



**Athens Institute for Education and Research**  
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# Parthenon on the Acropolis Hill of the Polis of Athens





## Pericles on Athens (431 BCE)

Our city is open to the world,  
we never expel a foreigner from learning or seeing  
τήν τε γὰρ πόλιν κοινὴν παρέχομεν, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὅτε ξενηλασίαις ἀπείργομέν τινά ἢ  
μαθήματος ἢ θεάματος”

Thucydides (431 BCE), Pericles' Funeral Oration, The Peloponnesian War



by [Philipp Foltz](#) (1852)



## ATINER's Mission

ATINER aims to create an organization like **Plato's Academy** or **Aristotle's Lyceum** where academics and researchers from all over the world, with a pedagogy similar to Ancient Athens, can gather in a symposium type (small) of meetings to exchange ideas on their research and discuss future developments in their disciplines. This week our participants come from **27** different countries from all continents of the world: **Australia, Austria, Belarus, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Libya, Macau, Malaysia, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, UAE, UK, USA.**

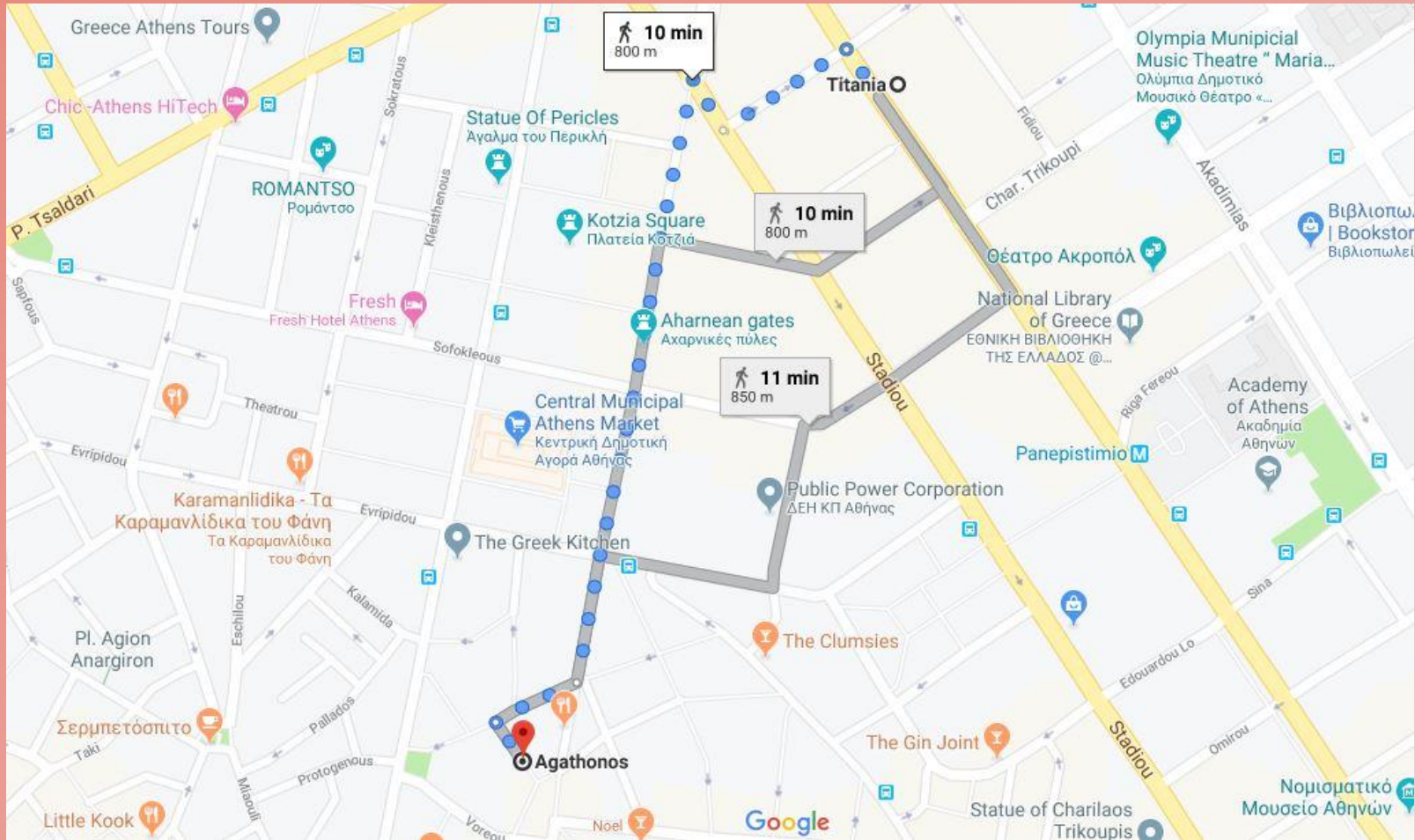
# The Logistics of Agathon's Symposium of 416 BCE as Appeared in the Proceedings Edited by Plato

