



## THE HELLENIC INSTITUTE

13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Colleagues, Students and Friends,

Last term was marked by the reorganisation of the College into Schools with the Departments of Classics, History and Modern Languages forming the new School of Humanities under the leadership of Professor Juliet John. The Hellenic Institute will continue its work under the new scheme, promoting the interdisciplinary study of Hellenism, further strengthening our links with our sister Centres and Departments in the School of Humanities and other Schools in College.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to two special events we are co-organising this term. First, the Eighteenth Annual Hellenic Lecture on “The Power of Logos: Classical Greek Rhetoric and the Modern World” by Professor Michael Edwards, former Director of the Institute of Classical Studies, University of London and presently Senior Research Fellow at Royal Holloway, School of Humanities. In 2016, the then President of the United States, Barack Obama, delivered a speech at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center in Athens, in which he praised Greece’s contribution to humanity through the ages. In the course of his speech Obama spoke, among other things, about the concept, ideals and importance of democracy, and the belief in equality before the law for all. In his lecture Professor Edwards will discuss these themes, illustrating them by comparisons of ancient texts with modern examples drawn from American, British and Greek political contexts. The Lecture will take place in [Moore Building Auditorium](#), Royal Holloway, Egham, Surrey on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6.15pm, to be followed by drinks. For further information and to reserve places please contact [ch.dendrinis@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:ch.dendrinis@rhul.ac.uk).

Our second event is an exhibition on “Greek-Orthodox Religioscapes” by Dr Georgios E. Trantas, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, Ashton University, which will present a showcase of the European Union Commission Horizon 2020 research project ‘[GO Religioscapes](#)’, examining and comparing the migratory narratives of the Greek and Greek-Cypriot migrant communities in present day Germany and Britain respectively from the perspective of religious aesthetics. Either previously heterodox converted to Greek-Orthodox or newly built, the churches of these communities contain traces of migratory narratives in their icons, frescoes, architectural and linguistic elements. This study sheds light on how the migratory establishment in the receiving country has been experienced, perceived and immortalised by religious means. Organised jointly by [The Hellenic Institute](#), [Centre for Greek Diaspora Studies](#) and [Centre for the GeoHumanities](#) at Royal Holloway, and [Aston University](#), and supported by the Hellenic Centre, the exhibition will be held on Monday 9 March 2020 between 6.00 and 9.00pm with a talk by Dr Trantas at 7.30pm at the [Hellenic Centre](#), Friends & Members Room, 16-18 Paddington Street, Marylebone, London W1U 5AS. For reserving places, please contact the Hellenic Centre, tel. +44 (0)20 7563 9835, Email: [info@helleniccentre.org](mailto:info@helleniccentre.org). We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends to these events.

Finally, we should be grateful if you would renew your annual subscription to the Friends of the Hellenic Institute for 2020, by contributing the modest sum of £15. Any additional donation, for which gift aid is available, would be most welcome and deeply appreciated. Through your kind and generous donations we shall be able to continue offering grants to our students who need support.

On behalf of The Hellenic Institute please accept our deepest thanks for your continued support and our warmest wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year.

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Director, The Hellenic Institute

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