

## Annual International Conference, 20-23 June 2016, Athens, Greece

We are preparing the logistics of the conference, and I would appreciate your full cooperation and help. Please take note of the following:

1. **Conference Venue:** The conference will take place at the [Titania Hotel](#) with the following contact details: Address: 52 Panepistimiou Avenue (or Eleftheriou Venizelou Avenue), Athens 106 78 - Greece. For any information regarding the conference venue, please send an email to [info@atiner.gr](mailto:info@atiner.gr) or call +302103634210.
2. **Conference Hotel:** If you have booked a hotel room using ATINER's registration form, please note that your room is in the best categories of rooms, subject to availability upon reservation, with breakfast and all taxes included. You will not require a hotel voucher. A separate e-mail will be sent to you by ATINER's administration. It is important that you read our information on accommodation available on: <http://www.atiner.gr/accommodation>.
3. **Transportation:** From Athens International Airport to Downtown Athens: 1) Metro line 3 (blue line) runs from Athens airport to Syntagma Square in the city centre, estimated cost: 10 euro 2) Express Airport Bus connections with the Athens City Center on a 24-hour basis, X95 (to Athens downtown "Syntagma"), estimated cost: 6 euro, <http://www.oasa.gr> 3) Taxis: the taxi stand extends from Door 4 to Door 1 at the Arrivals Level of the Airport.
4. **Conference Program:** The posted program (<http://www.atiner.gr/2016/2016PRO-ENGSCI.pdf>) will be the first version, and this might change. However, it is important to collect the final-final program on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 during registration, starting at 8:00 a.m. The final-final-final program will be available after the conference, and this is the one that will remain for eternity on our website. This version will include only those who actually presented their papers and chaired the sessions. Please check all of your entries to see if there are any mistakes. If you find one, send us an email so that we can correct it. It is also important to check all the information available on the conference website, including the way we organize our conference, so that you can be best prepared for your trip to Athens.
5. **Paper Presentation and Participation:** If you present a paper, please make sure that your presentation does not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. If you want to use PowerPoint Presentations, please send yours to [ppt@atiner.gr](mailto:ppt@atiner.gr) (title: engsci.Yourfamilyname) by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 at the latest. To play it safe, please bring a hard copy as well as one on a memory stick. There is no need to bring a hard copy for distribution, but you may do so if you wish. For the younger participants, or for those who have not yet done a presentation in English, I would recommend that you first do a demo presentation in front of a friend. If it exceeds twelve (12) minutes, you will most likely exceed the target of 15 minutes at the conference. For those who speak English fluently, I would suggest that they speak slowly and clearly for obvious reasons. This is a truly international conference. English is conveniently being used as the mode of communication at this conference, without any political, social or cultural connotations being attached to its usage. **All presentations and discussions are done only in English.** Bring with you a typewritten note of your personal details, no more than 5 lines, to give to the chairperson before your session begins. The chair does not read the note out loud, but s/he is able to familiarise with relevant info about the presenter and sometimes this helps to coordinate the whole process. Make sure you bring sufficient business cards with you to distribute to fellow conference participants. It helps with post-conference 'communication'. We do not provide such details.
6. **Chairs:** If you have been selected to chair a session, please ask for the Chairperson's report during registration. Chairpersons are administrators and not discussants or commentators of the papers presented in their session. They keep time and regulate the discussion period. In other words, if you are a chair please do not ask questions to paper presenters or comment on their paper. You can do that at the break. If there are no questions at the end, please let the session end. Please note that most of the conference discussions take place outside the conference rooms and during all social events. This is very important to keep in mind because we had complaints in the past that some chairs do not chair but act as discussants. If you do not agree with this type of chairing, please ask us to change you.

