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Welcome to Dialogue - the newsletter of the Cambridge Centre for Greek Studies



Welcome to the first edition of Dialogue. In this quarterly publication we will be highlighting aspects of the work going on at the Cambridge Centre for Greek Studies (CCGS.)

We'll feature the activities of all those involved in Greek Studies, without as well as within Cambridge University, bringing you news of research, lectures and events, publications, courses, and more.

We've taken the liberty of sending this first edition but if you don't want to receive this, or other communications from us, please unsubscribe using the link at the end of the newsletter. Alternatively, please email us at ccgs@csah.cam.ac.uk.

Website Live



We're pleased to announce that our new website is now up and running - www.ccsah.cam.ac.uk.

The site will be the visible centre of our work. It will be the place where we keep you informed about everything that's happening within CCGS and beyond - the latest research; seminars and lectures; new courses; and more. And we'll be featuring articles on everything to do with Greek Studies including contributions from colleagues around the world.

Click, take a look, and get in touch.

Greek Dialogues



The Cambridge Centre for Greek Studies is launching Greek Dialogues, an occasional series of lectures, talks, and seminars on key issues in the field of Greek Studies.

Each event will feature guest speakers from around the world who are prominent in one of the many facets of the subject and who enjoy global reputation as an expert in their field.

Where possible, the events will be recorded and made available on the website to enable the findings and insights reported to be viewed by all. The website will feature opportunities for interested parties to comment on the content and engage in meaningful debate.

The Great Migration



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The first event in our new series, Greek Dialogues, will be held in conjunction with the Cambridge Hellenic Learned Society.

Entitled **The Great Migration**, the seminar is a brief examination on the impacts of the Greek Diaspora.

The Greek diaspora is one of the oldest and largest in the world. Since antiquity, countries around the globe have had communities that bear witness to the waves of outward migration that have characterized Greece.

The influences of this phenomenon echo throughout history and this symposium focuses on two distinct elements to highlight some of these. Both talks use a specific aspect of the Greek diaspora - mass international adoption of Greek children, and the bidirectional impacts of Greek emigration to the UK - to analyse the political, economic, and personal effects of the Great Migration.

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The Great Migration features presentations by two leading figures in the field of Greek and Byzantine Studies: Professor Gonda van Steen and Dr. Othon Anastasakis.

Gonda holds the Koraes Chair in the Centre for Hellenic Studies and the Department of Classics at King's College London. She is the author of four books, the first of which, *Venom in Verse: Aristophanes in Modern Greece* (PUP, 2000) was awarded the John D. Criticos Prize from the London Hellenic Society. Her current book project, entitled *Adoption, Memory, and Cold War Greece* (The University of Michigan Press, forthcoming 2019), is taking her into the new, uncharted terrain of Greek adoption stories that become paradigmatic of Cold War politics and history.



Gonda van Steen

Her talk is entitled **A Forgotten Migration: Greek Child Adoptees Sent to the USA in the 1950s and 1960s** which Gonda describes as: "... the first project to study the biopolitics of the adoption movement from Greece to the United States in the 1950s and 1960s. This overseas adoption movement places a lens on American and Greek actions during the Cold War and proves to be the most concrete example of the politics of dependence on the United States. The adoptees' experiences and those of their descendants are playing out again in the current migration crisis."

Othon is the Director of South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX), based at St Antony's College, University of Oxford. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at St Antony's College and Associate at the Department of Politics and International Relations.

In his contribution, **Rethinking Greek diaspora- homeland relations, in the wake of the Greek economic crisis**, he will present highlights from a "Greek Diaspora Project" which has been operating at SEESOX since 2016.

"The project focuses on the links between Greek diaspora and homeland during the period of the country's recent economic depression. Drawing from this project, I will touch upon some general recent diasporic trends, such as the impact of brain drain and will discuss issues such as reasons for leaving, integration of Greeks into the UK environment, links with homeland and the impact of Brexit."



Othon Anastasakis

Date and time: **Sunday, 24th November, 2019 - 16:30 to 19:00**

Venue: **Buckingham House Conference Centre, Murray Edwards College, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0DF**

To book a seat, email: camlearnhelsoc@gmail.com

Post-doctoral Fellowship



Churchill College Cambridge has announced the competition for the following College Junior Research Fellowship:

Bodossakis Research Fellowship in Contemporary Greek History, Comparative Law, Eastern Mediterranean History, and cognate fields.

This post-doctoral Fellowship (a College Junior Research Fellowship) has a tenure of two years, with the possibility of renewal for a third.

Junior Research Fellowships are appropriate for those at the start of an academic career after completion of a doctorate.

Applications open in October 2019 and close on 11th November; the post is expected to be filled from 1st October 2020.

The Bodossakis Fellowship was endowed in 1973 by the Greek industrialist Bodossakis Athanassiadis (1890-1979).

Previous holders of the Fellowship have gone on to university careers in modern British, Greek, and European history; international law, comparative legal history; and social and political sciences. Holders have included Greek, German, Dutch, Italian, and British nationals.

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