	Selected Papers by Plato (editor) published as Symposium	Profession	Suggested Title	Time in minutes	Notes
1	Phaedrus of <u>Myrrhinus</u> , son of Pythocles		Eros Causes Heroic Actions	5:00	He was chairing the symposium.
2	Pausanias of <u>Cerameis</u>		The Two Natures of Eros	10:47	Low quality presentation but he was selected because of nepotism (erotophilia).
3	Eryximachus of <u>Athens</u> , son of Acumenus	Physician from a well-known family of Ancient Physicians	A Scientific Approach to Eros with an Emphasis on Medicine	11:36	It was Aristophanes turn but he was not able to speak because of a temporary hiccup.
4	Aristophanes of Cydatheneum, son of Philippus	Playwriter	The Original Three Sexes of the Anthropic Existence	11:55	A good but not persuasive myth.
5	Agathon of <u>Athens</u> , son of Tisamenus	Playwriter	The Four Parts of Eros: Justice, Pru-dence, Prowess and Wisdom	08:13	An Eloquent Speech but with Weak Arguments
6	Socrates of <u>Alopece</u> , son of Sophroniscus	Philosopher	Eros Cannot be Beautiful	12:18	
7	Diotima of <u>Mantineia</u> / <u>Socrates in a Dialogue</u>	Philosopher	A Holistic Method to Study Eros	2 x 15:50	Her paper was read by Socrates. Actually a Dialogue between Her and Socrates
				90:28	It does not include the time lost between presentations.

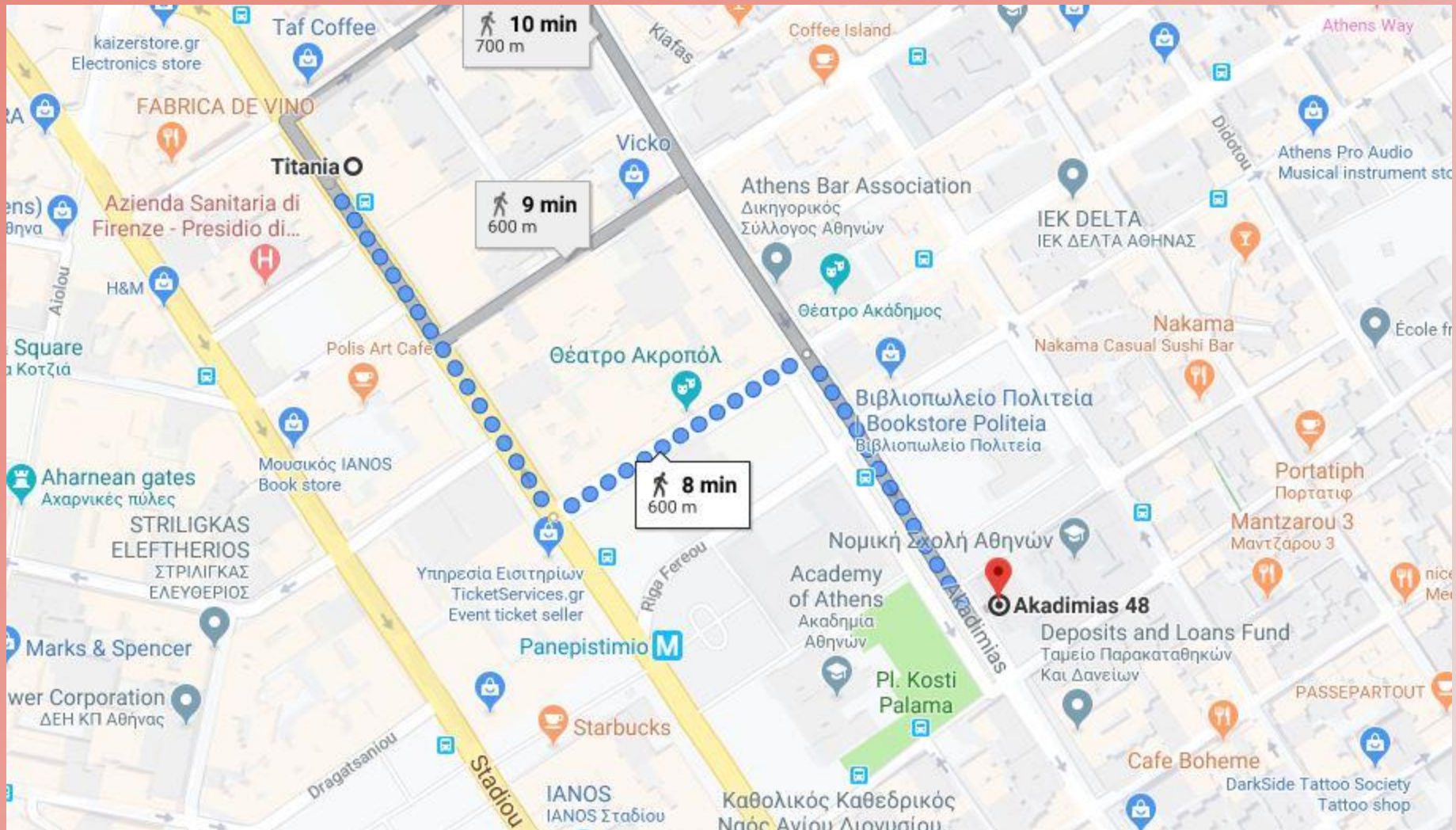
The Symposium was Interrupted by the Violent Invasion of Intoxicated Athenian Youth Led by Alcibiades – a student of Socrates. A practice which is still followed today by Greek University Students; usually to demonstrate political demands. After the demand of many he spoke. His intervention was the last and not in the program. He spoke under the heavy influence of alcohol and who knows what else. ATINER does this many times for latecomers but not for the uninvited.

