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Diary of Events **January - March 2013**



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THE DESTRUCTION OF A COSMOPOLITAN CITY 1900-1922

29 JANUARY-10 FEBRUARY

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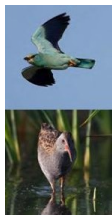


Thursday 10 January to Thursday 31 January - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

Leda's Drawings A suite of drawings by George Levantis inspired by the Leda theme in mythology. Private view on Wednesday 16 January, 6.30-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 17 January, 8pm – Britannia Centre, Britannia Road, London N12 9RU

Ηλεκτρονική Υγεία-eHealth A Lecture in Greek by Professor Christos Shizas, University of Cyprus. Organised by the Greek-Cypriot Brotherhood and University of Cyprus. Further information on 020 8445 9999. Free entry.



Thursday 17 January to Wednesday 23 January - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Nature in Cyprus An exhibition of photographs by Anastasios Pavlos Leventis and other members of BirdLife Cyprus, illustrating the animal and bird life of Cyprus and inspired by the island's nature and the sheer wealth of its fauna and flora. Exhibition opening hours: weekdays, 9.30am-5.30pm; weekend, 11am-4pm. Free entry. Supported by the A G Leventis Foundation. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**



Thursday 17 January, 7.45pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Important Areas for Birds and Other Wildlife in Cyprus, a fascinating documentary on Cyprus' biodiversity, produced by BirdLife Cyprus and created by Loucas Christoforou. The documentary reveals unique images of Cyprus wildlife and natural landscapes. It is both a reminder of the island's natural heritage and a wake-up call on the need to protect the natural environment. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. Supported by the A G Leventis Foundation. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 18 January, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Vasilopitta Greek celebration for the New Year with tombola and traditional Greek dancing organised by Lykion ton Hellinidon. Free entry. Further information on 020 8343 1353.

Friday 18 January, 8pm - Boardroom, Hellenic Centre

Vasilopitta organised by the Hellenic Medical Society for its Members and Friends. Further information at secretary@hellenicmedicalsocietyuk.org.

Monday 21 January, 7pm to 10pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Hellenic Centre Vasilopitta and Greek Evening Share with us our traditional New Year's cake and enjoy an evening of Greek live music, dance and food! For further information and bookings call 020 7487 5060. Tickets at £15 include a plate of Greek meze. Cash bar available. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Tuesday 22 January, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

The Crisis in the Euro-Zone Michalis Sarris and Yiannis Kitromilides will debate in English the economic crisis in Europe and the effects of the crisis on the economies of Greece and Cyprus. Dr Sarris was for many years a senior economist and area director of the Africa region of the World Bank. More recently he was Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus and Chairman of Laiki Bank. Dr Kitromilides is an academic economist who taught at the

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universities of Greenwich and Westminster and is currently a Visiting Research Fellow at London Metropolitan University. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Wednesday 23 January, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

The Last Banana A first-hand account, by Shelby Tucker, lawyer, traveller/adventurer and author, of a modern Greek and African tragedy: the wilful destruction of a productive and prosperous agricultural economy on the basis of doctrinaire ideology. *The Last Banana, a fascinating and original study of the personal histories of many leading members of the Greek community in East Africa* (Ferryman, amazon.co.uk), describes how large a part the Greeks played in culture and commerce throughout Africa, Tanzania in particular. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 24 January, 7.30pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Can Bizonality Work in a Multiethnic Unitary State in Cyprus? An event in English presenting the implications on EU principles of equality, diversity and non-discrimination organised by Lobby for Cyprus. Entry by invitation. Further information on 020 8888 2556 or at admin@lobbyforcyprus.org.

Friday 25 January, 6.30pm - Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, London SW3 2JL

Vasilopitta organised by the Ionian Society. A party to welcome the New Year with buffet dinner, wine and refreshments. Ticket £15. Further information and bookings on 07808 777946 or at anastasia.savidu@hotmail.co.uk.



