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CONFERENCE

**COLONIZING THE GREEK MIND?
THE RECEPTION OF WESTERN PSYCHOTHERAPEUTICS IN GREECE**

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

PROGRAM

Chair: Dr. Charles Stewart

9-9:10	Arrival	11:45 - 12:30	Rev. Vasileios Thermos (M.D., Ph.D., Psychiatrist) <i>"Love Your Neighbor As Yourself": The Encounter Of Western Psychotherapeutic Ideas with the Orthodox Church in Greece</i>
9:10- 9:15	Welcome	12:30 – 1:45	LUNCH
9:15- 9:45	Dr. Charles Stewart (Venizelos Chair Holder, DEREE - The American College of Greece, and Department of Anthropology, University College London) <i>Introduction: Indigenous and Exogenous Psychologies</i>	1:45 – 2:30	Dr. Martha Michailidou (Panteion University, Department of Communications, Media and Culture) <i>Greek Reality TV and the Mediation of Experience</i>
*9:45 - 10:30	Dr. Nadia Seremetakis (Author and professor of Cultural Anthropology, University of Peloponnese) <i>Greek Pains: Subjectivity, Material Experience and Communication in Modernity</i>	2:30 – 3:15	Dr. Thanassis Tzavaras (M.D. Emeritus Professor, Athens University, Psychoanalyst) <i>Sketches for Modern Greek Oedipus</i>
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	3:15 – 3:45	BREAK
11:00 - 11:45	Dr. Despo Kritsotaki (Ph.D. in History, University of Crete) <i>A New Approach To Mental Health In Post-War Greece: The Mental Health Section of the Royal National Foundation, 1956-1964</i>	3:45 – 4:30	Dr. Elizabeth Davis (Princeton University, Anthropology and Hellenic Studies) <i>The Problem Of Culture: "Tradition" And "Reform" in Greek Psychiatry</i>
		4:30- 5:30	FINAL DISCUSSION

* Speakers will talk for 25 minutes, followed by 20 minutes of questions/discussion.

The Speakers

Dr. Charles Stewart (Organizer)

is Venizelos Chair holder at DERE - The American College of Greece (2010-11), and Reader in Anthropology at University College London. He studied Classics (BA, Brandeis University) and Social Anthropology (D.Phil., Oxford University). He has conducted field research in Greece since the early 1980s, chiefly on the island of Naxos, focusing on topics related to religion and cosmology. He is the author of *Demons and the Devil* (Princeton 1991; Greek translation Δαίμονες και διάβολος στην Ελλάδα, Ταξιδευτής, 2008). He is currently completing a book entitled 'Dreaming and Historical Consciousness in Island Greece' for publication next year.

Dr. Elizabeth Davis

is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Princeton University, in association with the Program in Hellenic Studies. Before joining the Princeton faculty in 2009, she taught in the Department of Cultural Anthropology at Duke University, and held a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Society of Fellows at Columbia University. She studied anthropology at the University of California-Berkeley and at Harvard University, as well as architecture at Cambridge University. Her work in Greece and Cyprus concerns the psyche and the body, their implication in social conflict and in the ties that bind people to communities and states. Her book, *Bad Souls: Madness and Responsibility in Greek Thrace*, in press at Duke University Press, explores humanitarian psychiatric reform in the borderland between Greece and Turkey. She is currently undertaking a new project on post-conflict statecraft, forensic science, and conspiracy theory in Cyprus, involving ethnographic research and documentary filmmaking on both sides of the border between north and south.

Dr. Despo Kritsotaki

studied History at the Universities of Athens and Glasgow and specialised in the history of psychiatry and psychiatric hospitals (D. Phil. University of Crete, Greece). Her current research concerns the history of mental hygiene/health in Greece, and the history of medical ideas and institutions for children. Her paper 'The patients of Eginitio Hospital during the first years of its operation' was published in Athanasopoulou I. (ed.), *Morbidity and Mortality in 20th century Greece: Medical and Demographic Approach* (in Greek), conference transcripts, Ionian University, History Department, Corfu, 2009, pp. 37-47. In 2009-2010 she worked on a Greek Youth Historical Archive (IAEN) project concerning children and adolescents in the outpatient clinic of the Eginitio Hospital from 1904 to 1939.

Dr. Martha Michailidou

is a lecturer in the Department of Communications, Media and Culture at Panteion University, Athens. She studied Sociology and Philosophy at City University, London, and went on to do an MA in Media and Communications and a PhD in Sociology and Media and Communications at Goldsmiths College, University of London. She has taught in the Department of Sociology, University of Crete, and in the department of Media and Communications, Goldsmiths College, and has collaborated as a researcher with the National Centre for Social Research (EKKE) in Athens. Her research and teaching interests include: communications theory, qualitative methods of media and communications research; television studies; media convergence and digital culture; governmentality and the relations between popular culture, cultural consumption and the government of populations.

Dr. C. Nadia Seremetakis

is a well-known author and professor of Cultural and Medical Anthropology. Her publications include *The Last Word and The Senses Still* -- both published by the University of Chicago Press and in Greek by Livanis Publishing Organization -- and numerous articles in both English and Greek journals. She has taught and lectured at major universities in the USA and Europe and has practiced public anthropology since 1996. She has recently joined the University of Peloponnese.

Rev. Vasileios Thermos

was born in 1957. He has studied Medicine and Theology at the University of Athens. He has served as a priest in the Diocese of Viotia near Athens, since 1986, and works with children and adolescents in his private practice as a psychiatrist. He holds a Ph.D. from the Theological School of Athens University; his dissertation dealt with the psychology of the priestly vocation. He has studied as a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Divinity School, Boston College, and Andover Newton Theological School.

Father Thermos has lectured and written extensively on the relationship between the psychological sciences and religion, on the psychology of religious beliefs and experiences, on the dialogue between psychoanalysis and religion, on the psychology of priests and the ecclesiastical organization, on the psychology of culture, and on adolescence and its religiosity. He is now launching a new journal in Greek on the relationships between theology and the psychological sciences which is scheduled to appear next week. He serves as a member of the Church of Greece's Committee on Marriage and Family. For the last ten years he has taught at the seminary of the Orthodox Church of Albania. He has given more than 1,000

lectures at seminars, camps and schools; on radio and television; and to parents and clergy. He has been engaged in training programs for clergy, teachers, and students, in Greece, Cyprus, USA, Finland.

He is the author of 25 books and numerous published articles. Some of his writings have been translated into English, French, Russian, and Romanian. A master's thesis has been written on his overall work at the Theological School of Balamand University in Lebanon. In addition to his scholarly writings, Fr. Thermos also writes poetry.

Dr. Thanasis Tzavaras, M.D.

was born in Athens in 1939. He graduated from Athens University Medical School in 1963, then specialized in Neurology and Psychiatry at the University of Paris Medical School. He joined the University of Athens Nursing School as a Professor of Psychiatry in 1988, before moving to the University of Athens Department of History and Philosophy of Science in 1996. His research interests include neuropsychology (agnosias, apraxias, visuomotor behavior, and hemispheric lateralization); history and epistemology (psychiatry and psychoanalysis, models of the brain and behavior relations); and psychiatric and psychoanalytical psychopathology. He has published numerous research articles in major international journals and books in French and English, and is also the editor of 20 books on psychiatry, psychoanalysis and neuroscience). He is co-director of the Collection of Psychological, Psychiatric and Psychoanalytical books of Exantas Publisher in Athens, and a member of the editorial board of the Greek psychoanalytical journal, *Ek ton Ysteron*. He has been Professor Emeritus of Athens University since 2007.