

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

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

**University of Patras, 28<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

**organized by**

**the “Center for the Study of Myth and Religion in Greek and Roman Antiquity”,**

**Department of Philology**

**under the auspices of University of Patras**



**FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> 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 University of Patras Rectorate

## I. HOMER AND ARCHAIC EPOS

### 10.30-11.50: 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Ὀμηρος* (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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Session

14.30-14.50: **Malcolm Davies** (University of Oxford): "Narrative in Bacchylides 17"

14.50-15.10: **Hanne Eisenfeld** (Boston College): "Mythologizing Croesus in Bacchylides 3"

15.10-15.30: **Vasiliki Kousoulini** (University of Athens): "Domestic and Political Order in the 'Foundation Myths' of *Partheneia*"

15.30-15.50: **Lawrence Kowerski** (The City University of New York): "The Nobles Have Never Yet Destroyed the City: Chronological Poetics of the *Theognidea*"

15.50-16.10: Discussion

16.10-16.30: Coffee break

### 16.30-17.50: 4<sup>th</sup> Session

16.30-16.50: **Ephraim Lytle** (University of Toronto): "Myth, Memory, Massacre: Reinterpreting an Elegiac Lament from Archaic Ambracia (*SEG* 41.540A)"

16.50-17.10: **George Harrison** (Carleton University): "Myth and History in Prayers in Performance"

## III. HISTORIOGRAPHY

17.10-17.30: **James Ford** (University of Oxford): "PTSD in Herodotus: The Mythical Diagnosis of Epizelus"

17.30-17.50: Discussion

17.50-18.20: Coffee break

### **18.20-19.50: 5<sup>th</sup> Session**

18.20-18.50: **Olga Levaniouk** (University of Washington): "Seeking Agariste: A Herodotean Betrothal Myth Revisited"

18.50-19.10: **Jordi Redondo** (University of Valencia): "The Herodotean Myth on the Origin of the Scythians"

19.10-19.30: **Thomas Carpenter** (Ohio University): "The 'Myth' of the Tyrannicides: The People versus the Historians"

19.30-19.50: Discussion

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

### **SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

#### **9.30-11.10: 6<sup>th</sup> 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): "The Funeral Oration: Thucydides' Engagement with τὸ μνηστῆδες and Athenian Intentional History"

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: 7<sup>th</sup> 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): “Turning History to Story: The Case of Aeschylus’ *Persians*”

12.50-13.10: Discussion

13.10-14.30: Lunch

### 14.30-16.10: 8<sup>th</sup> 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: 9<sup>th</sup> 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: 10<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

### **“Loci” and “Tempora”**

#### **9.30-11.10: 11<sup>th</sup> 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: 12<sup>th</sup> 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: 13<sup>th</sup> 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

### 16.30-17.50: 14<sup>th</sup> 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: **Anke Walter** (University of Newcastle): "Myth and History in Callimachus' *Hymn to Apollo*"

17.10-17.30: **Manolis Spanakis** (University of Crete): "ὑμετέροι ἀρχῆθεν γενεή: Intertwining the Mythical Past with the Historical Present in Rhianus' Epic Fragments"

17.50-18.10: **Paolo Daniele Scirpo** (University of Athens): "Hiero II's Propaganda Policy in his Kingdom"

18.10-18.30: Discussion



**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2019**

**VI. ROMAN ERA**

**9.30-11.10: 15<sup>th</sup> 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

**11.30-13.10: 16<sup>th</sup> Session**

11.30-11.50: **Biagio Santorelli** (University of Genoa): "Searching for the Golden Age in Roman 'Real' History"

11.50-12.10: **Katharina-Maria Schön** (University of Vienna): "Acerba Fata Romanos Agunt - Unravelling Rome's Mytho-Historic Foundations: Born to Live or Doomed to Fail?"

12.10-12.30: **Stefano Rozzi** (Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt): "Religio Instrumentum Belli: The Perspective of a General"

12.30-12.50: **Joel Allen** (The City University of New York): "Empire, Ethnicity, Exegesis: Lucian on Interpretations of Greek Myth in the Roman Mediterranean"

12.50-13.10: Discussion

13.10-14.30: Lunch

**14.30-15.50: 16<sup>th</sup> Session**

14.30-14.50: **Jane Francis** (Concordia University): "Artemis in Roman Crete: The Greek Past and the Roman Present"

14.50-15.10: **Eva Astyrakaki** (University of Crete): "Myth and History in Dionysius of Halicarnassus' *Roman Antiquities*"