*The Quay of Smyrna
Early 20th Century*
Courtesy: Library of Congress

Tuesday 29 January to Sunday 10 February - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Smyrna: the Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City 1900-1922

A unique exhibition of rare and unknown photographs of Smyrna from American and European archives and private collections focusing on all the communities which lived in Smyrna as well as on the dramatic events of 1922. Produced by PROTREUS; curator Maria Iliou; historical consultant Alexander Kitroeff. Exhibition opening hours: weekdays, 10am-6pm; weekends, 11am-4pm. Sponsored by the A G Leventis Foundation and the Hellenic Foundation **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Tuesday 29 January, 7.30pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Lecture in Greek by Professor Marios Begzos, Dean of the School of Theology, University of Athens. Part of the celebrations for Christian and Greek Literature organised by the Archdiocese of Thyateira. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Wednesday 30 January, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Smyrna: A Cosmopolitan City - A Story in Pictures Giles Milton and Victoria Solomonidis will be discussing the rare and fascinating photographs in the exhibition *Smyrna: the Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City 1900-1922* and will give an historical background to the pictures. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Director Agatha Kalisperas

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FEBRUARY

Friday 1 February, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

The 1923 Greco-Turkish Exchange of Populations in Historical Perspective Renée Hirschon will give an illustrated talk on the short and long term consequences of the compulsory expulsion of the religious minorities of Greece and Turkey which took place ninety years ago. The asymmetry of the experience for each country will be discussed and a critical appraisal of the various positive and negative aspects of the Exchange will be made. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Saturday 2 February - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Smyrna: the Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City 1900-1922 A film produced by PROTEUS with the kind support of J F Costopoulos Foundation and sponsored by Argyros Foundation, Bodossaki Foundation, Nicholas J Bouras & Anna K Bouras Foundation, James Chanos, Hellenic Radio & Television S.A., Marianthi Foundation. Director Maria Iliou; historical consultant Alexander Kitroeff. Historians from America and Europe talk about the history of Smyrna and second and third generation Smyrniots talk about personal and family experiences linked to the events that took place from the time when Smyrna was a cosmopolitan city up until the 1922 disaster. Film showing times: 10.30am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm, 7pm; duration 87min. The exhibition *Smyrna: the Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City 1900-1922* can be visited between projections. Free entry but please confirm attendance and time slot on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. Sponsored by the A G Leventis Foundation and the Hellenic Foundation. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Monday 4 February to Wednesday 27 February - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre



Αειζώνων Πυρ-Everlasting Fire An exhibition of photographs by George-Omiros Christakos aiming to capture the very moment that the movement of the human body projects its energy throughout space and time. Private view Tuesday 5 February, 6.30-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Tuesday 5 February, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

'The Pearl of the Levant': Portrait of Smyrna as a World City Philip Mansel shows how Smyrna shared characteristics of geography, diplomacy, hybridity, trade, modernity and vulnerability with other Levantine ports such as Alexandria, Beirut and Constantinople. Even more than other Levantine cities, it was transformed by twentieth-century nationalism, but is now trying to reconnect to its Levantine past. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 8 February, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Smyrna's Living Heritage George Vassiadis talks about the Station Square, a surviving district of Old Smyrna. George Galdies and George Poulimenos, authors of **A Lexicon of Smyrneika** together with Alex Baltazzi, present the only dictionary of Smyrna's historic Greco-Levantine dialect, written in Frangohiotika and translated into English, Turkish and Greek. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Friday 8 February, 7.30pm - Baity, 172 Walton Street, London SW3 2JL

Kantades Evening organised by the Ionian Society. Ticket £25; price includes dinner, a glass of wine and live music. Further information and bookings on 07808 777946 or at anastasia.savidu@hotmail.co.uk.

Saturday 9 February, 7.30pm - St John's Smith square, London SW1P 3HA

Piano Recital with Louis Demetrius Alvanis. Programme of music by Haydn Ravel, Chopin, Scriabin, Debussy. Tickets £22, £18, £15, £10; concessions: under 18s half price on top two ticket prices (subject to availability). Further information and bookings on 020 7222 1061 or at www.sjss.org.uk.

