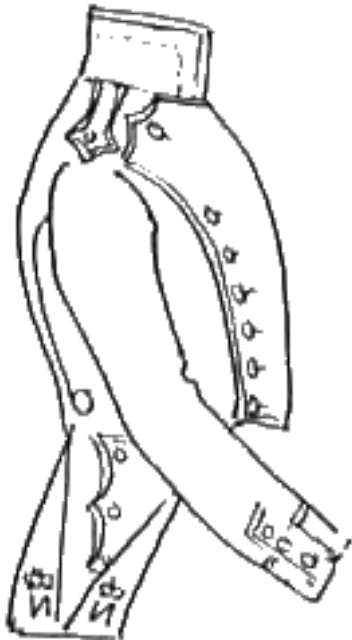




INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Philhellenism and the Greek Revolution of 1821:
Towards a Global History**



15 – 17 March 2023, Athens

Book Castle, National Library of Greece

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center

09.30 – 10.00: Official opening – Welcome (Invited officials)

**HE the Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Hellenic Republic,
Mr Matthew Lodge**

Professor Rebecca Sweetman, Director, British School at Athens

Stavros Zoumboulakis, President of Supervisory Council, National Library of Greece

10.15 – 10.30: Introduction to the conference, Michalis Sotiropoulos, British School at Athens

10.30 – 12.00: The Greek Revolution, slavery and the politics of race

Moderator: Maurizio Isabella

- **Lilia Diamantopoulou**

Fighting for freedom: The Black experience in the Greek Independence war

- **Giorgos Giannikos**, University of the Peloponnese

Ελληνική Επανάσταση και Αφροαμερικανικός τύπος: η φιλελληνική στάση της εφημερίδας «Freedom's Journal» [The Greek Revolution and the African-American press: The philhellenism of the newspaper Freedom's Journal]

- **Alasdair Grant**

Thomas Gordon, Philhellenism and slavery

Break

12.30 – 14.00: Philhellenism and empire: British politics and the colonial imagination

Moderator: Roderick Beaton

- **Aristides Hatzis**

'The ornament of the House of Brunswick': The Duke of Sussex and his involvement in Greek Affairs from 1817 to 1828

- **Sakis Gekas** – via zoom

'Neutrality does not bother me': Charles Napier, Philhellenism as colonial benevolence, and the Ionian Islands during the Revolution

- **Paul Stock**

The idea of Greece in British geographical thought, 1770–1830

Lunch break

16.00 - 17.30: Philhellenism and modern political and historical thought

Moderator: Tzortzis Ikonomou

- **Alexandra Sfoini**

*Ο λόγος περί οθωμανικού δεσποτισμού στην Ευρώπη και η Ελληνική Επανάσταση
[Discourse on Ottoman despotism in Europe and the Greek Revolution]*

- **Nikolas Pissis**

On the first German histories of the Greek Revolution

- **Elisavet Papalexopoulou**

'Our beloved Greek sisters...': philhellenism as gendered political practice

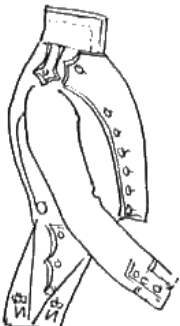
Break

18.00 – 19.00: Keynote lecture

Moderator: Christina Koulouri

Georgios Varouxakis

*In the name of Europe, Christendom, or the Occident?
Resurgent Hellas and the Idea of the West*



09.30 – 11.00: Philhellenism as culture

Moderator: David Holton

- **Spiridoula Demetriou**

Philhellene art and Mesologgi as the crucible of the Greek Revolution globally

- **Alexander Grammatikos** - via zoom

Staged pleasantries and imagined communities: Alexandros Mavrokordatos and Theodoros Kolokotronis in Romantic-era British literature

- **William Barton**

'Cultural' Philhellenism in 19th-century Paris: The correspondence of Georges Theodoropoulos and Charles-Benoît Hase

Break

11.30 – 13.00: Transnational Philhellenism (1) and the politics of opposition in Restoration Europe

Moderator: Aristides Hatzis

- **Anna Karakatsouli**

*Ο φιλελληνισμός στην Αντιπολίτευση
[Philhellenism in opposition]*

- **Vicky Karafoulidou**

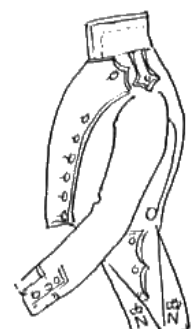
Όψεις του γαλλικού φιλελληνισμού: η περίπτωση της Revue Encyclopédique τη δεκαετία του 1820

[Aspects of French Philhellenism: The case of the Revue Encyclopédique during the 1820s]

- **Miltos Pechlivanos**

*Ο γερμανικός φοιτητικός εταιρισμός και η φιλελληνική κινητοποίηση
[German student associationism and Philhellenic mobilisation]*

