



Visions, Vows and Wonders:  
Religion and the Sea  
in the Eastern Mediterranean,  
15th-19th centuries

12-13 OCTOBER 2018  
RETHYMNON

## Thursday, October 11, 2018

18.00 - 20.00 Welcome Reception, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS)

## Friday, October 12, 2018

09.00 - 10.30 Conference Registration  
10.30 Welcome by the Organizers

11.00 - 13.00

### SESSION 1

## Locating the Holy and Holy Locations

Chair/Discussant:

**Katherine E. Fleming** (New York University, USA)

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- **Michele Bacci** (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*Site-Bound Sanctity in a Fluid Space: Late Medieval Shrines in the Aegean and Levantine Seas*
  - **Marc David Baer** (London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom)  
*Sultans as Saviors: Early Modern Mediterranean Jewish Accounts of the Ottoman Rulers*
  - **Elena Boeck** (DePaul University, USA)  
*From Cyprus, to Constantinople, to Cuba and Beyond: Marian Geographies, Russian Imagination, and Confrontations with Counter-Reformation*
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13.00 - 14.00 Lunch (at IMS)

14.00 - 16.00

### SESSION 2

## Business People Religious and Religious Business

Chair/Discussant:

**Olga Katsiardi-Hering** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)

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- **Elias Kolovos** (University of Crete, Greece)  
*Greek Orthodox Monastic Networks across the Aegean Sea during the Ottoman Centuries*
  - **Michalis N. Michael** (University of Cyprus, Republic of Cyprus)  
*Expanding in an Ottoman World: Monastic Economy and Kykkos Monastery*
  - **Tullia Catalan** (University of Trieste, Italy)  
*The Port-Jews of Trieste and their Relationship with the Sea during the 19th Century*
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16.00 - 17.00 Guided Tour of Old Town Rethymno for Participants  
20.00 Dinner for Participants

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**10.00 - 12.00**

**SESSION 3**

## Sailing Religious and Religious Sailing

Chair/Discussant:

**Christos Chatziiosif** (University of Crete, Greece)

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- **Henriette-Rika Benveniste** (University of Thessaly, Greece)  
*Salonika Conversos in the Early Modern Period Revisited*
  - **Eugenia Kermeli** (Hacettepe University, Turkey)  
*Sailing in-between Religions in the Early Modern Ottoman Mediterranean Sea*
  - **Gelina Harlaftis** (Director, IMS/FORTH, Crete, Greece and Ionian University, Corfu, Greece) **and Nikolaos Chrissidis** (Southern Connecticut State University, USA)  
*The Mermaid Madonna and Her Sails: Boat-Naming Practices of Greek Ship-owners in the 18th and 19th centuries*
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12.00 - 13.00

Lunch (at IMS)

**13.00 - 15.00**

**SESSION 4**

## Faith, Food, Fears and Fervour At Sea and On Land

Chair/Discussant:

**Antonis Anastasopoulos** (University of Crete and IMS/FORTH, Greece)

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- **Katerina Seraïdari** (Université de Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, France)  
*Religious Fervour in the Cyclades (1823-1842)*
  - **Valentina Izmirlieva** (Columbia University, USA)  
*The Taste of the Christian Hajj: Feasting, Fasting, and Sea-Faring*
  - **Lale Can** (The City College of New York, CUNY, USA)  
*Istanbul at the Crossroads of Hajj: Religious Experience and Peregrinations Shaped by the Sea*
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15.00 - 15.30

Coffee Break (at IMS)

**15.30 - 17.00**

**SESSION 5**

## Plenary Session. All Participants

Chairs: **Gelina Harlaftis and Nikolaos Chrissidis**

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Conference Conclusions. Topics Covered and Topics Yet to Be Covered.  
Perspectives for the Future. Publication Plans. Future Conferences.

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20.00

Farewell Dinner for Participants.

End of Conference

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