

«Why does Greece go under and Germany go up?»

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Saskia Sassen was in Athens on June 8th 2015 to deliver a lecture about Europe's future and the pattern of "Financializing" and austerity politics which Greece is a part of.

The lecture was the first of the series of lectures [#RethinkingEurope](#), a project organized by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung – Office in Greece and the Initiative for the Defense of Society and Democracy. On the day of the lecture she talked to us in a very interesting interview.

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