

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**MYTHICAL HISTORY AND HISTORICAL MYTH:
BLURRED BOUNDARIES IN ANTIQUITY**

University of Patras, 28th June - 1st July 2019

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Location: **Conference & Cultural Center** of the University of Patras, **Room I 10**

FRIDAY 28th JUNE 2019

9.30-10.00: Registration & Coffee

10.00-10.30: Welcome notes by Professor Menelaos Christopoulos (Director of the Center for the Study of Myth & Religion in Greek & Roman Antiquity) and Professor Nikolaos Karamanos, Vice Rector of Academic and International Affairs

I. HOMER AND ARCHAIC EPOS

10.30-11.50: 1st Session

10.30-10.50: **Jonathan Burgess** (University of Toronto): “Aristotle’s Constitution of the Ithacans’ and the *Odyssey*”

10.50-11.10: **Ronald Blankenburg** (Radboud University Nijmegen): “Odysseus into the Unknown: ‘Historical’ Geography as Pretext for Personal Objectives”

11.10-11.30: **Constantin Antypas** (University of Patras): “Authority, Power and Governability in the *Odyssey*: The Mythical Birth of the *Polis*”

11.30-11.50: Discussion

11.50-12.10: Coffee Break

12.10-13.30: 2nd Session

12.10-12.30: **Menelaos Christopoulos** (University of Patras): "Historicizing Homer's Myth in the Homeric Epigrams"

12.30-12.50: **Giuseppe Zanetto** (University of Milan): "*Let me tell you an ancient deed, of the distant past: The Epic Hero as a historian*"

12.50-13.10: **Luigi De Cristofaro** (University of Rome): "*Τεκμηριοῖ δὲ μάλιστα Ὅμηρος* (Thuc. 1.3.3.1) – Extracting data: History and Myth in Thucydides' Homer"

13.10-13.30: Discussion

13.30-14.30: Lunch

II. LYRIC POETRY

14.30-16.10: 3rd Session

14.30-14.50: **Hanne Eisenfeld** (Boston College): "Mythologizing Croesus in Bacchylides 3"

14.50-15.10: **Vasiliki Kousoulini** (University of Athens): "Domestic and Political Order in the 'Foundation Myths' of *Partheneia*"

15.10-15.30: **Lawrence Kowerski** (The City University of New York): "The Nobles Have Never Yet Destroyed the City: Chronological Poetics of the *Theognidea*"

15.30-15.50: **Ephraim Lytle** (University of Toronto): "Myth, Memory, Massacre: Reinterpreting an Elegiac Lament from Archaic Ambracia (SEG 41.540A)"

15.50-16.10: Discussion

16.10-16.30: Coffee break

16.30-17.50: 4th Session

16.30-16.50: **George W.M. Harrison** (Carleton University): "Myth and Nero"

III. HISTORIOGRAPHY

16.50-17.10: **James Ford** (University of Oxford): "PTSD in Herodotus: The Mythical Diagnosis of Epizelus"

17.10-17.30: **Olga Levaniouk** (University of Washington): "Seeking Agariste: A Herodotean Betrothal Myth Revisited"

17.30-17.50: Discussion

17.50-18.20: Coffee break

18.20-19.30: 5th Session

18.20-18.50: **Jordi Redondo** (University of Valencia): "The Herodotean Myth on the Origin of the Scythians"

18.50-19.10: **Thomas Carpenter** (Ohio University): "The 'Myth' of the Tyrannicides: The People versus the Historians"

19.10-19.30: Discussion

20.00: Welcome reception at "Πάρκο της Ειρήνης" (*Park of Peace*)

SATURDAY 29th JUNE 2019

9.30-11.10: 6th Session

9.30-9.50: **Natasha Bershadsky** (Center for Hellenic Studies): "The Argive Women, Beards and Democracy"

9.50-10.10: **Nanno Marinatos** (University of Illinois): "The Myth of Troy turned into History: Thucydides' Archaeology"

10.10-10.30: **James Andrews** (Ohio University): "Epitaphios and Epinician: Nostos and Oikos in Pericles' Praise of Athens"