Monday 11 February, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

An Evening in Memory of Nicholas J Hadjipateras organised by the Greek Archaeological Committee UK. A short tribute to his life and work will be given by Spyros M Polemis and two of the Committee's scholars will present a summary of their theses. Free entry. Further information and bookings on 020 7935 2020 or at anne@faroship.com

Friday 15 February, 7pm - Boardroom, Hellenic Centre

Vasilopitta organised by Eteria Ellinon Epistimonon for its Members and Friends. Further information on 07887 878719.

Saturday 16 February, 10am to 6pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Greece/Precarious/Europe An one-day colloquium which aims to bring together academics, artists and writers, to discuss how contemporary Greek culture is transformed in the current economic and socio-political crisis, questioning established orthodoxies and hierarchies, looking for new ways of creating a Greek national/transnational imaginary and reassessing the relationship between the present and 'the archive' which determines the historical and cultural inheritance of Greece. Participants include Angela Dimitrakaki, Maria Margaritis, Eleftheria Ioannidou, Sozita Goudouna, Costas Douzinas, Dimitris Plantzos, Thodoris Chiotis. The event is convened by Dimitris Papanikolaou (Oxford), Effie Spentzou and Richard Alston (Royal Holloway). Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre, the Subfaculty of Modern Greek, Oxford University and the Centre for the Reception of Greece and Rome with the support of the Humanities and Arts Research Centre, Royal Holloway, University of London.**

Monday 18 February, 9am to 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

International Symposium on the Occasion of the 130th Anniversary of the Birth of Nikos Kazantzakis The Kazantzakis Publications, the Press Office and the Education Office of the Embassy of Greece in the United Kingdom present an international Symposium entitled *Nikos Kazantzakis (1883-1957): The Luminous Interval* on the occasion of the 130th anniversary of the birth of the ecumenical Greek author, Nikos Kazantzakis. The Symposium, organised under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Sports and Culture, aims to honour the scope and impact of Kazantzakian thought on contemporary Literature, Art, and Society, and will feature speeches by the foremost Kazantzakian scholars of our time. The Symposium which will be held in Greek and English, will conclude with a special screening of the three-time Academy Award winning film, *Zorba the Greek*. Further information at www.kazantzakispublications.org.

Facilities for disabled people

Access to main venue via steps

A stair climber is available but this must be booked in advance

A lift provides access to all floors, except the third floor

Monday 18 February, 6.45pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

The Maeander Valley: A Historical Geography from Antiquity to Byzantium
An illustrated talk by Dr Peter Thonemann, Wadham College, Oxford, exploring the society, environment and culture of the Greek communities of south-western Asia Minor from Graeco-Roman antiquity to the Byzantine Middle Ages. Ticket £10. Further information and bookings on 020 7486 9410 or at info@anglohellenicleague.org. Organised by the Anglo-Hellenic League

Thursday 21 February, 8pm – Britannia Centre, Britannia Road, London N12 9RU

Άλγεβρα, Γεωμετρία και Φυσική A Lecture in Greek by Panagiotis Batakidis, Visiting Professor, University of Cyprus. Organised by the Greek-Cypriot Brotherhood and University of Cyprus. Further information on 020 8445 9999. Free entry.

Sunday 24 February, 6pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Unmythable *A fantastic show that's all set to write its very own legend* (The Public Reviews). Join Jason onboard the Argo for an unforgettable journey through all the greatest Greek myths ever told. Three actors play dozens of parts to show you Midas after the gold ran out, the Odyssey from a foot-soldier's perspective, and what *really* happened in that wooden horse... Catch the award winning *UNMYTHABLE* for a night of brilliant storytelling and songs. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

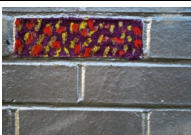
Wednesday 27 February, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

What Can We Learn from the Ancient Greeks Today Two short illustrated lectures followed by discussion by scholars from the University of Exeter, bringing out key insights from ancient Greece for modern society and illuminating the background of the current financial crisis and the contemporary usefulness of ancient Greek healthcare methods. Professor Richard Seaford will talk on *Money - From its Invention by the Greeks to the Crisis of Today* and Professors Christopher Gill and John Wilkins on *Healthcare and Wellbeing: Can the Ancient Greeks Help Us?* This event forms part of the Initiative on the Impact of Greek Culture in the Ancient and Modern World, which is sponsored by the A G Leventis Foundation. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the University of Exeter and the Hellenic Centre.**

MARCH

Wednesday 6 March to Sunday 24 March – Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 9RL

Lysistrata A hilarious, naughty musical adaptation of Aristophanes' comedy by Theatre Lab Company (www.theatrelab.co.uk) set against the backdrop of the European crisis with live music by Daemonia Nymphe. Start time 7.45pm; duration 90min; tickets £16, £13 concessions. Further information and bookings on 020 8237 1111 or at www.riversidestudios.co.uk.



