

**Mediterranean Interconnectivity:
Mobility of persons, goods and ideas across (and beyond) the Mediterranean Sea**

2021 EASA Mediterraneanist Network Workshop

Date: 11 – 13 November 2021

Place: British School at Athens (BSA), Greece

Drawing on conceptualisations of the Mediterranean as a region of cross-cuts and movements across the bridging sea (Horden and Purcell 2000, Abulafia 2011, Green 2018), the 2021 MedNed workshop invites presentations based on ethnographic research in the region. The focus will be on practices and phenomena of Mediterranean interconnectivity like travel and tourism, regular and irregular migration, social media or the implications of bordering practices on the movements of material and immaterial goods and ideas. Next to connectivity and mobility across the Mediterranean, the reality of European surveillance structures and the management of controlling borders may also be under discussion in our workshop. Moreover, we are interested in how this interconnectivity is been affected by COVID-19 and other events such as Brexit or the EU COVID-19 assistance package, which, although it goes beyond the Mediterranean area, still significantly affects and redirects social and monetary flows in it. Finally, we would like to examine how social media affect the above and, in some cases, become the vehicles of dissemination of ideas across the Mediterranean.

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Programme

Thursday 11 November 2021

17.00-17.15	Registration
17.15-18.00	Reception
18.00-19.30	Opening and Key Lecture Thalassopolitics of alterity: Interconnectivity, discontinuities and the Mediterranean as a hotspot of colonial nostalgia. <i>Elisabeth Kirtsoglou (Durham University)</i>
20.00	Dinner

Friday 12 November 2021

11.00-11.30	Morning Coffee
11.30-13.00	<p>Panel 1: Inter-connections and separations in space and time. <i>Convener: Jutta Lauth Bacas (Mediterranean Institute, University of Malta)</i></p> <p>Locating the Mediterranean: Connections and separations across space and time <i>Carl Rommel (University of Helsinki)</i> <i>Joseph Viscomi (Birkbeck College)</i></p> <p>Spinning to the unknown. EU interconnecting policies and vertigo stories in Spain, Portugal, Malta and Greece. <i>Mimina Pateraki (University of Thessaly)</i></p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.30	<p>Panel 2: Migration and the migratory apparatus in Italy and Greece <i>Convener: Panas Karampampas (University of Thessaly)</i></p> <p>BANGLA-STORIES: an Introduction to the Bangladeshi Community in Palermo through their Legal Experience of the Asylum Application <i>Valentina Grillo (University of Vienna)</i></p> <p>Securization and Transit Migration across the Greek-Turkish maritime border <i>Jutta Lauth Bacas (Mediterranean Institute, University of Malta)</i></p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.30	<p>Panel 3: The sea as a mediator for providing interconnectivity <i>Convener: TBA</i></p> <p>Migrant marine creatures will overtake us: the Mediterranean is becoming a tropic sea, but luckily we are thermophiles <i>Karin Ahlberg (Oslo University)</i></p> <p>TBA</p>

Saturday 13 November 2021

10.30-12.00	<p>Panel 4: Mobility in business: people and goods <i>Convener: Elisabeth Kirtsoglou (Durham University)</i></p> <p>The golden passport EUtopia: Expat communities and offshore citizens in Cyprus <i>Theodoros Rakopoulos (University of Oslo)</i></p> <p>Interconnectivity and mobility in business in the covid19 period <i>Elena Sischarenco (Lancaster University)</i></p>
12.00-12.30	Coffee break
12.30-14.00	<p>Panel 5: Voices from abroad (Online panel) <i>Convener: Carlo Capello (Università degli Studi di Torino)</i></p> <p>“Hybrid statehood” in Catania/Sicily: exploring Mediterranean ideas of social organization for Europe <i>Lene Faust (University of Bern)</i> <i>Christian Henrich-Franke (University of Siegen)</i></p> <p>Artistic Labour across the Mediterranean borders: Greek musicians/singers in Israel <i>Aspasia (Sissie) Theodosiou (University of Ioannina)</i></p>
14.00-15.00	Lunch break
15.00-16.30	<p>Panel 6: Affective kinship, imagination and interconnected states <i>Convener: Carl Rommel (University of Helsinki)</i></p> <p>From affect to natural gas: on shared ‘Mediterranean’ imaginings from the 1980s to the present, in the eastern Med <i>Vassiliki Yiakoumaki (University of Thessaly)</i></p> <p>Greek migrants in Cyprus: A contested category and the changing perspectives towards the people of the “motherland”, in the Republic of Cyprus. <i>Pafsanias Karathanasis (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences)</i></p>
16.30-17.00	Coffee break
17.00-19.00	<p>Closing remarks, Discussion, and MedNet’s Future Plans</p> <p>Invited discussant: <i>Katerina Rozakou (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences)</i></p>