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CERES Brown Bag Talk:

Peripheral Populations: The Changing Demography of Greece and the Greek Islands.

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Greece's population has decreased by approximately 3.0% and is projected to fall below 10 million by 2050. Demographers are warning of a new "hot spot" for childlessness in a Greece ravaged by austerity. The Greek total fertility rate is 1.3, well below replacement level of 2.1. More than one in three Greeks will be over age 65 by 2050. Greece is the third most elderly country in world after Japan and Italy, and just ahead of Germany.

"Greece's economic crisis is over only if you don't live there" and hundreds of thousands of Greeks have left. Furthermore, between January 2015 and August 2016 over 1.3 million refugees fleeing war, violence and persecution in the Middle East and beyond entered the European Union (EU) through the Greek eastern Aegean islands. Greece today houses upwards of 70,000 refugees.

Using Greek national census data since 1951, this presentation explores, describes and explains changing demographic patterns and trends with a particular focus on the Greek islands.



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