10.30-10.50: **Marion Meyer** (University of Vienna): "Shaping History: The Case of the Tyrannicides and the Marathonomachoi"

10.50-11.10: Discussion

11.10-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-13.10: 7th Session

11.30-11.50: **Théo Polychronis** (Aix-Marseille University): "*Βραχέως τε καὶ τοῖς χρόνοις οὐκ ἀκριβῶς ἐπεμνήσθη* (Thuc. I 97) or Hellenicos' and Thucydides' Conflicting Concepts of Myth and History"

11.50-12.10: **Anna Potamiti** (University of Patras): "Popular Histories"

IV. Drama, Oratory, and Philosophy

12.10-12.30: **Paolo Cipolla** (University of Catania): "Re-writing a Sicilian Myth: The Palici and Aeschylus' *Aetnaeae*"

12.30-12.50: **Andreas Antonopoulos** (University of Patras): “Sophocles’ *Trachiniae* and the Peloponnesian War”

12.50-13.10: Discussion

13.10-14.30: Lunch

14.30-16.10: 8th Session

14.30-14.50: **Efimia Karakantza** (University of Patras): “To be buried or not to be buried? Civic Order, Athenian Legislation, and Sophocles’ *Antigone*”

14.50-15.10: **Gesthimani Seferiadi** (University of Patras): “The end of *Trachiniae*: Intentional Silence or Innocent Omission?”

15.10-15.30: **Eleni Karabela** (University of Patras): “The Legend of Palamedes in the Ancient Theatre: Historical Origins and Political Connotations”

15.30-15.50: **Ariadni Tatti – Eleni Alexandri – Stergiani Tzirvitsi** (University of Ioannina): “*Hiketeia* and *Asyilia* in Ancient Greek Mythical and Political Thought” [ΕΣΠΑ 2014-2020 “Operational Programme: Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning”, co-financed by Greece and the European Union]

15.50-16.10: Discussion

16.10-16.30: Coffee break

16.30-18.10: 9th Session

16.30-16.50: **Athina Papachrysostomou** (University of Patras): “Nectanebo II and Philip II in Mythic Disguise: Comedy’s Burlesque of History”

16.50-17.10: **Sandra Lúcia Rodrigues da Rocha** (University of Brasilia): “Myth, History, and Argumentation in Demosthenes’ *On the False Embassy*”

17.10-17.30: **Alejandro Díaz Fernández** (University of Malaga): “*Ἀρχαῖοι μῦθοι* or *λόγοι δυνάμενοι*? The Mythical History and its Political Impact under the Argead Dynasty”

17.50-18.10: Discussion

18.10-18.30: Coffee break

18.30-19.30: 10th Session

18.30-18.50: Nikos Charalabopoulos (University of Patras): “Plato’s Unfinished Symphony: The Alternative (pre)history of the Atlantis Myth”

18.50-19.10: Przemysław Biernat (Jagiellonian University): "Myth and Speculative History in the *Laws*: The Case of Primordial Cannibalism"

19.10-19.30: Discussion

SUNDAY 30th JUNE 2019

"Loci" and "Tempora"

9.30-11.10: 11th Session

9.30-9.50: Chiara Di Serio (University of Rome): "Marginal Remarks on the Concept of 'Time of Origins' in Classical Greek Culture"

9.50-10.10: Jorge Bravo (University of Maryland): "Myth and Rivalry in the Archaic Peloponnese: The Case of Argos and the Myth of Opheltes at Nemea"

10.10-10.30: Eleni Chronopoulou (University of Florence): "Myth and Stereotypes: Thessaly as the Land of Magic"

10.30-10.50: Kristen Millions (University of Oxford): "Myth, History, and the Indomitable In-Between: How Mythology has shaped Thessalian History and Archaeology"

10.50-11.10: Discussion

11.10-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-13.10: 12th Session

11.30-11.50: Richard Seaford (University of Exeter): "The Introduction of the Mother of the Gods at Athens: History or Myth?"

