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Visions, Vows and Wonders:
Religion and the Sea
in the Eastern Mediterranean,
15th-19th centuries

12-13 OCTOBER 2018
RETHYMNON

Thursday, October 11, 2018

18.00 - 20.00 Welcome Reception, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS)

Friday, October 12, 2018

09.00 - 10.30 Conference Registration
10.30 Welcome by the Organizers

11.00 - 13.00

SESSION 1

Locating the Holy and Holy Locations

Chair/Discussant:

Katherine E. Fleming (New York University, USA)

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- **Michele Bacci** (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
Site-Bound Sanctity in a Fluid Space: Late Medieval Shrines in the Aegean and Levantine Seas
 - **Marc David Baer** (London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom)
Sultans as Saviors: Early Modern Mediterranean Jewish Accounts of the Ottoman Rulers
 - **Elena Boeck** (DePaul University, USA)
From Cyprus, to Constantinople, to Cuba and Beyond: Marian Geographies, Russian Imagination, and Confrontations with Counter-Reformation
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13.00 - 14.00 Lunch (at IMS)

14.00 - 16.00

SESSION 2

Business People Religious and Religious Business

Chair/Discussant:

Olga Katsiardi-Hering (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)

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- **Elias Kolovos** (University of Crete, Greece)
Greek Orthodox Monastic Networks across the Aegean Sea during the Ottoman Centuries
 - **Michalis N. Michael** (University of Cyprus, Republic of Cyprus)
Expanding in an Ottoman World: Monastic Economy and Kykkos Monastery
 - **Tullia Catalan** (University of Trieste, Italy)
The Port-Jews of Trieste and their Relationship with the Sea during the 19th Century
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16.00 - 17.00 Guided Tour of Old Town Rethymno for Participants
20.00 Dinner for Participants

Saturday, October 13, 2018

10.00 - 12.00

SESSION 3

Sailing Religious and Religious Sailing

Chair/Discussant:

Christos Chatziiosif (University of Crete, Greece)

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- **Henriette-Rika Benveniste** (University of Thessaly, Greece)
Salonika Conversos in the Early Modern Period Revisited
 - **Eugenia Kermeli** (Hacettepe University, Turkey)
Sailing in-between Religions in the Early Modern Ottoman Mediterranean Sea
 - **Gelina Harlaftis** (Director, IMS/FORTH, Crete, Greece and Ionian University, Corfu, Greece) **and Nikolaos Chrissidis** (Southern Connecticut State University, USA)
The Mermaid Madonna and Her Sails: Boat-Naming Practices of Greek Ship-owners in the 18th and 19th centuries
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12.00 - 13.00

Lunch (at IMS)

13.00 - 15.00

SESSION 4

Faith, Food, Fears and Fervour At Sea and On Land

Chair/Discussant:

Antonis Anastasopoulos (University of Crete and IMS/FORTH, Greece)

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- **Katerina Seraïdari** (Université de Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, France)
Religious Fervour in the Cyclades (1823-1842)
 - **Valentina Izmirlieva** (Columbia University, USA)
The Taste of the Christian Hajj: Feasting, Fasting, and Sea-Faring
 - **Lale Can** (The City College of New York, CUNY, USA)
Istanbul at the Crossroads of Hajj: Religious Experience and Peregrinations Shaped by the Sea
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15.00 - 15.30

Coffee Break (at IMS)

15.30 - 17.00

SESSION 5

Plenary Session. All Participants

Chairs: **Gelina Harlaftis and Nikolaos Chrissidis**

Conference Conclusions. Topics Covered and Topics Yet to Be Covered. Perspectives for the Future. Publication Plans. Future Conferences.

20.00

Farewell Dinner for Participants.

End of Conference

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