

Archaeology and Occupation. Greece 1941–1944

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ORGANIZERS

GERMAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AT ATHENS - ITALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCHOOL AT ATHENS
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VENUES

15 OCTOBER - SAIA, Parthenonos 14, 117 42 Athens

16 OCTOBER - Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Building 8, Amphitheatre

127 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue, 115 21 Athens (entrance from Athanassiadi Street, next to Euroclinic)

17 OCTOBER - DAI Athens, Fidiou 1, 106 78 Athens

THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO BE STREAMED LIVE

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Conference Programme

The Organizers:

Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Athen (DAI Athens, Katja Sporn)

Scuola Archeologica Italiana di Atene (SAIA, Emanuele Papi)

Institute of Historical Research/National Hellenic Research Foundation
(IHR/NHRF, Nikolaos Papazarkadas, Valentin Schneider)

Under the aegis of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture

Thursday, 15 October 2026

Venue: SAIA, Parthenonos 14, 117 42 Athens. *Watch the conference live on the SAIA YouTube*

09:00–09:30

Opening Remarks

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Session 1 – Historical Background

09:30–10:00

Isabella Insolubile (Università telematica Mercatorum, Rome). *The Italian Occupation of Greece: From Pre-Fascist Possessions to the 1947 Peace Treaty*

10:00–10:30

Tchavdar Marinov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia). *In Search of “Aegean Bulgaria”: The Activity of Bulgarian Academics in Occupied Northern Greece, 1941–1944*

10:30–11:00

Valentin Schneider (IHR/NHRF). *“I wish I had been there when the flag was raised on the Acropolis”. Horizons of Imagination and Reality of the German Occupation of Greece (1941–1944/45)*

11:00–11:30

Coffee Break

Session 2 – Archaeological Institutions (Part I)

11:30–12:00

Georgios Kavvadias (Hellenic National Archaeological Museum). *To Εθνικό Αρχαιολογικό Μουσείο 1940–1950*

12:00–12:30

Liana Bouza (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens). *Archaeology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in the 1940s. The Impact of the Axis Occupation*

12:30–13:00

Véronique Chankowski – Alexandre Farnoux – Marie Stahl (École française d'Athènes). *The EFA in Greece Under Occupation: Institutional Responses, Philhellenic Resistance and Archaeological Concerns*

13:00–14:00

Lunch Break

Session 2 – Archaeological Institutions (Part II)

14:00–14:30

Katja Sporn (DAI Athens). *The German Archaeological Institute at Athens During the Occupation*

14:30–15:00

Florian Ruppenstein (Badisches Landesmuseum Karlsruhe). *Research Agenda and Racist Ideology at the Athens Branch of the German Archaeological Institute During the National Socialist Dictatorship*

15:00–15:30

Walter Gauss (Austrian Academy of Sciences). *Otto Walter, the Austrian, and the DAI*

15:30–16:00

Coffee Break

16:00–16:30

Amalia Kakissis (British School at Athens). *War Intelligence, Occupation, Liberation and the Rebuilding of the British School at Athens after World War II*

16:30–17:00

Rachele Dubbini (University of Ferrara). *Archaeology at War: The Italian Archaeological School at Athens Between Cultural Diplomacy and Occupation*

17:00–17:30

Massimiliano Santi (SAIA). *Italian Archaeology in Greece During the Italian Social Republic (1943–1945)*

17:30–18:00

Gianluca Mandatori (SAIA). *The Legacy of the Occupation: The Long Shadow of the Conflict on the Reopening of the Italian Archaeological School at Athens*

18:00–18:30

Carlo De Domenico (University of Siena). *The German Occupation and the Italian Archaeological Mission on Lemnos, 1941–1944*

Friday, 16 October 2026

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Session 3 – Networks and Intermediaries

09:00–09:30

Natalia Vogeikoff (American School of Classical Studies at Athens). *Somewhere Between Collaboration and Conflict? German and American Archaeologists in Greece Before, During, and After World War II*

09:30–10:00

Petros Koris (DAI Athens). *Extending Party Networks One Archaeological Tour at a Time: The Case of Walther Wrede*

10:00–10:30

Coffee Break

10:30–11:00

Alexandra Kankeleit (Freie Universität Berlin). «*Das griechische Volk vergisst nicht, was es den deutschen Archäologen schuldet*» – Eine Recherche in der Besatzungszeitung Deutsche Nachrichten in Griechenland

11:00–11:30

Marie Mauzy (Independent Researcher). *From Classics to Compassion: Swedish Scholars and Famine Relief in Greece During the Occupation*

Session 4 – Antiquities at War

11:30–12:00

Maria-Xeni Gareizou (Hellenic Ministry of Culture/Directorate for the Curation of the National Archive of Monuments). *From Rescue to Reconstruction: Cultural Heritage Policies in Greece, 1944–1952*

12:00–12:30

Vassiliki Papageorgiou – Elena Vlachogianni (Hellenic Ministry of Culture/Directorate of Documentation and Protection of Cultural Goods). *Repatriation of Greek Antiquities Removed During World War II: Claims and Voluntary Returns (2009–2026)*

12:30–14:00

Lunch Break

14:00–14:30

Christina Merkouri – Marios Mylonas (Hellenic Ministry of Culture/Ephorate of Antiquities of Western Attica). *Η προστασία των αρχαιοτήτων της Ελευσίνας κατά την Κατοχή (1941–1944): μέτρα διαφύλαξης, προκλήσεις και απώλειες*

14:30–15:00

Eleftheria Akrivopoulou (Hellenic Ministry of Culture). *Αρχαιολογία, Κατοχή και αστικός χώρος: ο Hans-Ulrich von Schoenebeck και η Θεσσαλονίκη (1941–1942)*

15:00–15:30

Panagiota Gkatsiou (University of Macedonia) – Stratos Dordanas (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki). *Archaeology and Forced Labour in Occupied Greece: The Case of Eptapirgio, Thessaloniki (1941–1944)*

15:30–16:00

Coffee Break

16:00–16:30

Maria Stamatopoulou (Lincoln College, University of Oxford). *Thessalian Antiquities and the Protection of Cultural Heritage During and in the Aftermath of World War II*

16:30–17:00

Aimilia Rofouzou (Hellenic Naval Academy) – Hagen Fleischer (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens). *The Ancient Predator that Came Back from the Cold: Abduction and Repatriation of Kythera's Lion*

Saturday, 17 October 2026

Venue: DAI Athens, Fidiou 1, 106 78 Athens. Watch the conference live on <https://dainst-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/MYwrRQSaSbqvWGTN6ilE6q> (registration required)

Session 5 – Legacy of the Occupation

09:30–10:00

Roderick Bailey (University of Oxford). *The Monuments Men in Greece, 1944–1946*

10:00–10:30

Jan Driessen (UCLouvain/University of Cincinnati). *Festung Kreta: For an Archaeology of Axis Remains in East Crete*

10:30–11:00

Konstantinos Kyrimis (Independent Researcher). *Military Archaeology: Searching for Underground German Fortifications from World War II in Attica*

11:00–11:30

Nektarios Yioutsos (Hellenic Ministry of Culture/Ephorate of Antiquities of Western Attica).
Greek Coastal Archaeological Sites During World War II

11:30–12:00

The Organizers – Wrap-Up

12:00

Refreshments