



Athens Institute for Education and Research
A World Association of Academics & Researchers



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)



Ancient Athens had a cosmopolitan politeia or what I call a Smart Culture

...and the other **Greeks** have pretty much the same dialect,
lifestyle and dressing style but the Athenians have an
amalgam of all Greeks and barbarians

...καὶ οἱ μὲν Ἕλληνες ἰδίᾳ μᾶλλον καὶ φωνῇ καὶ διαίτῃ καὶ σχήματι
χρῶνται, Ἀθηναῖοι δὲ κεκραμένη ἐξ ἀπάντων τῶν Ἑλλήνων καὶ
βαρβάρων

Xenophon-Pseudo (circa 420 BCE) *The Athenian Constitution*



... or in Socrates own words

- ▶ “neither Greek nor Athenian, but Citizen of the Cosmos (world)”
- ▶ “..οὐκ Ἀθηναῖος οὐδὲ Ἕλληνας, ἀλλὰ Κόσμιος”

Cited in Plutarch On Exile

Compare this with Theresa May’s statement after becoming UK Prime Minister:

“If you believe you are a citizen of the world, you are a citizen of nowhere. You don’t understand what citizenship means”



But who is Greek (Athenian)?

... and perhaps Greek you are called because of our common pedagogy rather than of our common ancestry

...και μάλλον Έλληνας καλείσθαι τους της παιδεύσεως της ημετέρας, ή τους της κοινής φύσεως μετέχοντας

Isocrates (380 BCE) *Panegyricus*

Karl Deutsch:

“A nation is a group of people linked together by a common error about their ancestry and a common dislike of their neighbors”



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 38 different countries from all continents of the world: **Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Nigeria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, UK and USA.**



Some Facts about ATINER

- ❖ ATINER has 2400 members from 116 countries organized in 37 Units, 7 Divisions and 5 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. If interested, please let us know.
- ▶ Research (external funding based on members initiative)
- ▶ Hosting visiting researchers, fellows, etc (self-funded).



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.



Get involved

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



Paper Presentations

- ▶ Each paper is allowed 15 minutes maximum. Rhetoricians (paper presenters) can use less time if they so wish.
- ▶ Questions and discussion after **all papers** have been presented and **not after each paper.**
- ▶ 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 (ὄς ὑμῖν φυλάξει τὸ μέτριον μῆκος τῶν λόγων ἐκατέρου).
- ▶ 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



Enjoy the Conference!!!

