



# Athens Institute for Education and Research

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### P R E S S   R E L E A S E

RE: International Summer Course on Ancient Greek Arts & Architecture, 28 May – 10 June 2017, Athens, Greece

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The [Athens Institute for Education and Research](http://www.atiner.gr) hosted inaugural summer course on **The Arts and Architecture of Ancient Greece**. The course took place 28 May – 10 June 2017 in Athens, Greece. ATINER President Dr. **Gregory T. Papanikos** gave the welcoming speech. Lectures and site visits of the course were led and organized by Dr. **Stephen Arbury**, Professor of Art History, Radford University, USA and Dr. **Nicholas Patricios**, Professor Emeritus of Architecture, University of Miami, USA. Guest lectures were given by Mr. **Hugh O’Gorman**, Dr. **Kalliopi Nikolopoulou**, Dr. **Kostas Katsigiannis**, and Dr. **Nikos Nikoloudis**.

During the two weeks of the course, students attended ten lectures regarding various topics in ancient art and architecture. They also participated in two roundtable discussions sponsored by ATINER as part of concurrent conferences and concerning the future of teaching arts and architecture in a globalized world. Excursions for the course included visits to many museums and sites within Athens, as well as educational tours to Mycenae, Delphi, Hydra, and Aegina. A detailed itinerary of the events and lectures can be found at <https://www.atiner.gr/501aa/itinerary>.

The intention of the course was to create an international experience for all participants. Students and lecturers came from Albania, Canada, Kuwait, UK, and USA. Universities represented included St. Andrews University (UK), Cardiff University (UK), Acadia University (Canada), and more.

The summer course was organized as part of a new initiative at ATINER to expand the educational events offered by the institute. The course was also open to the general public as a lecture series. Furthermore, it is the first in what will be a continuous series of courses and educational tours in years to come.

In 2017 ATINER organizes 74 conferences and symposiums (<http://www.atiner.gr/2017Conferences>) and more than 100 special panels (<http://www.atiner.gr/2017panels>) on a plethora of topics as part of the 2017 Academic Events Program. Events are organized by ATINER’s seven Research Divisions and 38 Research Units, and are open to all academics and researchers as stipulated in the [mission](#) and [policy](#) of the association.

ATINER was established in 1995 as an independent world member-based association of academics and researchers. Its mission is to act as a forum where academics and researchers from all over the world can meet to exchange ideas on their research and discuss future developments within their disciplines. Athens was chosen as the meeting place because of its long history and vibrant culture. Currently, the Association has 2245 members from 115 different countries (<http://www.atiner.gr/all-members>).

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