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8th European Congress of Modern Greek Studies (Palermo 15-18 June 2027)

Archipelaga: language, literature, history and arts of Modern Hellenism

The European Society of Modern Greek Studies (EENS) organizes, in cooperation with the Dipartimento Culture e società/Studi Neogreci of the University of Palermo and the Italian Society of Modern Greek Studies (ISMGS), the 8th European Congress of Modern Greek Studies from 15 to 18 June 2027.

The 8th European Congress of Modern Greek Studies addresses researchers in the wider field of scholarly areas and specializations regarding Modern Greek Studies (literature, history, philology, linguistics and language didactics, theater and cinema studies, comparative literature and cultural studies, anthropology, archaeology, history of art, musicology, international relations and political science).

We invite submissions that explore the interdisciplinary, comparative and intercultural dimensions of Modern Greek Studies. Early-career researchers in these and related fields are particularly encouraged to apply; the conference offers opportunities for scholarly exchange, networking and publication in the conference proceedings.

Paper proposals should engage with methodological questions and present new approaches or perspectives on texts, images, objects and linguistic phenomena.

As central (but by no means exclusive) thematic fields we propose:

- Dialects, idioms, bilingualism, loanwords and linguistic osmosis in the Mediterranean
- The Aegean, the Ionian and the Black Sea as symbols, myths and landscapes in Modern Greek literature
- Literary production beyond the canon: song, orality, ephemera and “minor” genres
- Arts and archipelagic aesthetics: theatre, cinema, painting and music
- Ottoman, Venetian and colonial legacies and their cultural imprints
- Cultural history of shipping, maritime routes and island formations
- Digital “archipelagos” and Digital Humanities: new forms and formats of cultural activity and their analysis
- Travel writing, travelogues, portolan charts, maps and imaginaries
- The archipelago as a site of experience, authenticity, or consumption
- Diasporic networks, migratory flows, refugeehood, historical and contemporary forms of mobility
- Historical trajectories of the Greek book, publishing practices and the periodical press

Thirty (30) grants of 350 euros each will be awarded to young researchers, to enable them to participate in the congress. The abstracts of the applicants must have been previously approved by the members of the Scientific Committee, and the applicants must not hold a position at a university or a research foundation or participate in a financed research program. The grants will be disbursed after the conclusion of the congress, upon submission of the final paper for publication in the conference proceedings.

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Location of the 8th Congress of Modern Greek Studies

All conference auditoria and meeting spaces are located on the University of Palermo campus.

Abstract Submission

Each presentation will last twenty (20) minutes, followed by five (5) minutes for discussion and questions. Interested participants are invited to submit abstracts (maximum 400 words, bibliography excluded) exclusively via EasyChair:

<https://easychair.org/my/conference?conf=eenspalermo2027>

The last date for the submission of abstracts is 30 June 2026. The abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by the Scientific Committee. Late or off-link submissions will not be considered.

Please prepare all required information—personal details, title, and abstract—before beginning the submission process and complete the form fields without uploading any files. Instructions for submitting an abstract are provided in English and Greek on the congress website:

<https://www.unipa.it/dipartimenti/cultureesocieta/VIII-Congresso-europeo-di-studi-greci-moderni/index.html>

The congress languages are Greek and English.

Participation and registration

The congress registration fee is 90,00 €. The congress website will provide ongoing updates on practical matters, including transportation and recommended accommodation.

In case of questions please visit the website of the congress or contact us via email:
eens.palermo2027@gmail.com

On behalf of the Executive Board of EENS,

Vassilios Sabatakakis,
President, Lund, 17 April 2026