

Conference Programme

22-24/10/25

CONFERENCE

Mountains of Greece

Heritage narratives
from the past for a
sustainable future



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Wednesday 22 October 2025

18:00 - 19:15 - opening event: *Writing Greece: An evening with Sofka Zinovieff and Julian Hoffman*

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19:15 - 20:30 - reception

Thursday 23 October 2025

Session 1, Thursday a.m.

9:00 - 9:30 - Welcome: Rebecca Sweetman, Jason König, British Ambassador to Greece Matthew Lodge

9:30 - 11:00:

- Elena Kountouri (Hellenic Ministry of Culture), Sophia Zoumbaki (National Hellenic Research Foundation): *The world of the shepherd: Responses of Greek research projects and administrative initiatives to the challenge of preservation of the tangible and intangible heritage in mountainous archaeological sites of Greece*
- Brady Kiesling (Topostext): *Remonumentalizing the Greek countryside*
- Vanessa Archontidou (Alpinist, Mountain Leader, European Climate Pact Ambassador, Founder: AWomanCanBe): *Voices on the mountain: Women, wisdom, and the will to protect*

11:00 - 11:30: COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 13:00:

- Kalliopi Stara (University of Ioannina): *Vegetation imprints of the sacred in the cultural landscape of Zagori*
- Diana Fagoudi, John Iliopoulos (We4All): *We4all and the global effort to protect and restore the ecosystems of our mountains*
- Kit Tan (University of Copenhagen): *The botanical heritage of the Greek mountains with special reference to the Peloponnese*

13:00 - 14:00: LUNCH BREAK

Session 2, Thursday p.m.

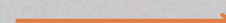
14:00-15:30:

- Sylvian Fachard (University of Lausanne, Swiss School of Archaeology in Greece): *Conducting archaeological survey in mountains: Cases from Greece and Switzerland*
- Penelope Matsouka (Anavasi): *A life's journey on the Greek mountains, through mountaineering, nature protection projects, raising children, cartography, aerial photography*
- Socrates Koursoumis (Hellenic Ministry of Culture): *Messenian Taygetos: Traces of ancient history and archaeological surveys in the western part of the mountain range*

15:30 - 16:00: COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 18:00:

- Bonna Wescoat, Bailey Green (American School of Classical Studies at Athens): *Mount Fengari on Samothrace: In defense of mountain heritage*
- Myrsini Malakou, Julia Henderson (Society for the Protection of Prespa): *Sometimes, you just need to change your altitude!*
- Stefanos Sidiropoulos (CEO of Trekking Hellas, Head of Bafi Refuge Parnitha): *Mountain environments, outdoor activities and sustainable development: the work of Trekking Hellas*
- Maria Christodoulou (The Greek Herbalist): *Medicine on the mountain: Ancient remedies from Dioscorides' De Materia Medica*



Friday 24 October 2025

Session 3, Friday a.m.

9:00 - 11:00:

- Molly Greene (Princeton University): *Mountains in the Ottoman centuries*
- Giannis Apostolou (All Souls College, Oxford): *Erosion? What erosion? Land-use lifeways, environmental adaptability and community stories in the mid-montane landscapes of Grevena (Western Macedonia)*
- Fivos Tsaravopoulos, Konstantinos Karantzoulis (Paths of Greece): *Paths of Greece: Creating sustainable hiking destinations*
- Faidon Moudopoulos-Athanasίου (Barcelona Supercomputing Center): *Engaging communities through landscape archaeology: A model from Zagori (NW Greece)?*

11:00 - 11:30: COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:00:

- David Gilman Romano (University of Arizona), Dimitris Papakonstantinou (National Technical University of Athens), Nota Pantzou (University of Patras): *The Parrhasian Heritage Park of the Peloponnese: A progress report (60 minutes) (The Idea of the Parrhasian Heritage Park; Environmental planning in the Parrhasian Heritage Park; The Parrhasian Heritage Park Field School: Working with and for mountain communities)*
- Marilena Mela (Boulouki, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): *Sustaining by engaging: Roots and itineraries of Boulouki travelling workshop on the Epirus mountains*

13:00 - 14:00: LUNCH BREAK

Session 4, Friday p.m.

14:00 - 16:00:

- Alexis Katsaros (Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos): *Rivers of the mountains, veins of life: Safeguarding the Aoos/Vjosa as a transboundary ecological and cultural corridor*
- Julian Hoffman (Author, *The Small Heart of Things*, 2013; *Irreplaceable: The Fight to Save our Wild Places*, 2020; *Lifelines*, 2025): *A common course: Stories from mountain rivers in Greece and Albania*
- Angeliki Kosmopoulou (Founder, Story Mentor): *The mountain and the journey: Storytelling, trial, and transformation*
- Elena Scarsella (Barcelona Supercomputing Center): *Mountains of Italy: A comparative view on orality and narratives from the past in the central Apennines*

16:00 - 16:30: COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 18:00:

- Tina Kalantzopoulou (Belgian School at Athens): *The mountains of Crete in the Bronze Age: Current archaeological approaches*
- Yiannis Papadatos and George Tzoufras (Department of History and Archaeology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): *The role of central administrative intervention on mountain exploitation: Insights from ethnographic and archaeological investigations in East Crete*
- Sotiris Tsoukarelis (High Mountains Social Co-operative): *Mountains of change: Cooperativism for a sustainable rural future in Epirus*

Registration

For capacity and security reasons, it is strictly necessary to register for in person participation

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