

Your excellencies

Distinguished guests

Ladies and gentlemen

I would like to welcome the longstanding efforts of the Transversal Dialogue Project which is particularly important in the current period given the great challenges that humanity increasingly faces.

I remember with great respect and appreciation my first audience with Pope Francis in September 2014, in which he called for the establishment of a dialogue in order to develop a transversal social ethic by Socialists and Christians.

The efforts towards a joint position paper between intellectual exponents of the Marxist, socialist Left, and renowned scholars of the Christian culture is particularly crucial in this endeavor.

Today more than ever, facing a multilevel crisis, we need a Dialogue which leads us to common action and a new transformational politics:


In solidarity with refugees, irrespectively of their background, and against all forms of racism, discrimination and limiting of peoples' rights including reproductive rights.

In protecting the environment against the climate crisis which is destroying the planet

In overcoming social inequality and supporting sustainable growth, fighting the return of failed neoliberal policies

In promoting peace and diplomatic solutions on the basis of international law, against nationalism and imperialism, no matter how difficult it is. And in this respect, it is necessary to unequivocally condemn the aggression waged by the Russian Federation upon Ukraine and to do our utmost to stop this invasion and return to dialogue.

On this basis, we need to do all we can to support the dignity of individuals and fight for collective goods and services particularly in healthcare and education. And I welcome your valuable dialogue which moves in this direction.


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President of SYRIZA
Former Prime Minister