Friday 8 March to Thursday 28 March – Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

Walking in Exarchia A photographic project by Katerina Botsari, demonstrating the interaction of outdoor space and paint. Private view on Thursday 7 March, 6.30-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

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www.helleniccentre.org; a copy of the Diary in larger print but different format available from our offices

The next issue of the **Diary of Events** will be published in **March 2013**
and will cover the period **April-August 2013**

Thursday 7 March, 7.30pm

Tsiknopemhti organised by Lykion ton Hellinidon. Further information on 020 8343 1353.

Saturday 9 March, 7pm to 11pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Carnival Greek Evening Greek food, live Greek music, fancy dress (optional). Tickets at £15 include a plate of Greek meze; cash bar available. Bookings and further information on 020 7487 5060. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre, Eteria Ellinon Epistimonon and the Hellenic Foundation.**

Tuesday 12 March, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Verdi/Shakespeare An illustrated lecture in English by Helena Matheopoulos on Verdi's operas inspired by Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *Otello* and *Falstaff*, specially conceived for Verdi's 200th Bicentenary. The talk will highlight the greatest, best known and loved duets and monologues from the plays and showcase the corresponding passages from the operas. Helena Matheopoulos is the author of eight books including *Maestro: Encounters with Conductors of Today*, *Diva* and *Placido Domingo*. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Saturday 16 March – Grosvenor House, A JW Marriott Hotel, Park Lane, London W1K 7TN

The Greek Independence Ball organised by the Greek Orthodox Charity Organisation. Further information and bookings on 020 7586 5332, 07986 245930, slvoyazides@aol.co.uk or at maria@hadjipateras.co.uk.

Sunday 17 March, 3pm to 5pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Children's Carnival Party Entertainment for children up to 10 years old. Tickets at £5 (for adults and children over 3) include one drink (juice, coffee, tea) and cake. Adults admitted only if accompanying children. For further information and bookings call 020 7487 5060. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre and Lykion to Hellinidon.**

Monday 18 March, 12.30pm to 3.30pm - Hellenic Centre

Kathara Deftera Lunch A traditional vegetarian lunch to celebrate the beginning of Lent. Further information and bookings on 020 7487 5060. Tickets £17, concessions £15. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 21 March, 8pm – Britannia Centre, Britannia Road, North Finchley, London N12

Όψεις της Αγγλίας και της Κύπρου στο έργο του Νίκου Καζαντζάκη A Lecture in Greek by Aphrodite Athanasopoulou, Assistant Professor, University of Cyprus. Organised by the Greek-Cypriot Brotherhood and University of Cyprus. Further information on 020 8445 9999.

Saturday 23 March, 7pm to 8.30pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Jazz Concert with Diminuita (www.diminuita.com); Giorgos Papadogiannis (lead guitar), Effie Saranti (rhythm guitar), Kostas Arsenis (double bass). Diminuita has been part of the orchestral gypsy swing scene since 2007; their performance is characterised by a clear, natural sound from acoustic instruments, freedom of musical expression, imaginative melodies and rhythmic maneuvers. Programme includes their own versions of Reinhardt's and Grappelli's tunes, as well as of other composers' of that era and their first cd "a-rhythmology", released in May 2011. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Forthcoming Hellenic Centre Events

Saturday 6 April Piano Recital with Costas Fotopoulos

Wednesday 10 April Book Launch - Lady Iro Hunt

Tuesday 14 May Byzantine Chant Symposium and Recital

Saturday 1 June Lecture by Professor Thanos Veremis

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