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Conference Venue: Titania Hotel, 52 Panepistimiou Avenue, Athens, Greece (close to metro station *Panepistimio*)

Monday 10 April 2017

08:00-08:30 Registration and Refreshments

08:30-09:15 Welcome and Opening Address

Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER. [The Organization of Academic Symposiums in Ancient Athens](#)

09:15-11:30 Session I: History and Culture

Chair: Olga Gkounta, Researcher, ATINER.

1. Nuno Valerio, Professor, University of Lisbon, Portugal. [Empires in the Near East and Mediterranean Areas: Steps towards Globalization?](#)
2. Bok Hee Kim, Professor, Andong National University, South Korea. [Athletic Dress and Nudity in Greek Athletics.](#)
3. Sandra Linguetti, Associate Professor, University of Bologna, Italy. The Oceanographic Achievements of Vito Volterra in Italy and Abroad.
4. Margaret Venzke, Associate Professor, Stetson University, USA. [The Tribal Factor in the Decline of the Eastern Mediterranean Lands: From the Perspective of the 16th Century.](#)
5. Maher Abu-Munshar, Associate Professor, Qatar University, Qatar. Social Diseases in the Mamluk Era: *Bartil* as a Case Study.
6. Lorna Sheppard, Lecturer, University Centre Somerset and PhD Student, Falmouth University, UK. A Mediterranean Odyssey: Text and Illustration and the Discourse of Foreign Travel in Elizabeth David's *A Book of Mediterranean Food* (1950).
7. Hideaki Katsumoto, PhD Student, Kyushu University, Japan. [The Arguments of Education: Survey of the Journal *Muallim* in the Second Constitutional Period of the Ottoman Empire.](#)

11:30-13:00 Session II: Business, Economics and Planning

Chair: Victoria Mousteri, Researcher, ATINER.

1. Donald Sparks, Professor, The Citadel, USA. [Migration from sub-Saharan Africa to Mediterranean Europe: The Economic Consequences.](#)
2. [Niyazi Berk](#), Professor, Bahcesehir University, Turkey & [Sabriye Bicen](#), Advisor, Biçen Real Estate, Turkey. [Causality between the Construction Sector and GDP Growth in Emerging Countries: The Case of Turkey.](#)
3. Jayoung Che, Associate Professor, Busan University of Foreign Studies, South Korea. A Critical Review on the Theories of Violence of Arendt and Sorel: The Ancient Greek Citizen Society as an Alternative.
4. Manuella Roupnel-Fuentes, Lecturer, University of Angers, France. [To Train, or not to Train. Looking Back at the Vocational Training of Former Moulinex Employees.](#)
5. [Mohamed Lashin](#), Associate Professor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman & [Rashid Al-Fahdi](#), Associate Professor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman. [The Practicing of Volunteer Work and its Challenges in Educational Institutions by using SWOT Analysis Approach in Oman.](#)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session III: Beyond the Mediterranean: The Diaspora of Greek Tragedy I

Chair: Nuno Valerio, Professor, University of Lisbon, Portugal.

1. Daniela Cavallaro, Senior Lecturer, University of Auckland, New Zealand. From the Mediterranean to the South Pacific: An Australian Medea.
2. Christian Dahl, Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Witnessing in Greek Tragedy and South African Theatre: Yael Farber's *Molra* (2008).
3. Scott Rubarth, Associate Professor, Rollins College, USA. [Euripides' *Hippolytus* and Dassin's *Phaedra*: Gender and Myth in Greek Tragedy and Contemporary Cinema](#).
4. Jack Adams, Instructor, Fort Hays State University, USA. Why We Continually Misinterpret Classical Tragedy in the 21st Century.

15:30-17:00 Session IV: Education, Health, Ecosystems

Chair: Margaret Venzke, Associate Professor, Stetson University, USA.

1. [Ria Nicoletti Morphitou](#), Associate Lecturer, University of Nicosia, Cyprus & Marlen Demetriou, Assistant Professor, University of Nicosia, Cyprus. [The Impact of Social Media on Students' Decision Making Process on Selecting a University](#).
2. Rashid Al-Fahdi, Associate Professor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman. Assessing the Possession of Action Research Skills by Administrators and Supervisors in Omani Schools.
3. [Yasser Al-Mahdy](#), Assistant Professor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman & Mahmoud Emam, Associate Professor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman. The Impact of School Leadership Styles on Teacher Efficacy, Collective Efficacy and School Effectiveness in Oman.

