**2nd GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE**

**THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**Thursday 20 May**

19:30 Opening lecture “National Identities and European Unification” Prof. Vasilis Nitisiakos, University of Ioannina (the lecture will be held in Greek but an English text will be distributed)

21:00 “Eklisiazouse”, by Aristophanes

Ancient Greek comedy directed by Giogros Stavrianos and performed by the student theatre group of the Department of Balkan Studies and the Pedagogic Faculty in Florina.

23:00 Reception party

**Friday 21 May**

**Morning Session**

**State Policies, Uses of the Past and the Construction of National Identities**

**Chairperson: Dr. Georgios Agelopoulos, University of Macedonia, Thessalonica**

10:00 – 10:10

* “The Revival of Nationalism in the Balkans”

Thodoris Meletis - University of Ioannina

10:10 – 10:20

* “Student Cooperation in the Balkans (End of the 19th - Beginning of the 20th c.): Political and Social Aspects as Presented in the Media”

Gjika Nikola - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

10:20 – 10:30

* “The Formation of National Identity in Greece”

Nikos Katsiaounis - University of Ioannina

10:30 – 10:40

* “The Great Idea”

Kalliopi Svetzouri - University of Ioannina

10:40 – 11:10 Discussion

11:10 – 11:30 Break

11:30 - 11:40

* “The Perception (Conception) of the National Space in  Greece”

Irene Persidou, Lambrini Kaldani - University of Ioannina

11:40 – 11:50

* “Nationalism and Education”

Vivi Karakousi - University of Ioannina

11:50 - 12:00

* “The Identity of the Ancient Macedonia”

Perilis Theodoros - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

12:10 – 12:20

* “National Identity in Greek Macedonia”

Spiros Zervas - University of Ioannina

12:20 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 16:00 Afternoon Break

Lunch at the University Campus (Free for the guests)

**Afternoon Session**

**1. Exploring Borders as Cultural and Social Space**

**Chairperson: Dr. Ljupco Risteski, University of “St. Cyrill and Methodious”, Skopje**

16:00 - 16:10

* “On Borders”

Damjan Bogdanovski - University of St Cyril and Methodious, Skopje

16:10 – 16:20

* “Perceptions on Borders in the Florina Region”

Ioannou Christina - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

16:20 – 16:30

* “I Had a Dream...”

Anja Gjorgjeska - University of St Cyrill and Methodious, Skopje

16:30 – 16:40

* “Made in Balkan”

Maja Efremovska - University of St Cyrill and Methodious, Skopje

16:40 – 16:50

* “Xenophobia and Discrimination in the EU: A Greek Perspective”

Dousias Apostolis, Nikolaidis Nikos - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

16:50 – 17:00

* “Boundaries - Imagined and Real”

Ilina Jakimovska (part-time Assistant at the Ethnological Department), Sinisa Marusic - University of St Cyrill and Methodious, Skopje

17:00 - 17:30 Discussion

17:30 – 17:45 Break

**2. Europe and the Balkans: Images, Relations and Representations**

**Chairperson: Dr. Kostas Mantzios, University of Ioannina, Ioannina**

17:45 – 17:55

* “Representations of Eastern Europe by the Greek Mass Media”

Salomi Boukala - Panteion University, Athens

17:55 – 18:05

* “The Balkan as the Alter-Ego of Europe”

Katarina Kreceva - University of St Cyrill and Methodious, Skopje

18:05 – 18:15

* “The Borders of Free Europe”

Iskra Gerazova - University of St Cyrill and Methodious, Skopje

18:15 – 18:25

* “The Stabilization and Association Process of the European Union Towards the Countries of the Western Balkans”

Papadopoulou Irene - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

18:25 – 18:35

* “European Regional Policy”

Neofotistou Ksenia - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

18:35 – 18:45

* Liapis Yiannis (topic, to be announced) - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

18:45 – 18:55

* “Cultural and Political Borders of the Balkan Peninsula”

Jasmina Mazgalieva - University of St Cyrill and Methodious, Skopje

19:00 – 19:30 Discussion

End of the First Day

**Saturday 22 May**

**Morning Session**

**The Formation and Negotiation of Identity: Discourses and Practices**

**Chairperson: Dr. Panos Tsimouris, Panteion University, Athens**

10:00 – 10:10

* «Our Neighborhood»

Risto Dimitrovski -University of St Cyrill and Methodious, Skopje

10:10 – 10:20

* “Routes of Identity: From Western Thrace to Gazi”

Irene Avramopoulou - Panteion University, Athens

10:20 – 10:30

* “The Albanian Community in Florina”

Stmatoukou Eleni - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

10:30 – 10:40

* “Asia Minor Greeks: Between the Ottoman Empire and the Construction of National Identity. Identification Process Before and After 1912”

Poli Kostidou - Panteion University, Athens

10:40-10:50

* “The Community of Neofotistoi in the Town of Florina”

Chatzikonstantinou Georgia - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

10:50 – 11:15 Discussion

11:15 – 11:30 Break

11:30 - 11:40

* “Arvanites and Greekness: The Case of the Arvanites Community in Aspropirgos and the Misapprehensions of Laografia”

Andonis Serepas - Panteion University, Athens

11:40 – 11:50

* “Testimonies and Memory of Greek War Prisoners in Germany 1944-45»

Giorgos Maniatis - Panteion University, Athens

11:50 - 12:00

* “Towards an Anthropology of Night Clubbing: The Case of Night Clubbing in Bournazi”

Natalia Koutsougera - Panteion University, Athens

12:00 – 12:10

* “When the Butter Acquired Borders: Food, Nutrition and Specific Identities”

Ifigeneia Anastasiadi - Panteion University, Athens

12:10 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 16:00 Afternoon Break

Lunch at the University Campus (Free for the guests)

**Afternoon Session**

**The Balkans in the Post-Socialist Era: Social Transformations,**

**Chairperson: Dr. Ioannis Manos, University of Western Macedonia, Florina**

16:00 - 16:10

* “Transition and Surviving Strategies in Rural Areas of Eastern Europe”

Loukas Theotokatos - Panteion University, Athens

16:10 – 16:20

* “Is Hoxha still alive? Human Rights Violation in Post-Communist Albania”

Douni Marsela - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

16:20 – 16:30

* “Women's Status in Post-Socialist Bulgaria”

Sofia  Gourtzelidou - University of Macedonia, Thessalonica

16:30 – 16:40

* “Women Refugees in the Balkans”

Konstantinidou Maria - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

16:40 – 16:50

* “Human Rights and the Role of NGOs within the UN”

Viga katerina - University of Western Macedonia, Florina

16:50 – 17:0

* “On Tolerance”

Jelena Kovacevic - University of St Cyrill and Methodious, Skopje

17:00 – 17:30 Discussion

17:30 – 18:00 Wrap Up: Prof. Vasilis Nitsiakos, University of Ioannina, Ioannina

**Sunday 23 May**

09:00 Excursion to the Prespa region

Visit to the island of St Achilles, lunch at the village of Psarades