

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE GREEK-TURKISH WAR, 1919-1922

The School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is holding a conference for Postgraduate Students, Doctoral Candidates and Young Researchers on 'The Greek-Turkish War, 1919-1922'. The conference will take place in Thessaloniki in May 2019.

The long crisis and the partition of the Ottoman Empire after the conclusion of the Great War caused unrest in the Eastern Mediterranean. The conflicting interests of the Great Powers, the October Revolution, and the nationalism of the involved nations further escalated the tensions. The landing of the Greek Army in Smyrna in 1919 took place under those circumstances.

The aim of this conference is the dissemination of research conducted by young researchers and the presentation of new questions, interpretative schemes and approaches.

Some typical subject areas include:

- War Planning and Military Operations
- Political and Diplomatic Context
- o Social and Economic Aspects
- o Ideology, Nationalism and Propaganda
- o Forms of Violence
- o Ethnic Issues
- o Remembrance and Heritage
- Cultural Activity
- Anti-war Movements

Therefore, we are looking for discussions relating to the status of Greece and the Ottoman Empire at the end of the Great War and the Allied resolutions regarding the Near and Middle East. Another crucial aspect is the intervention of Italy, France, Great Britain and Greece in Asia Minor and the impact of the social and political change in Russia. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's movement, the birth of modern Turkey, the constitution of the Turkish nation state and its economic and military capabilities in comparison to Greece are also areas to be explored. The 'Great Idea' and the Greek Asia Minor campaign, the involvement of the Greeks of Asia Minor in the Greek-Turkish war of 1919-1922 are equally within the purview of the conference, along with aspects such as the civilians in war, atrocities, the anti-imperialist movement, anti-war movements and the communists' attitude towards the war. Contributions are also welcomed with regard to the issues of Pontus, the devastation of the Greek population of Asia Minor and the Greek military during the August operations of 1922, the British-Turkish dispute and cease-fire, the Treaty of Lausanne and the exchange of Greek and Turkish populations.

The language of the conference will be English. Each presentation will be allocated 20 minutes.

There will be no participation fee and we are currently working on the possibility of covering the participants' travelling expenses.

Researchers interested in participating are invited to submit the title and abstract of their proposed presentation (approximately 350 words) including reference to the methods and sources used, as well as a short CV. All proposals must be submitted by September 20, 2018 to the following e-mail address:

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