Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium held Oct 25-27

Founded in 1968, the Modern Greek Studies Association is a professional association of scholars dedicated to promoting the gathering, preservation and dissemination of knowledge concerning all aspects of modern Greece and the Greek world. Every two years, MGSA holds a symposium hosted by different universities that run Programs of Modern Greek Studies across the country.

This year, the MGSA Symposium was hosted by the Modern Greek Program at Georgetown University in Washington DC, on October 25-27, 2001. In spite of last minute cancellations and smaller than usual attendance, due to the latest terrorist scare in the country, the Symposium proved a success with the varied and challenging papers presented by about thirty-five speakers and panelists.

The highlights of the Symposium were the Roundtables "Greece's Foreign Relations: Challenges and prospects in the Twenty-first Century" with Prof. Van Cpoufoudakis, Prof. Theodore Couloumbis and retired Ambassador Monteagle Steans on Thursday evening, followed by a reception with plenty of food and drinks at the Riggs Library; and the Roundtable "Greece and the Balkans: Historians' Perspectives" with Prof. Theodore Couloumbis, Prof. Thanos Veremis and Prof. Constantine Tsoucalas, followed by the Symposium Banquet at the Sea Catch Restaurant in Georgetown. Deborah Tannen was the keynote speaker of the evening with a presentation of the 1930s Greek novelist Lilika Nakou, whom she met and interviewed in the 1960s.

What gave the Symposium its special flavor was the presence of the two renowned novelists from Greece, Rhea Galanaki and Thanassis Valtinos, who presented their latest translated novels into English: I shall sign as Louis and Deep Blue, Almost Black. Their translators Helen Kolias and Jane Assimakopoulou respectively read excerpts from the translated novels while the novelists alternated with readings from the originals. The evening was opened by Prof. Edmund Keeley and was followed by a sumptuous reception hosted by the Hon. Ambassador of Greece Alexander Philon.

People interested in receiving more information about the Association can write to the Executive Director John O. Iatrides at MGSA P.O. Box 1826 New Haven, CT 06508, USA.
Mark your calendars:

Apostolos Paraskevas, guitarist and Erika Tordeus Paraskevas, soprano at St. George on Nov 9th. Find more information on the current events section of our web site: http://www.prometheas.org/current.htm

A lecture and book signing by Thea Halo, Author of “Not even my name” on Nov 18th (See announcement on last page).

Greek literature and culture workshops continue at St. George

The workshops on modern Greek literature by Dr. Maria Anastasopoulou will continue at St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Bethesda once a month (usually Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 pm). For information call Dr. Anastasopoulou at 301-384-8945

More Greek Films by Prometheas coming up

Showing of Greek Films by Prometheas will commence at the end of November, after Thanksgiving. Prometheas will present the following two Greek Films: Peppermint, a 1999 film directed by Costas Kapakas and Four Seasons of the Law, a 1999 film directed by Dimos Avdeliotis. These films will be shown at the Foundry Cinema of Georgetown. Announcement with details will be circulated soon.

Misc News

Greek dance classes for the 40, 50 and 60 year young group at RTO!
Day: every Wednesday
Time: 8:00 PM
Place: Rena Papapostolou’s home studio at 11516 Deborah Dr., Potomac, MD
Telephone: 301-983-5012
Starting on Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Recent Books

The following is a list of some recent books related to Greek culture, history and politics. Knowledge about the Balkans and the Near East, especially about the relations between the European and Islamic civilizations, is essential in understanding some current events. Greece was and continues to be at the edge of the European world facing Islam.

Listed are titles and authors. Additional information may be accessed through the links
provided:

**Tales of Heroes**  
The Origins of the Homeric Texts  
Ione Mylonas Shear  
Pages/Illustr. xiv+356 p. (150 illustrations, plans)  
Clothbound ISBN: 0-89241-537-1 Price: $80.00  

**Stories of the Greeks and Romans**  
Introduction to Classical Mythology  
Donald Richardson  
Pages/Illustr. xx+532  
Paperbound ISBN: 0-89241-549-5 Price: $35.00  

**The Good Idea: Democracy and Ancient Greece**  
John A. Koumoulides, editor  
Series/ Number Hellenism: Ancient, Mediaeval, Modern, 22  
Pages/Illustr. 200 p. (illustrated)  
Clothbound ISBN: 0-89241-562-2 Price: $30.00  

**Greece and Turkey after the End of the Cold War**  
Christodoulos Yiallourides & Panagiotis Tsakonas, editors  
Series/ Number Ancient Regions, Modern Geopolitics, 2  
Pages/Illustr. x + 497 p.  
Paperbound ISBN: 0-89241-593-2 Price: $30.00  

**The Ambassador as Historian: An Eyewitness Account of Bulgarian-Greek Relations in the 1980s**  
Nikolai Todorov  
Pages/Illustr. xii+307  
Paperbound ISBN: 0-89241-587-8 Price: $35.00  

**Readings in Modern Greek Literature**  
For Intermediate and Advanced Students of Modern Greek and Others Interested in Modern Greek Literature but Lacking the Vocabulary to Understand It.  
Helen Dendrinou Kolias  
Pages/Illustr. 384 p.  
Paperbound ISBN: 0-89241-589-4 Price: $30.00  

**Between East & West: The Balkan and Mediterranean Worlds**
Traian Stoianovich
Series/ Number Subsidia Balcanica, Islamica et Turcica

Vol. 1. Economies and Societies: Land, Lords and Middlemen
Pages/Illustr. xviii+160 (55 illustrations)
Clothbound ISBN: 0-89241-501-0 Price: $85.00

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Vol. 2. Economies and Societies: Traders, Towns, and Households
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Vol. 3. Material Culture and Mentalites: Power and Ideology
Pages/Illustr. 160 p. (40 illustrations)
Clothbound ISBN: 0-89241-506-1 Price: $95.00

Vol. 4. Material Culture and Mentalites: Land, Sea and Destiny
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Clothbound ISBN: 0-89241-507-X Price: $95.00
Also available in a four volume set.
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As told by her daughter, Thea, this is the compelling story of a young Pontian Greek girl who survived the Turkish death marches that annihilated her family, and her pilgrimage, seventy years later, in search of her ancestral home.

Sunday, November 18, 2001
3:30-5:30 P.M.

At Founders’ Hall
St. George’s Church Greek Orthodox Church
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