

**Greece through the Lenses of Migration,
Sustainability and Resiliency
Year of Greece International Conference
& EQUINOX Symposium
March 18-20, 2021
Kennesaw State University
Call for Presentations**



Description:

Kennesaw State University's Year of Greece Conference challenges participants to think beyond Greece's idealized past to confront contemporary challenges to cultural, economic, environmental, political and social resiliency with an eye to strategies that seem sustainable. This forum, organized in partnership with the EQUINOX symposium, CIFAL Atlanta, and Georgia State University's Center for Hellenic Studies, invites creative and interdisciplinary approaches to the complex positions that Greece occupies within the European imagination as well as in an increasingly global market and global society. The forum will serve as a platform to engage in scholarly conversations that contribute to understanding the complex challenges Greece currently faces, and toward a greater appreciation of the many forms of resiliency and sustainability measures that Greece may contribute to the global conversation.

The conference and symposium will focus on issues of migration, sustainability, and resiliency as exemplified in both the Greek past and its present. This is appropriate for a conference taking place just days before the Greek bicentennial on March 25, 2021. The conference is designed to address a broad range of issues including cultural, economic, environmental, political, and social dimensions. For example, as a country with over 1,600 islands, what impact will climate change have on Greece and how will the rise of sea levels affect Greek coastal cities? In recent years, Greece has been the epicenter of migration to Europe due its proximity to the Turkish coast. How has the significant influx of migrants and refugees impacted Greece, and especially small communities living on Greek islands? How is Greece adapting to increased volume of tourism? These are just a few of the pertinent questions this conference will consider.

While the rhetoric of crisis has been a primary Greek theme in the past decade--especially in relation to economics, economic migration, political refugees, Greece's internal politics and its broader relationship to the European and Mediterranean worlds--times and conditions have changed, such that a narrow focus on crises is no longer productive or illuminating. This symposium is designed to explore the creative responses to crisis that appear to address sustainability in contributing to a more robust and resilient long-term future. In short, Greek crises are not only Greek, and Greece is not only in crisis.

We invite proposals for academic papers across the disciplines that think critically about Greek-related topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- Social Issues – Migration, Refugees, Citizenship, Democracy, and Equity;
- Economic Issues – Integration, Agrotourism, Energy, Austerity, Unemployment, and Brain Drain;

- Cultural Studies - Race, Class and Gender, Cuisine, the Olympic Movement, the Arts
- The Past – Archaeology, Architecture, Memory, Storytelling, History, and Museum Studies;
- Religious Studies – Jewish Heritage, Orthodox Christianity, Islam, and Secularism;
- 200th anniversary of Greek Independence
- International Relations – Relations with Turkey, Disputes over Cyprus, and the European Union;
- Environmental Studies- Sustainability, Agriculture, Eco-Tourism, Climate Change, Water & Energy Scarcity, Resource Consumption, Health and Well-being, and Environmental Migration;
- Technology & Science –Internet, Youth Activism, Advances in Medicine, and Education;
- Multi-stakeholder Partnerships – Sharing Knowledge, Global Diplomacy, Achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We also invite government representatives, academics and/or UN officials with an expertise in the implementation of sustainable initiatives in Greece and neighboring regions to give opening remarks, lead sessions, and/or participate in panel discussions during the conference and symposium.

Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts: To participate, please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words describing the focus of your proposed paper or panel, the methodology employed, and the general argument. At the top of the abstract, type your name, institutional affiliation, position or title, contact phone number, and e-mail. If you wish to propose a panel, please submit the title and abstract for each paper, along with the names and institutional affiliation of all panelists. Save in one Word or RTF document and attach the document to an email message. Type “Year of Greece Conference” in the subject line and send it to Ms. Vivian Pascual at ybonill1@kennesaw.edu.

Deadline for Submission is October 19, 2020. Select papers will be eligible for publication in a Special Issue of KSU’s open-access, peer reviewed Journal of Global Initiatives focused on Greece. Examples of previous journals can be accessed at <https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/jgi/>

For additional information on the Year of Greece and the conference visit <https://dga.kennesaw.edu/yearof/greece/>

For further information on EQUINOX visit <http://EQUINOX.kennesaw.edu>



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