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Short-Circuiting Democracy and the Constitution

On Sunday, May 20, 2018, Hellenic Link–Midwest, presents Prof. Nicholas Stephanopoulos in a presentation titled “*Short-Circuiting Democracy and the Constitution*”. The event will be held at 3:00 pm at the Hyatt Rosemont hotel, 6350 N. River Road, Rosemont, Illinois. Admission is free for HLM members and students with ID, and \$5 for non-members.

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Professor Stephanopoulos will discuss a number of current critical issues challenging American Democracy and the interpretation of the Constitution. These include: the manipulation of election outcomes by manipulating the boundaries of electoral districts (gerrymandering); freedom of speech and the role of money in politics; the role of the Supreme Court as materially extending or revising the constitution by a 5 to 4 majority that under a different court composition could have led to different outcome; the reversal of previous court decisions to fit the ideology of a new Court; the second amendment and gun violence; and the difficulty to amend the constitution in a way that reflects the "We the people..."

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Nicholas Stephanopoulos is a professor of law at the University of Chicago. His research and teaching interests include election law, constitutional law, legislation, administrative law, comparative law, and local government law. He has been involved in several litigation efforts as well, including the first successful partisan gerrymandering lawsuit in more than thirty years. Before entering private practice, he clerked for Judge Raymond C. Fisher of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

He is a graduate of Yale Law School, and also holds an MPhil in European Studies from Cambridge University and an AB in government from Harvard College..