8	Alcibiades of <u>Scambonidae</u> , son of Clinias		Socrates, My Lover, is a Super Star	36:00	
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# The Venue of Plato's Symposium



# Venue Tomorrow (Tuesday) University of Athens (48 Akadimias Street)





## Some Facts about ATINER

- ❖ ATINER has 2500 members from 116 countries organized in 37 Units, 6 Divisions and 6 Centers.
- ❖ 6000 academics from 150 countries have volunteered their services to help with reviewing.
- ❖ Every year close to 2000 researchers present their papers to one of ATINER's conferences and other events
- ❖ In total, more than 20,000 researchers have come to Athens and presented papers to one or more conferences organized by ATINER since 1995.



## Basic Activities

- ▶ International conferences and symposiums, academic dialogues, public speeches, and roundtable discussions.
- ▶ Assist in hosting courses in Athens accredited by other universities. Quite a few over the years but not on a regular base (University of Maryland, University of Georgia, Sam Houston University, University of Ottawa, and Nanyang University of Singapore).
- ▶ Autonomous Summer Courses.
- ▶ Research (external funding based on members initiative)
- ▶ Hosting visiting researchers, fellows, etc (self-funded).



<https://www.atiner.gr/greek-edu>

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and Cultural Contexts”**

**in collaboration with [Georgia State University](#)**



## Publications

1. Abstract Books (4 days after the conference)
2. ATINER's Conference Presentation Series (based on submission)
3. Online Paper Series (based on submission and reviewing)
4. Books: Collection of Papers from various conferences [200 books have been published by ATINER by 865 authors/editors]
5. 15 e-Journals. In 2016 the acceptance rate was less than 20% BUT ... the denominator needs better papers.

# e-Journals

- ▶ A unique Blind Review Process:  
<https://www.athensjournals.gr/review>,  
inviting the world academic community to comment on the paper. This serves the purpose of transparency of the entire blind review process.
- ▶ No fee for submission, processing–editing publishing, open access paid by authors, open access paid by readers etc
- ▶ The intellectual property rights of the submitted papers remain with the author.



## Get involved

- ▶ Become a member (not a fixed cost but a small annual fee).
- ▶ Organize a conference-symposium-stream- panel-session conferences.
- ▶ Review and/or submit papers for publication.
- ▶ Organize a summer/visiting course
- ▶ Suggest something else, pending you have the resources (money and time) to implement it.



## Paper Presentations

- ▶ Chairpersons will use *3 minute* and *1 minute* reminder cards because we follow **Socrates** suggestion (see Plato's Protagoras): "... elect a judge (ῥαβδοῦχον) or a foreperson (ἐπιστάτην) or a chairperson (πρότανιν) so you keep the length of each one's speech short (ὅς ὑμῖν φυλάξει τὸ μέτριον μῆκος τῶν λόγων ἑκατέρου).
- ▶ For technical assistance – contact admin. representative before the session commences.



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... more than paper presentations

# Additional Pedagogical Events

(See and trust ONLY the *Social Program Information Page*)



## Greek Night



## Urban Walk



## Island Tour

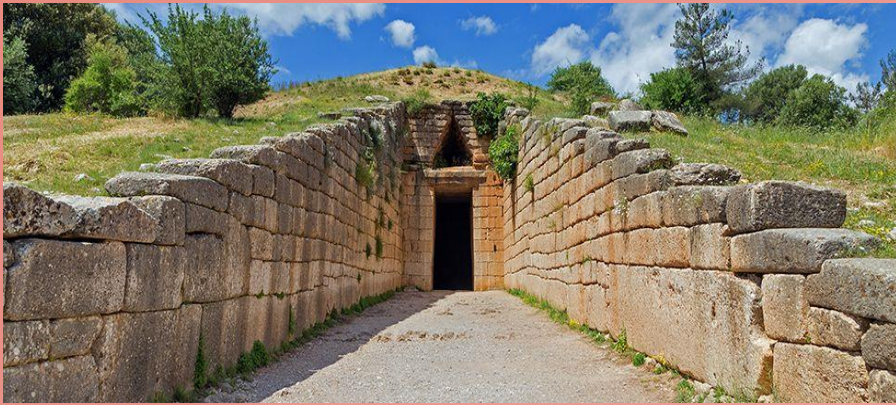


## Delphi Visit





## Mycenae



## Epidaurus



## Ancient Corinth



## Cape Sounion





Enjoy the Conference!!!