7. **Social Events:** Please make sure you collect your vouchers for the events during registration, and do not ask for them during the event. All vouchers have a given number. Please write down or remember your voucher number in case you lose it; we can still give you another one. Otherwise, you will have to pay again for the event. I would like to point out that we make special arrangements to guarantee the quality of service you receive from restaurants and places we visit. There is a cost, for which you will have already paid. In many cases, this cost exceeds the menu prices because of the higher quality service that we have arranged.
8. **Urban Walk:** The urban walk tour includes the broader area of Athens. Among other sites, it includes: Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Acropolis: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion, and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon. The program of the tour may be adjusted further, if there is a need beyond our control. (e.g. a labour union's strike).
9. **Publications:** The Institute publishes a number of publications based on the conference presentations. First, it publishes an abstract book, with an ISBN number, which is uploaded immediately after the conference on our institute's website as well as a conference presentation series (or a book of conference proceedings), with an ISSN (ISBN) number, including only papers presented at ATINER's conferences. Second, the presented papers are also considered for publication in ATINER's Conference Paper Series, identified by an ISSN number. The publication decision depends on the outcome of the standard blind-peer review process, in the context of which the manuscripts are evaluated in terms of their academic quality. After the successful completion of the review process, an online version of the selected papers is published a few months after the conference on <http://www.atiner.gr/papers.htm> (the average waiting time is six months). Third, the presented papers are also peer-reviewed in order to be included in one of ATINER's books. Each of the books is assigned an ISBN number with this process normally taking up to 2-3 years (refer to <http://www.atiner.gr/Publications.htm> for a complete list of all the published books). Finally, few selected papers (currently the acceptance rate is below 25%) are considered for publication in one of ATINER's English Academic Journals (see <http://www.athensjournals.gr>). A journal publication might take from a minimum of six months up to one year to appear. **We would appreciate it if authors do not put time demands on ATINER's administration as the whole process of publishing does not depend on them but on editors and reviewers who are themselves, like yourself, academics and researchers.** Please be advised that ATINER uses [software](#) to determine the percentage of original content in each paper. Only original papers are published. It is the authors' responsibility to make sure that their paper has been submitted for publication to ATINER **only** and that it represents original research. There is no formal deadline for submitting a paper; however, we encourage submission one month before the conference. The review process starts as soon as the final paper is submitted and only after the author has provided formal declaration of consent for the publication. For the young scholars in particular, I would like to make the point perfectly clear that I do not decide which papers are included for publication. I am simply managing the process. If your manuscript is rejected during the peer review process, I will accept the decision.
10. **Collaborations:** We do encourage academic collaboration or involvement with our Association. If you want to discuss such prospects, please let us know before you arrive in Athens so that an appointment can be arranged with an academic member, or with our administration. Please note that ATINER is not a TEACHING INSTITUTE. It is an International Association of Academics. We have over 2100 members from 114 different countries and less than 1% comes from Greece. ATINER cannot provide funding for any educational or research activity, but it can assist its members and friends to bid for external funding.
11. **Athens:** Here are a few words about Athens that may be useful if you are a first time visitor. This city was designed 2,500 years ago. It is relatively safe (according to European statistics, it is one of the safest capitals in Europe) and the third dirtiest (especially downtown where the conference takes place) in Europe, after London and Paris. On the latter issue, many Greeks, including some visitors to Athens are working very hard to surpass these other two historical cities. Useful general information can be found at <http://www.thisisathens.org/>, an official website for the city of Athens. The total population of Athens is close to 6 million and this includes all kinds of people from many different countries of the world.
12. **Taxi Drivers:** Famous last words: Athenian Taxi Drivers are perfect people, when they don't drive a taxi. As human beings, they make mistakes when they deal with money. Even though no hard evidence is available, those mistakes are always to the detriment of their customers. So PLEASE, at the airport or

anywhere else, if you take a taxi, BE WELL PREPARED. Give the taxi-driver a typewritten note of the Hotel (destination) and its address. Apart from what is written on the meter, taxi drivers legally add what they call "airport fees". But, make sure that you get a clear receipt. Tell him that you need one for your company/university in order to get reimbursed. As you enter the taxi, make a note of its licence plate number. If you fall in love with the driver, this would be the only way we can find him/her. In any case, if s/he charges more than 50 euro from the airport (an extreme case that happens only in very slow traffic), then something is wrong. The flat fare price depends on the time of arrival at the destination. The day time flat fare (05:00–24:00) is 38 euro from the airport to the Athens City Center. And the night time flat fare (00:00–05:00) is 54 euro from the airport to the Athens City Center. The flat fare includes all applicable surcharges (VAT, meter start, luggage, toll fee, and airport charge). If you hate taxi-drivers, take an airport bus or the metro. You do not save money if you take a bus and then a taxi. In general, the cost of a taxi is very cheap in Athens, but NEVER pick a taxi from the street; this is a sport that only Athenians are able to play, and not all of them play it very well. Always call for a taxi, or ask someone else to do it for you, e.g. hotel, restaurant, etc. There is an additional small charge when you call a taxi.

13. If you are curious how Greece, Greeks and Democracy were created please click [here](#). Warning: If you hate Aristophanes, please do not read it. You will be offended!

See you in Athens, and have a nice trip!

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