

Philhellenism and European Identity

International Conference 13-15 November 2015



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European Renaissance led to a renewal of the philhellenic movement, which almost split into several national traditions. The different ways in which antiquity was received in Italy, England, France and Germany created a wide spectrum of images and ideals of classical antiquity. However, during the Greek struggle for independence (1821–28) these different receptions regained a common focus. The conference will examine the concepts of philhellenism, its origins and dynamics, which brought about a European identity – as Shelley says in 1821 “We all are Greeks”.

PROGRAM

Friday, 13 November. 16:00–16:15

Welcoming Address:

Yiannis E. Ioannou (Nicosia), Miltos Pechlivanos (Berlin), Martin Vöhler (Nicosia)

16:15–19:15

Modern and Ancient Philhellenism, Chair: Antonios Tsakmakis (Nicosia)

Spyridon Tzounakas (Nicosia): Philhellenism in Horace’s Literary Criticism

Stella Alekou (Nicosia): ‘Inappropriate’ Philhellenism in Roman Satire

Martin Vöhler (Nicosia): Enthusiasm and Mimesis in Longinus’ Conception of the Sublime

Saturday 14 November. 09:00–11:00

Philhellenism and the Greek Revolution, Chair: Matthias Kappler (Venice)

Paraskevas Matalas (Lesvos):

Europeans in the Greek Landscape: Idealization, Appropriation, Disillusionment

Nassia Yakovaki (Athens): Europe as Greece. On the Preconditions of Philhellenism

Coffee Break

11:30–13:30

Philhellenism and the Greek Revolution, Chair: Angela Kastrinaki (Crete)

Johann Strauss (Strasbourg): Was There ‘Graecophilia’ Among the Ottoman Turks?

Miltos Pechlivanos (Berlin): Korais, Philhellène à sa manière

Lunch Break

14:15–16:15

Philhellenism and the Greek Revolution, Chair: Niyazi Kizilyurek (Nicosia)

May Chehab (Nicosia): Philhellénisme et constitutionnalisme :

les premières Constitutions grecques

Konstantina Zanou (Paris): Philhellene, Greek and Exile:

Mario Pieri and the Greek Revolution from the Italian Shores

Coffee Break

16:45–18:45

Philhellenism and European Identity, Chair: Panagiotis Thanassas (Thessaloniki)

Marco Hillemann (Berlin): German Philhellenism and the Challenge of Byronic Imagination:

The Case of Wilhelm Müller

Konstantinos Maras (Essen): Building Europe from Below:

The Philhellenic Committee Movement as Early Form of European Integration

Sunday 15 November. 9:00–12:00

Philhellenism and European Identity, Chair: Glenn W. Most (Pisa/Chicago)

Richard Jenkyns (Oxford): Hellenism and Philhellenism: the Intersection

Marilisa Mitsou (Paris/München): Philhellenism and Geopolitics.

Friedrich Thiersch’s *De l’état actuel de la Grèce* (1833) as a European Project

Alexis Politis (Crete): The ‘Great Idea’ Faced by Declining Philhellenism:

Greek Reactions (1850–80)

12:30–14:30

Nicosia Walking Exploration, Pancyprian Gymnasium of Nicosia, Archbishop Kyprianos

Square, Nicosia 1016

Marios Epaminondas (Nicosia): The Impact of Greek Revolution on Cyprus