


Greek Studies Now: Local Cases, Global Debates

Program of the 2nd conference of the Cultural Analysis Network:
Greek Studies Now



Amsterdam, 15 – 17 June 2022

15 JUNE 2022

Venue: SPUI25 Academic-cultural podium 

17:00 - 18:30. Opening Panel

Future Imaginaries in the Making: The Case of (Post-)Crisis Greece

Moderators: Maria Boletsi (University of Amsterdam) & Dimitris Soudias (University of Amsterdam)

Philipp Katsinas (London School of Economics)

The Political Imaginary of Happiness in Greece

Eleftheria Ioannidou (University of Groningen)

From Metaphor to Action: Mobilizing the Classical Imaginary in Golden Dawn's Rhetoric and Practice

Yannis Kallianos (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

The Politics of Barriers: Infrastructural Imagination and Contestation in Times of Crisis in Greece.

Elizabeth Kirtsoglou (Durham University)


Being and Nothingness: Anticipatory Nostalgia and the Desertification of the Future in Post-crisis Greece.

This opening event ([link](#)) will also be live-streamed. Separate registration is required for both on-site or online attendance. Please register [here](#).

18:30 – 19:00. Reception at SPUI25



16 JUNE 2022

Venue: Doelenzaal, University Library, Singel 425 

| 9:00 – 9:30. Arrival and registration

| 9:30 – 11:15. Panel 1 - Dislocating Greece

Moderator: Yiorgos-Evgenios Douliakas (University of Amsterdam)

William Stroebel (University of Michigan)

Deported Literature

Claudio Russello (University of Oxford)

From the Collective to the Intimist: Charting the Language of Exile in Yannis Ritsos

Francesca Zaccone (University of Rome, La Sapienza)

Zorbas, Gamblers and Turncoats: The Exotic Self in Thodoris Kallifatides and Antonis Sourounis Early Works

Carl Mauzy (King's College London)

Snapshots of Race – Some Observations on Nelly's Photography

| 11:15 – 11:30. Break

| 11:30 – 13:15. Panel 2 - Weirding Greece

Moderator: Maria Boletsi (University of Amsterdam)

Geli Mademli (University of Amsterdam)

Crisis Matters: Filming Greece in Analog

Álvaro García Marín (University of Málaga)

Nightmare Nation: Spectralizing Greece, or the Troubling of the Classicist Archive

Alexis Radisoglou (Durham University)

Between Eco-Criticism and Oiko-Allegory: Environment, Family, and Masculinity in Georgis Grigorakis's Digger

Dimitris Papanikolaou (University of Oxford)

Greek Culture at a Time of Biopolitical Realism

| 13:15-14:45. Lunch Session: Practices of Cultural Analysis

Lunch panel with: Ernst van Alphen (Professor Emeritus Leiden University) & Boris Noordenbos (University of Amsterdam)



14:45 – 16:30. Panel 3 - Queering Greece

Moderator: Dimitris Papanikolaou (University of Oxford)

Eirini Tzouma (Durham University)

The Greek #MeToo: An Ethnographic Approach to Glocal Vernaculars of Resistance

Eleni Papargyriou (Open University / Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Femicide and Modern Greek fiction

Spiros Chairetis (University of Oxford)

Guilty Pleasures, Queer Disidentification: Queer Viewers Watching The Bachelor

Billie Mitsikakos (University of Oxford)

C. P. Cavafy and the Art of Queer Survival

16:30 – 16:45. Break

16:45 – 18:15. Panel 4 - Crisis, Justice & Futurology

Moderator: Elizabeth Kirtsoglou (Durham University)

Vasilis Alexiadis (University of Amsterdam)

Prophecy War, Crisis, and Destruction: Orthodox Christianity and Eschatological Narratives in Greece.

Yiorgos-Evgenios Douliakas (University of Amsterdam)

With the Bees or With the Wolves: Horrific Intimacies in a Trial in Climax

Alexander Kazamias (Coventry University)

Adieu Tristesse, Bonjour Tristesse: Reverting to Financial Crisis after the Covid-19 Pandemic

20:00 – 21:45. Short films program. In-Kind: Greece Through Other Eyes

Selection of short films shifting the perspective to unseen Greek landscapes and realities, inviting non-human agents to imagine different universal futures.

Venue: Theater Munganga, Schinkelhavenstraat 27-HS, 1075 VP 

Curated by Geli Mademli (University of Amsterdam)



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| 9:15 – 11:00. Panel 5 – Transnational Communities & Textual Politics

Moderator: Alexander Kazamias (Coventry University)

Ji / Alexia Wang (University of Oxford)

Divergent Readership, Divergent Reception: A Comparison Between Two Groups of Cavafy Readers in China

Tatiana Faia (independent scholar, Oxford)

Cavafy, Crisis, and Urban Narratives in João Miguel Fernandes Jorge's *Fuck the Polis*

Valia Tsaita-Tsilimeni (University of Geneva)

Contemporary Greek Poetry as an Invention of Modern Greek Society: The Collective Project of ΦΡΜΚ

Panayotis Xenophontos (University of Oxford)

Greek Literature in Mariupol in the 1930s

| 11:00 – 11:15 Break

| 11:15 – 13:00: Panel 6 - Migration: Past and Present

Book launch of Kristina Gedgaudaitė's
Memories of Asia Minor in Contemporary Greek Culture (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021)

Moderator: Will Stroebel (University of Michigan)

Kristina Gedgaudaitė (Princeton University)

Why Memory, Why Now?

Emilia Salvanou (Hellenic Open University)

1922 in Greek National Memory: Meanings and Representations

Olga Demetriou (Durham University)

Time, Conflict and Refugeehood

Linda Xheza (University of Amsterdam)

Visualizing Refugees in the Greek Media: The Politics of Hospitality

| 13:00 – 14:30. Lunch

| 14:30 – 16:15. Panel 7 - Athens Mon Amour

Moderator: Eva Fotiadi (St Joost School of Art & Design)



Herbert Ploegman (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
Athens as a Multiple: A City Enacted Through Art & Solidified by
Infrastructural Change

Efi Giannetopoulou (independent scholar)
Cultural Wastelands: Heritage in Ruins

Anna-Maria Papagiannakou (National Technical University of Athens) & Yannis
Apostolopoulos (National Technical University of Athens)
Post - pandemic Spatial Narratives: Revisiting Takis Zenetos' 'Electronic
Urbanism'

Julia Tulke (University of Rochester)
The Great Intervention: Anti-Graffiti Campaigns as an Aspirational
Performance of Post-Crisis

16:15 – 17.00. Closing remarks and future plans for GSN

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