11.50-12.10: Ioannis Mitsios (University of Athens): "Mythical History and Historical Myths on the Acropolis of Athens: The Case of the Erechtheion"

12.10-12.30: András Patay-Horváth (Eötvös Loránd University): "Pelops and the Peloponnese: A Longstanding Rationalization and its Critique"

12.30-12.50: Manolis Pagkalos (University of Leicester): "Myth, History and Politics: Exploring the Role of the Past in Hellenistic Peloponnesos"

12.50-13.10: Discussion

13.10-14.30: Lunch

14.30-16.10: 13th Session

14.30-14.50: Mark Thatcher (Boston College): "Myth at the Foundation: Building Identities in Magna Graecia"

14.50-15.10: **Alexandros Velaoras** (University of Patras): "Myth and History in the Court of Archelaus"

15.10-15.30: **Chiara Meccariello** (University of Göttingen): "Arsinoe among the Nymphs: Myth, History and Power in School Texts from Ptolemaic Egypt"

15.30-15.50: **Kerasia Stratiki** (Hellenic Open University): "Mythical History and Historical Myth in Pausanias' *Periegesis*: The Case of the Foundation of the *polis* of Patras"

15.50-16.10: Discussion

16.10-16.30: Coffee break

16.30-18.20: 14th Session

16.30-16.50: **Orestes Mitintzis** (King's College London): "The Macedonian Foundation Myth and the Creation of Identities: A Post-Colonial Critique"

V. HELLENISTIC ERA

16.50-17.10: **Manolis Spanakis** (University of Cyprus): "ὕμετέρη ἀρχὴθεν γενεή: Intertwining the Mythical Past with the Historical Present in Rhianus' Epic Fragments"

17.10-17.30: **Paolo Daniele Scirpo** (University of Athens): "Hiero II's Propaganda Policy in his Kingdom"

17.50-18.20: Discussion

MONDAY 1st JULY 2019

VI. ROMAN ERA

9.30-11.10: 15th Session

9.30-9.50: **Stefano Acerbo** (University of Lille): "History and Myth in Imperial Mythography: Lycos' Polemarchy"

9.50-10.10: **Chris Trinacty** (Oberlin College): "Cyclical Time and History in Seneca's *Naturales Quaestiones*"

10.10-10.30: **Françoise Lecocq** (University of Caen): "The Phoenix in the Propaganda of Imperial Rome: A Myth at the Service of History"

10.30-10.50: **Michael Paschalis** (University of Crete): "The Interplay of Historical and Mythical Narrative Inside and Outside Roman epic"

10.50-11.10: Discussion

11.10-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-12.50: 16th Session

11.30-11.50: **Stefano Rozzi** (Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt): "Religio Instrumentum Belli: The Perspective of a General"

11.50-12.10: **Joel Allen** (The City University of New York): "Empire, Ethnicity, Exegesis: Lucian on Interpretations of Greek Myth in the Roman Mediterranean"

12.10-12.30: **Eva Astyrakaki** (University of Crete): "Myth and History in Dionysius of Halicarnassus' *Roman Antiquities*"

12.30-12.50: Discussion

12.50-14.00: Lunch

VII. LATE ANTIQUITY

14.00-15.20: 17th Session

14.00-14.20: **William Owens** (Ohio University): "*Mythos, Logos, Love, Slavery* in Longus' *Daphnis and Chloe*"

14.20-14.40: **Grammatiki Karla** (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens): "Myth and History in the Libanius' Imperial Speeches"

14.40-15.00: **Ioannis Doukas** (National University of Ireland, Galway): "(Plot)holes in the Wall and Hollow Horses"