**VII. LATE ANTIQUITY**

15.10-15.30: **William Owens** (Ohio University): "*Mythos, Logos, Love, Slavery in Longus' Daphnis and Chloe*"

15.30-15.50: Discussion

15.50-16.10: Coffee break

**16.10-18.00: 17<sup>th</sup> Session**

16.10-16.30: **Grammatiki Karla** (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens): "Myth and History in the Libanius' Imperial Speeches"

16.30-16.50: **Ioannis Doukas** (National University of Ireland, Galway): "(Plot)holes in the Wall and Hollow Horses"

16.50-17.10: **Zoe Tsiami** (University of Thessaly): "Before the Resurrection: Literary Representations of Jesus' Crucifixion and Repose inside the Apocryphal Gospels"

17.10-17.30: **Tommaso Braccini** (University of Turin) & **Gemma Storti** (The Ohio State University): “Ecclesiastical Stories: The Historicization of Myths in Socrates of Constantinople”

17.30-18.00: Discussion

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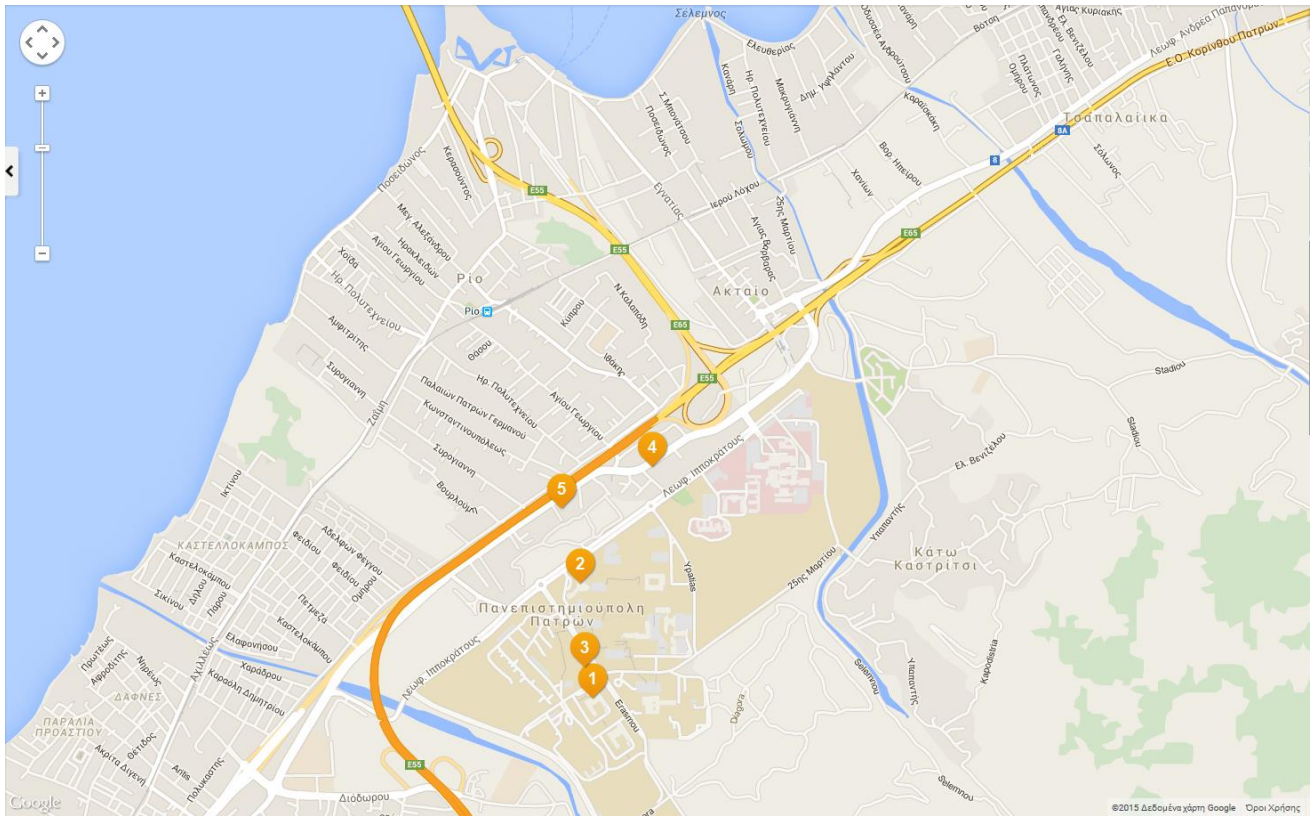
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## Map of the University Campus



### Legend:

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