

ENVISIONING THE GREEK LANDSCAPE

From Thera to Climate Change Conference

19.10.2023 - 21.10.2023

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SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE DAY 1



Thursday (4 panels, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm)

📍 **Kostis Palamas Building**, Main Auditorium

9:00 – 10:30 am

The Past is the Future: Climate Change in Antiquity

Moderator, **Bonna Wescoat** (American School of Classical Studies at Athens)

a “Volcanically-Induced Climate Change and Societal Resilience in the 420s BCE Aegean”	Ruben Post (University of St. Andrews, UK)
b “Mother Nature Delivers Moral Lessons: Invoking the Natural Environment in Ancient Greek Wisdom”	Nikos Lazaridis (Sacramento State University, USA)
c “Notions about the Anthropogenic Character of Disasters in Antiquity”	Justine Walter (International University of Applied Sciences, Germany)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Medieval East: Byzantium and the Environment

Moderator, **Sharon Gerstel** (UCLA, USA)

a	“Water, Water, Everywhere but not a Drop To Drink’, Constantine’s Legacy and Water Management in Medieval Constantinople”	Jim Crow (University of Edinburgh, UK)
b	“A ‘Little Ice Age’ in the Byzantine Empire?”	Sam White (University of Helsinki, Finland)
c	“Environmental Challenges to Agricultural Production in a Transforming Byzantine Landscape (6th-12th c.): The Archaeological View”	Nikos Tsivikis (Institute of Mediterranean Studies, Crete)

2:30 – 4:00 pm

A Sacred Duty: The Greek Orthodox Church and the Environment

Moderator, **Athanasios Grammenos** (University of Piraeus)

a	“The Sacredness of Matter: A Timely Historical Inquiry”	Niki Tsironi (National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens)
b	“Sacred Buildings in the Wild. Aspects of the Relationship Between Rural Churches and the Natural Environment in Early Modern and Modern Greece”	Andreas Doulfis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
c	“Ecology and Theology: What Does Church Have to Do with Climate?”	John Chryssavgis (Ecumenical Patriarchate)

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Past Approaches, Modern Legacies: The Environment in the Ottoman Empire

Moderator, **Molly Greene** (Princeton University, USA)

a	“Human pressure in the Argive Plain (16th–18th c. CE)”	Georgios Liakopoulos (Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology, Germany)
b	“The Ottoman Dodecanese as an Environmental Borderland”	Chris Gratien (University of Virginia, USA)
c	“Bread Riot in the Vicinity of Smyrna in 1890: The Experience of Greek Sharecroppers During the Late 19th-Century Droughts”	Önder Eren Akgül (Kadir Has University, Turkey)

7:30 – 9:30 pm

Opening Night Reception

7:30–8:00 pm	Welcoming Remarks - Vice Rector of Academic International Relations and Extroversion, Professor Sophia Papaioannou
8:00 - 9:30 pm	Reception



SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE DAY 2



Friday (3 panels, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm)

📍 **Kostis Palamas Building**, Main Auditorium

9:00 – 10:30 am

Modern Approaches, Modern Problems: The Early Greek State and the Environment, Part I

Moderator, **Katerina Lagos** (Sacramento State University, USA)

a “Land Reforms and Landscape Transformations in Mainland Greece (circa 1800-1960s): A Preliminary Report”

Socrates Petmezas (University of Crete)

b “Forests’ Conservation in Interwar Greece”

Iosif Botetzagias (University of the Aegean)

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Modern Approaches, Modern Problems: The Early Greek State and the Environment, Part II

Moderator, **James Horncastle** (Simon Fraser University, Canada)

a	“Geography, Health and the Greek Peasantry: Malaria in a Fragmented Land”	Katerina Gardikas (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
b	“The Ecological and Productive Paradigm Shift in Macedonia: Large Land-Reclamation Projects in the Province from 1928 to 1938”	George L. Vlachos (EIE, National Institute of Research, Athens)
c	“The Long 20th Century: Slow and Fast Agricultural Modernization, Landscape Change, and Conservation”	Thanasis Kizos (University of the Aegean)

2:30 – 4:00 pm

A Moment of Change: The Environment and Contemporary Greece

Moderator, **Andreas Kakridis** (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens)

a	“The Politics of Common Agricultural Policy in Greece from an Environmental Perspective”	George Vlahos (Agricultural University of Athens) and Stathis Klonaris (Agricultural University of Athens)
b	“Youth, Socio-Political Participation and the Environment in Greece, in Times of Increasing Inequalities: A Micro and Meso Level Approach”	Maria Paschou (University of Crete), Angelos Loukakis (National Centre of Social Research, Athens), Maria Kousis and Stefania Kalogeraki (University of Crete)
c	“Environmental Security in Greece”	Charis Gerosideris (Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University, Saudi Arabia)

SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE DAY 3



Saturday (4:00 - 8:00 pm)

Roundtable and Keynote lecture

📍 **Cotsen Hall, American School of Classical Studies,**
9 Anapiron Polemou, GR-106 76, Athens

4:00–6:30 pm

Roundtable - Contextualizing Greek Environmental Concerns in a Global Context

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Keynote Lecture - Dr. Andreas Papandreou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

8:00–9:30 pm

Concluding Remarks and Reception

ENVISIONING THE GREEK LANDSCAPE Policy Panel



Andreas Borgeas is a politician who has served as a California State Senator and an appointed commissioner on the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Borgeas now specializes in the renewable energy sectors of California and Greece.



Constantinos Cartalis is Professor of Environmental and Climate Physics at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He is an acting member of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change as well as of the respective Scientific Committee in Greece.



Argyro Psaltakou is a Civil Engineer NTUA, MSc Port Management, and Vice President at the company TEKAL S.A., which has undertaken, among other things, the development of the Vouliagmeni Marina renovation project.



Svend Robinson was elected to the Canadian Parliament from Vancouver in 1979 as one of the youngest MPs, a member of the left wing NDP. He served for more than 25 years, an outspoken advocate on justice and human rights, the environment, and Indigenous rights.



Moderator – Ino Afentouli is Executive Director of the leading university research institute in Greece affiliated to the Department of International and European Studies at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. Afentouli also currently serves as Program Manager, NATO Public Division, and is part of the team on NATO2030, the flagship project launched by the Secretary General.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Andreas A. Papandreou is a Professor of Environmental Economics at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He is a member of the Climate Change Impacts Study Committee of the Bank of Greece. He is the Director of the Political Economy of Sustainable Development Lab (PESD) and Co-chair of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Greece (SDSN Greece).

SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2023

7:00 P.M.

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