15.00-15.20: Discussion

15.20-15.50: Coffee break

15.50-17.30: 18th Session

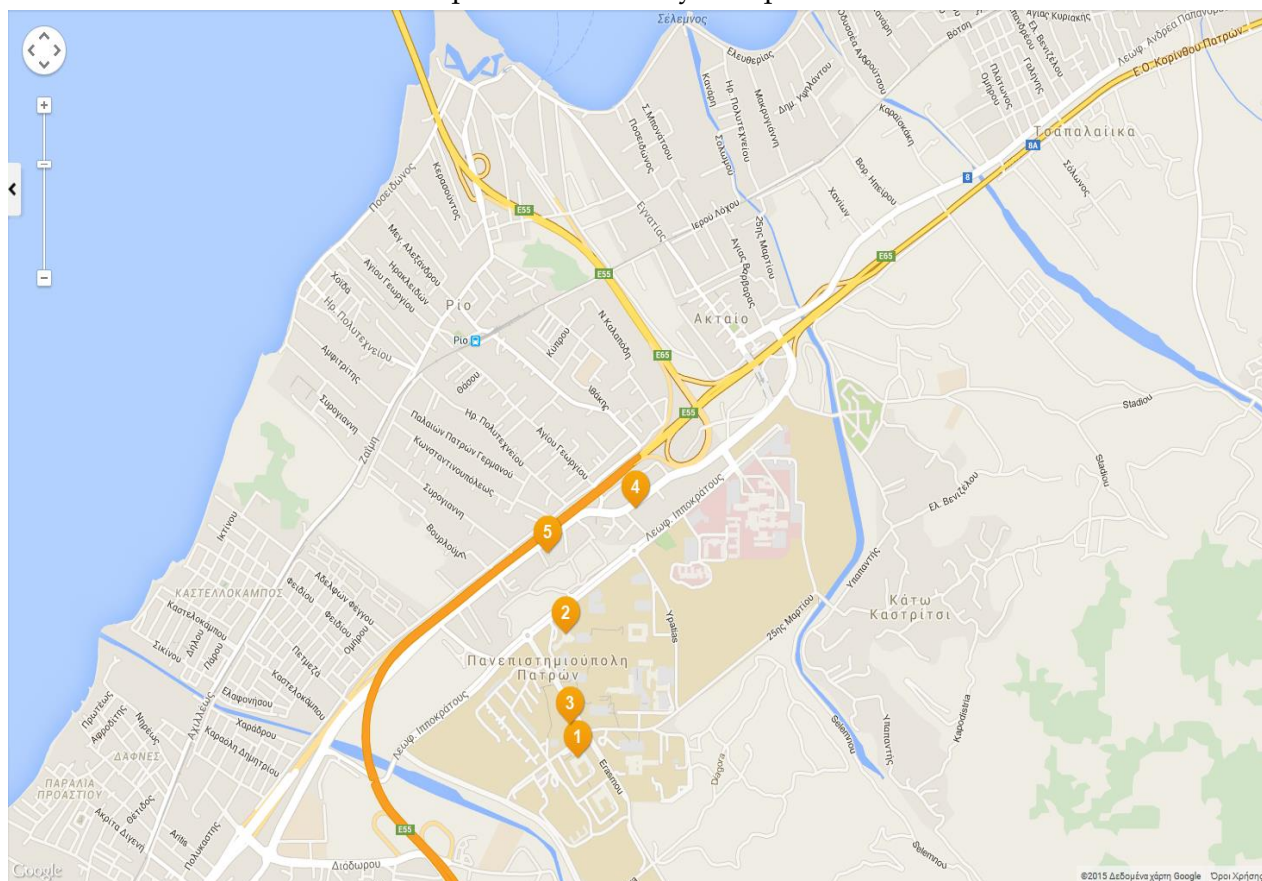
15.50-16.10: **Zoe Tsiami** (University of Thessaly): "Before the Resurrection: Literary Representations of Jesus' Crucifixion and Repose inside the Apocryphal Gospels"

16.10-16.30: **Tommaso Braccini** (University of Turin) & **Gemma Storti** (The Ohio State University): "Ecclesiastical Stories: The Historicization of Myths in Socrates of Constantinople"

16.30-16.50: Discussion

16.50-17.30: Closing remarks

Map of the University Campus



Legend:

1. Rectorate Building
2. Conference & Cultural Center
3. "Πάρκο Ειρήνης" (*Park of Peace*)
4. Castello Hotel
5. Kallirroe Hotel

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