The ongoing financial crisis of the Greek state, with demands on the Greek people for stringent austerity measures, the intervention of the IMF and an attempt with a massive European-led bailout package to prevent a member of the Eurozone from defaulting, represents a continuing sovereign debt crisis which threatens to spread to other economies of Europe’s ‘periphery’ and has been talked of as heralding the end of the ‘European project’.

While the future course of the Greek crisis remains unknown, it has been accompanied by an upsurge in resistance and popular participation in the social movement by wide sections of the Greek people. Following the December 2008 uprising in response to the police murder of Alexis Grigoropoulos and the widespread occupations of universities and schools, the ongoing waves of general strikes and public demonstrations by workers of many trades throughout Greece indicates that a popular response to the crisis and its governance is growing in major towns and cities each week.

This CPPE workshop presents an opportunity to discuss these trends and learn from each other to develop our understanding of the causes of the crisis and the popular mobilisation, its prospects and its future implications both for Greece and for Europe.

To this end the workshop will approach the crisis both from a broadly ‘finance’ perspective, and from the social and political spheres, as these perspectives will comment on and illuminate each other. The workshop will include presentations by guest speakers leading to round-table discussions. Stathis Kouvelakis, lecturer in philosophy and politics at King’s College London, and other guest speakers will join us as presenters and discussants.

The RMF report on the EuroZone crisis is also recommended for those coming to the workshop (http://researchonmoneyandfinance.org/media/reports/eurocrisis/fullreport.pdf).

If you want find out and discuss what is happening with the European debt crisis and its implications please come along, or email Steve Vallance at sv76@le.ac.uk with any questions.