Lunch break



14.30 – 16.00: Transnational Philhellenism (2): The Mediterranean

Moderator: Anna Karakatsouli

- **Lucien Frary**

Russian Philhellenes and Ionian Russophiles: Tsarist interventions, political experimentation, and military traditions in the Ionian Islands (1768–1807)

- **Maurizio Isabella**

Crossing the Mediterranean in the age of empire and revolution: From Sicily to the Greek world

- **Maria - Christina Chatziioannou**

The construction of the history of Italian Philhellenism

Break

16.30 – 18.00: Networks of trade, knowledge and practice

Moderator: Lucien Frary

- **Gelina Harlaftis and Katerina Galani**

The transnational entrepreneurial networks of the Greeks, the shipping fleet and the 'loans of Independence' from Great Britain

- **Athanassios Barlagiannis**

Étienne-Marin Bailly and Samuel Gridley Howe: Ideas and practices of a medical Philhellenism

- **Christos Aliprantis**

Ο Φιλελληνισμός και οι απαρχές της διακρατικής αστυνόμευσης στην κεντρική Ευρώπη, 1821–1830

[Philhellenism and the beginning of inter-state policing in central Europe, 1821–1830]

Break

18.30 – 19.00: Launch of the website Digital Finlay

Rebecca Sweetman, Amalia Kakissis, Michalis Sotiropoulos, Felicity Crowe

09.30 – 11.00: Philhellenism as catalyst of a new world order

Moderator: Michalis Sotiropoulos

- **George Giannakopoulos**

Empire and the Ottoman East: E.A. Freeman and George Finlay on Greece and the 'Eastern Question'

- **Ada Dialla**

Russian Philhellenism and utopias for a 'new' world

- **Thomas R. Bull**

Beyond the Revolution: The afterlives of Anglo-American Philhellenism and the emergence of humanitarianism

Break

11.30 – 13.00: Philhellenism in action: War and its echoes abroad

Moderator: Georgios Varouxakis

- **Iakovos Michailidis** - via zoom

Philhellenes in the revolutionary army of Alexandros Ypsilantis: Transnational dimensions of the Greek Revolution

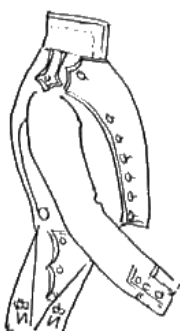
- **Romina N. Tsakiri**

Άγγλοι φιλελεύθεροι και Έλληνες οπλαρχηγοί. Η δράση του Leicester Fitzgerald Charles Stanhope
[British liberals and Greek warlords: The activities of Leicester Fitzgerald Charles Stanhope]

- **Tzortzis Ikonou**

Reading about the Revolution: The 'Telegrafo Greco' and European newspapers

Lunch Break



14.30 – 16.30: Transnational Philhellenism (3): Women, friends, and national movements

Moderator: Gelina Harlaftis

- **Rachel Holmes**

Proto-Feminist Philhellenism: How the Greek Revolution created a transnational women's rights movement

- **Simos Zenios** - via zoom

'The furious chaos of friend and foe': Philhellenism, friendship, revolution

- **Maria Kalinowska**

Between universality and particularity: The 1821 Greek uprising from the perspective of Polish Philhellenism – literature, journalism and political discourse

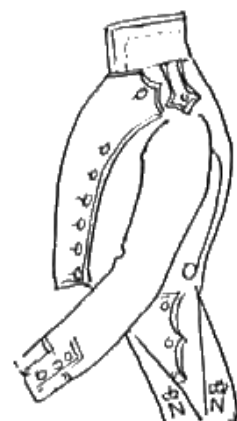
- **Denys Barau**

From Greece to Poland: The installation of a model

Break

17.00 – 17.30: Concluding remarks and closing of the conference

- **Stavros Zoumboulakis**, on behalf of the National Library of Greece
- **Roderick Beaton**, on behalf of the British School at Athens



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THE PROJECT



Unpublished Archives of British Philhellenism during the Greek Revolution of 1821



This conference is taking place under the auspices of the research project *Unpublished archives of British Philhellenism during the Greek Revolution of 1821*, whose aim is to shed new light on the relationship between Philhellenism and the Greek Revolution of 1821. Carried out at the British School at Athens (BSA), in collaboration with the National Library of Greece (NLG), it enjoys the generous support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF).

With a timespan of three years (2021-24), the project will lead to two closely related outcomes. The one is to create a digital archive that will go live in stages between 2023 and 2024 containing original items from the papers of Scottish volunteer and historian George Finlay (1799–1875), as well as those of Captain Frank Abney Hastings (1794–1828); both together form the Finlay collection held at the BSA. The other will be a volume of essays by leading experts, linking these archive holdings to the broader history of Philhellenism, to be included (in print and electronically) in the BSA series *Modern Greek and Byzantine Studies*, published by Routledge.

Along with the digital archive and the international conference, upcoming highlights of the project include a series of smaller outputs and events – blog posts, talks, workshops, seminars. Updates on these, as well as further information on the project, can be found on the project’s webpages. Please visit <https://www.bsa.ac.uk/research-2/britishphilhellenism/> or scan here:



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