



GrECI

Greek Heritage in European
Culture and Identity

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HELLENISM IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE

Dates

Wednesday

22 October 2025

9:00 – 16:30

Thursday

23 October 2025

9:30 – 16:30

Friday

24 October 2025

9:30 – 16:30

Venue

Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation,
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DAY 1

22 October 2025

9:00-10:30

Session 1: Greek Language and Scholarship in Latin Humanism | Chair: Jan Papy

- Daniele Bonino, 'The Humanists' fondness for Ancient Greek: *The Orationes pro litteris Graecis* and Other 15th- and 16th-Century Texts on the Study of Greek'.
- Alessandro Bonvini, 'Erasmus' *Adagiorum Chiliades*: a History of Greek Scholarship in Renaissance Europe?'
- Johann Ramminger, 'Greek in Early Modern Latin'.

Break

10:50-12:20

Session 2: Greek Wisdom and Philosophy | Chair: Martine Furno

- Eva Del Soldato, 'Aristotle, Xenophanes, and the Problem of "ex nihilo nihil" in Early Modern Debates'.
- Demetrios Paraschos, 'Tracing Ancient Wisdom: The Orphic Hymns and the Transmission of Prisca Sapientia in Early Modern Europe'.
- Jan Papy, 'The Search for Marcus Aurelius in 17th-century Antwerp: Caspar Gevartius and Peter Paul Rubens'.

Lunch

14:00-15:00

Session 3: Reception of Greek Literature – New Angles | Chair: Katharina-Maria Schön

- Lorenzo Maria Ciolfi, 'Aesop's Phoenix: Aesop's Renaissance Between Manuscript and Print'.
- Alexia Dedieu, 'Greek Tragedy, Between Heritage and Conventions: an Exploration of the Tragic "Commonplaces" from Greek Manuscripts to Printed Books'.

Break

15:20-16:20

Session 4: Performance and Greek Learning | Chair: Raf Van Rooy

- Dries Nijs, 'Muse, sing me an ode: The Production and Performance of New Ancient Greek Poetry in Medical and Legal Thesis Disputations in Leiden'.
- Mathilde Kaisin, 'Girolamo Mei's *De modis Musicis Antiquorum* and Ancient Greek Music: Transmission or Re-elaboration of an Ancient Musical Heritage?'

DAY 2

23 October 2025

9:30-11:00

Session 5: Jurisprudence and Political Ideals | Chair: Marie Barral-Baron

- Anne-Marie Cheny, 'French Jurists, Greek Codes and Byzantine Canon'.
- Marianne Pade, 'The Example of Sparta'.
- Sofia Degli Esposti, 'Greek Literature and History in Early Modern English Diplomacy: Classical Antiquity as a Political Framework'.

Break

11:20-12:50

Session 6: Religion and Book Culture | Chair: Raphaële Mouren

- Martine Furno & Natasha Constantinidou, 'Can we Trace Elements of Confessionalisation in Greek Alphabets?'
- Iulian M. Damian, 'Uses of Greek in Sixteenth-century Transylvania'.
- Giovanna Di Martino, 'Prometheus in the Early Modern Period: Religion, Power, and Dramaturgy'.

Lunch

14:00-14:45

Session 7: Showcasing GrECI Research and Outreach: the GrECI Europeana Galleries

15:00-16:30

Museum Visit



DAY 3

24 October 2025

9:30-11:00

Session 8: Greek Heritage and European Identities

| Chair: Han Lamers

- Johanna Akujärvi, 'Greek and Other Languages: the Author, the Addressee, and the Choice of Languages: the Case of Sweden'.
- Katharina-Maria Schön, 'Idealising Constructions of Greekness in Selected Writings of Daniel Heinsius'.
- Erlend Mykelbust, 'From Greece to Spain: Irish Perceptions of Greek Origins in the Seventeenth Century'.

Break

11:20-12:50

Session 9: Women's Agency in Greek Learning

| Chair: Johanna Akujärvi

- Julie Labregère, 'Circe and Medea in the first French Ballets: A Mirror of the Religious Wars'.
- Pieta Van Beek, 'Anna Maria van Schurman and a Textbook in Greek'.
- Kondylenia Belitsou, 'The History of Ancient Greece Written by Women'.

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Session 10: The Greek Context and Later Receptions | Chair: Olga Gkiouleka

- Tomos Evans, 'Athenian Past and Ottoman Present: Leonard Philaras, Ioannis Kottounios, and Advocating Greek Liberation in the Early Seventeenth Century'.
- Charalampos Minaoglou, 'Ancient and/or Modern Greek? Anastasius Michael (c. 1675-1725) Defining Early Modern Greek Identity'.
- Toon Van Hal & Han Lamers, 'Middle Greek Proverbs in Seventeenth-Century France: 90 New Proverbs of Hermodorus Rhégus (1579-1655) Found in Orléans'.

Break

15:40-16.30

Session 11: Round Table Discussion

Discussants: Raphaële Mouren, Raf Van Rooy, Marianne Pade, Martine Furno

