE's reading room, researchers have access to an electronic inventory based on the second edition of the general International Standard Archival Description (ISAD[G]v2), complete with a subject and person name thesaurus.
- ▶ Digitisation of the Archive is in progress.
- ▶ The following works draw on or include extensive references to the Ioannis (Yangos) Pesmazoglou

Archive: I. Pesmazoglou, *Αγωνιστικά [On struggles]*, Athens 1974-1981 (in Greek); N. Loule-Theodoraki, *Γιάγκος Πεσμαζόγλου [Yangos Pesmazoglou]*, Athens 1996 (in Greek); M. Minotou, *Η ευρωπαϊκή επιλογή της κυβέρνησης Καραμανλή, 1957-1959 [The European choice of the Karamanlis government, 1957-1959]* [unpublished doctoral thesis] (in Greek), Athens 2002; Tr. Sclavenitis (ed.), *Τα ιδρυτικά κείμενα του Εθνικού Ιδρύματος Ερευνών και η αλληλογραφία Ι.Στ. Πεσμαζόγλου-Λ.Θ. Ζέρβα [The founding documents of the National Hellenic Research Foundation and correspondence between I. Pesmazoglou and L. Zervas]*, Athens 2008 (in Greek); and D. Samiou, *Η Εταιρεία Μελέτης Ελληνικών Προβλημάτων (ΕΜΕΠ) και η ιδιαίτερη συμβολή της στον αντιδικτατορικό αγώνα (1970-1972) [The Society for the Study of Greek problems (EMEP) and its special contribution to the struggle against the dictatorship (1970-1972)]*, Athens 2017 (in Greek).

- ▶ The IATE has in its possession oral history accounts from persons associated with I. (Yangos) Pesmazoglou or his activities.

Sources: The material in the Archive; N. Loule Theodoraki, *Γιάγκος Πεσμαζόγλου [Yangos Pesmazoglou]*, Athens 1996 (in Greek); G. Koumantos et al., *Γιάγκος Πεσμαζόγλου. Εκδήλωση τιμής και μνήμης [Yangos Pesmazoglou: in memoriam]*, Athens 2006 (in Greek); and G. Donatos et al., *Ιωάννης Σ. Πεσμαζόγλου: Πανεπιστημιακός, ευρωπαϊστής, διαπραγματευτής [Ioannis Pesmazoglou: Academic - Europeanist - Negotiator]*, ed. M. Psalidopoulos, Athens 2010 (in Greek).

