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"When a nation desires independence, a revolution is probable, but when it is spurred into action by an appetite for revenge as well as by a passion for liberty, a revolution becomes inevitable."

George Orwell

BICENTENNIAL OF THE GREEK REVOLUTION (1821-2021)
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
12-13 MARCH 2021
The Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution (1821-2021) offers the occasion to revisit and rethink many of the issues raised and fought over in the critical period of political and social upheaval and ideological change that has been canonized in historiography as the “Age of Revolution”, extending from 1776 to 1848. The Greek Revolution in 1821 was a pivotal event in the period of repression that followed the defeat of the French Revolution in 1815. It signaled the earliest expression of the hope of freedom that was to initiate a process of revival and transmission of liberal ideals on a global scale. Reappraising the Greek revolutionary experience and comparing it with other revolutionary movements across Europe at the time can provide insights into the revolutionary phenomenon and the character of the “Age of Revolutions” that might prove useful and suggestive in understanding parallel forms of collective mobilization and change world-wide.
Friday, 12 March 2021

16:00 Conference Opening

Welcome Address:
MELETIOS - ATHANASIOS DIMOPOULOS
Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
GEORGE HANDJINICOLAOU
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Introduction to the Conference: PASCHALIS KITROMILIDIS
The Greek World in the Age of Revolution

16:45 Resonances of the Age of Revolution (I)
Chair: EVANTHIS HATZIVASSILIOU

JOHN DAVIS, Greece and the Liberal Revolutions of 1820-1823 in Southern Europe

MIROSLAV ŠEDIVÝ, Austria and the 1820s Revolutions: Between the Heritage of the Congress of Vienna and Political Change

ANNIE JOURDAN, Revolutions in Europe (1776-1848)

17:45-18:15: Discussion
18:20  Resonances of the Age of Revolution (II)
Chair: VANGELIS KARAMANOLAKIS

JOSÉ MARIA PORTILLO VALDÉS, Greece, Spain and the Theory of Emancipation in Early European Liberalism

CHRISTOPHER CLARK, CHRISTOS ALIPRANTIS, Greece and 1848: Direct Responses and Underlying Connectivities

ANNA KARAKATSOLI, Transnationalism and Cosmopolitanism in the 1820s: Philhellenism(s) in the Public Sphere

19:20-19:50: Discussion

19:55  Resonances of the Age of Revolution (III)
Chair: DIMITRIOS KARADIMAS

DAVID A. BELL, From Philadelphia to Athens: Why Revolutions Come in Waves

FRANCESCO SCALORA, «Che dura prova è tentar di greca aquila il dorso». The Greek War of Independence and its Resonance in Sicilian Culture of the Nineteenth Century

ŞÜKRÜ ILICAK, The Decade prior to the Greek Revolution: A Black Hole in Ottoman History

20:55-21:25: Discussion
Saturday, 13 March 2021

11:00 Reverberations of Revolution in Southern and Eastern Europe
Chair: PARASKEVAS KONORTAS

MARIA EFTHYMIOU, Internal Conflicts and Civil Strife in the Serbian and the Greek Revolution: a Comparison

HARALD HEPPNER, The Serbian, Greek and Romanian Revolutions in Comparison

SIMON DIXON, Russia and Greece in the Age of Revolution

12:05-12:35: Discussion

12:40 Revolutionary Waves in the Greek World (I)
Chair: ANASTASIA PAPADIA-LALA

OLGA KATSIARDI-HERING, From the Revolts to the Greek Revolution: Economic-Political Realities and Ideological Visions among the Greeks (End of the Eighteenth C.-1821)

NASSIA YAKOVAKI, When Exactly Did the Greek Revolution Begin? The Philiki Etaireia as Part of Revolutionary Action during the Year 1820

VASO SEIRINIDOU, The Vigilant Eye of the Revolution: Public Security and Police in Revolutionary Greece

GELINA HARLAFTIS, KATERINA GALANI, The Sea and Nation-building: Between a Privately-owned, Privateer and “Piratica” Merchant Fleet and a Revolutionary National Navy, 1821-1829

14:00-14:40: Discussion
14:45 Revolutionary Waves in the Greek World (II)
Chair: KOSTAS KOSTIS

ANNA MARIA RAO, *Economy and Politics in the Correspondence of the Neapolitan Consuls in Greece*

SPYROS VLACHOPOULOS, *The Vision of the Rebellious Greeks for a Democratic and Liberal State: the Constitutions of the Greek Revolution and the first Post-revolutionary Constitutions*

KONSTANTINOS PAPAGEORGIOU, *Ideals of Freedom in the Greek Revolution and the Political Discourse of Modernity*

15.45-16.15: Discussion

OLGA KATSIARDI-HERING, *Concluding Reflections*
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