17:00-19:00 Session V: A Small Symposium on the Nordic Origins of the Homeric Poems

Chair: Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

1. Felice Vinci, Independent Researcher, Writer, Italy. An Up-to-date Survey of the Theory upon the Nordic Origins of the Homeric Poems.
2. Arduino Maiuri, Teacher, Liceo Classico "C. Tacito" in Rome and Lifelong Learning University in Rome, Italy. [Etymological Connection between the Ancient People of Iaones and the Tacitean Suiones](#).
3. Giuliana Bendelli, Researcher, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano, Italy. [Ulysses Setting Sail for an Irish *Imram*](#).
4. Marco Duichin, Member of Italian Philosophical Society, Italy. The Wolf, the Bear, the Master of the Winds: On the Nordic Roots of Odysseus.
5. Silvia Peppoloni, Researcher, Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia, Italy. Geological and Climatic Events that Affected the Baltic and Mediterranean Regions during the Holocene: An Overview.
6. Ilze Rumniece, Professor, University of Latvia, Latvia. Mediterranean and Baltic Areas: Mythical, Real and Potential Signs in the Facts of Language(s).

20:30-22:30 Greek Night and Dinner (Details during registration)

Tuesday 11 April 2017

07:45-11:00 Session VI: An Educational Urban Walk in Modern and Ancient Athens

Chair: Gregory Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER & Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece.

Group Discussion on Ancient and Modern Athens.

Visit to the Most Important Historical and Cultural Monuments of the City (be prepared to walk and talk as in the ancient peripatetic school of Aristotle)

(Note: The simple registration fee of the conference does not cover the cost of this session. More details during registration).

11:30-13:30 Session VII: Politics & Security

Chair: Utku Özer, Research Fellow, ATINER.

1. Caterina Barone, Associate Professor, University of Padova, Italy. [Greek Tragedy and Political Debate: Peter Sellars and his Provocations.](#)
2. Dilek Barlas, Professor, Koç University, Turkey. Turkish-Yugoslav Relations on the eve of WWII.
3. Walter Ward, Associate Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA. [Orientalism and the Study of the Pre-Modern Middle East.](#)
4. Umut Albayrak, Senior Instructor, Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus. Cultural Reconciliation and Music: Musical Dialogues Direction to Reconciliation between Turkish and Greek Communities in Cyprus.
5. Marsela Sako, Lecturer, University of Tirana, Albania. [Albania in Democracy: Less Minorities, more Legislation!](#)
6. Marcia Rosalie Hale, PhD Candidate, UCLA, USA. [Urban Water Systems as Instruments of Human Security.](#)
7. Adel Zeglam, Professor and Consultant Neurodevelopment Pediatrician, Tripoli University, Libya. [Current Situation of Health Services for Children in Libya.](#)

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:30 Session VIII: Education, Culture and Society

Chair: Marcia Rosalie Hale, PhD Candidate, UCLA, USA. Mediterranean Water and Environmental Security: A Case Study.

1. [Mervyn Wighting](#), Professor, Regent University, USA & Gail Derrick, Professor, Regent University, USA. [Teacher Preparation Delivered Online: Measuring Alumni Effectiveness and Retention in the Classroom.](#)
2. Houman Sadri, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Model U.N. Program, University of Central Florida, USA. Teaching & Learning about Globalization & Localization: Comparative Analysis of Cross-Cultural Communication Issues.
3. Jabbar Al-Obaidi, Professor and Director, Center for Middle East Studies, Bridgewater State University, USA. Pedagogical Approach of Colleges and Universities in the Middle East: Curriculums and Programs for Media and Communication Studies.
4. Khaled Douglas, Head of the Department of Archaeology, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman. Early Bronze Age IV Semi - Nomadic Culture in Southern Levant: An Ethno-Archaeological Case Study of Upper Wadi az-Zaqa in Jordan.

16:30-18:00 Session IX: Special Topics

Chair: Houman Sadri, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Model U.N. Program, University of Central Florida, USA.

1. [Adolfo Cosme Fernandez Puente](#), Professor, Universidad de Cantabria, Spain & Nuria Mercedes Sanchez Sanchez, Associate Professor, Universidad de Cantabria, Spain. [Is Women's Satisfaction Higher than Men's?: Self-Selection, Expectations or Biology.](#)
2. [Ismail Chaib](#), PhD Student, University of Biskra, Algeria & Yassine Bada, Professor, University of Biskra, Algeria. [Spatial Hierarchy and Street Pattern: Effects of Spatial Configuration on People Movement, Case of Ghardaia Ksours.](#)

21:00- 22:30 Dinner (Details during registration)

Wednesday 12 April 2017
Cruise: (Details during registration)
Mycenae and Epidaurus Visit: (Details during registration)

Thursday 13 April 2017
Delphi Visit: (Details during registration)