

GREEK ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, ARCHEOLOGY AND SOCIAL  
ANTHROPOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF THESSALY  
(Post-graduate Program “Studies on Mobility”)

## 6th INTERNATIONAL ORAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

*Resistances and Contestations:  
New Perspectives in Oral History*

Volos, 8-10 November 2024

Saratsis Amphitheatre, University of Thessaly, Argonafton & Filellinon Str.

Friday 8th November
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Morning Session

9.00-9.30

Arrival and Registration

9.30-10.15

Welcome Address by Polymeris Voglis, Director of the Post-graduate Program “Studies on Mobility” (I.A.KA)

Introductory Remarks by Pothiti Hantzaroula, Antonis Antoniou

10.15-11.45

Collective Action, Movements, and Public Space

Chair: Dimitra Lambropoulou

Hara Kouki *Against and Beyond Despair: Stories of Solidarity in Crisis-Ridden Athens*

Eirini Vallindra *From Kypseli Square to Exarchia Square: Mapping Narratives as Forms of Political Resistance*

Michalis Kastanidis, Reggina Mantanika, Io Haviara (OpenEleusis Group) *Stories of Elefsina City*

Maria Malenou, *Everyday Resistance by Food Service Employees During the Years of Crisis*

**11.45-12.15 Coffee Break**

**12.15-14.00**

**Youth Forms of Resistance in Post-War Greece**

**Chair: Annita Prassa**

Christina Koniali *Youth Action and Forms of Resistance Through the Clandestine Groups of EPON in the 1950s'*

Oral History Group of Volos (OPIVO) *Voices of Contestation and Resistance: The Democratic Youth Movement Lambrakis in Magnesia*

Dimitra Lampropoulou «*And That Was My First Revolution...»: Paths of Contestation of Working Pupils in the Long Sixties*

Dimitra-Nefeli Aloniati "*Law 815 Will Be Repealed on the Streets*": *Oral Testimonies About the Overturning of a Law After the End of the Dictatorship* (Metapolitefsi)

**Lunch Break 14.00-16.30**

**Afternoon Session**

**16.30-17.45**

**Resistance as Action and as Experience**

**Chair: Polymeris Voglis**

Maria Kavala "*Defining*" and *Conceptualizing Resistance in Oral Narratives About the German Occupation of Thessaloniki*

Dimitris Mantzaris *Operating the Allied Wireless on Occupied Lesbos. Oral Testimonies of Daily Action and Resistance*

Oral History Group of the Historical Museum of Alexandroupolis (OPI-ISMO) *Multiple Forms of Resistance in the Evros Province*

**17.45-19.00**

**Family Memory of Resistance during the Dictatorship**

**Chair: Riki Van Boeschoten**

Asimina Lambropoulou *Fatherland, Religion, Dissolved Family. The Action of the Wives of Leftists Persecuted by the Junta*

Maria Vlachaki *The Use of Oral history for Approaching Controversial Issues in School History: Resistances to Institutional Memory, New Representations of the Past*

Eleni-Kalomoira Lambridou, Vassilis Dalkavoukis, *Everyday Resistance during the Dictatorship of 1967-1974 in the Memories of the Children of Political Prisoners in Exile*

19.00-19.30 Coffee Break

**Keynote speech [in English]**

19.30-20.30

Alessandro Portelli, Università di Roma «La Sapienza», Circolo Gianni Bosio

*War, Violence and the Ethics of Resistance*

**Chair: Antonis Antoniou**

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**Saturday 9 November**

**Morning Session**

9.30-11.00

**Workers' Demands, Collectivities, and Subjectivity**

**Chair: Vassilis Dalkavoukis**

Akis Palaiologos *How Workers Contested Employers' Strategies in Oral Testimonies in the Industrial Sector of Patras during the Metapolitefsis Period*

Dimitra Kofti *Resistances and Contestations in the Field of Labor*

Giorgos Tsiolis *Ethics of Resistance and Care as Contexts of the Subjectivation of Contemporary Precarious Workers*

Stefanos Vamiedakis, Alekos Morianopoulos Nea Ionia Oral History Group (OPINI) *Labor Resistance in a German Multinational. The "Girls" of TRIUMPH*

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00

**Undoing Stigma**

**Chair: Riki Van Boeschoten**

Kostas Yannakopoulos *The Stigma of adelfi (Sissy's Stigma). Gendered Stories of Persecution and Survival/Resistance in Postwar Greece*

Christina Tsamourzi *Resistant Memory and Resistance to Memory Through Life Narratives*

Iilirida Musaraj *"Dëshmi for Generations to Come:" Oral History as a Means of Making and Preserving Collective (Counter)Memory*

13.00-13.45

**Forms of Resistance in the Field of Health**

**Chair: Giorgos Tsiolis**

Eirini Petrou *The Cancer Chronicles: Fragments of Identity and Resistance in Breast Cancer Stories*

Anthy Hatzipetrou *Disability as an Experience and as a Narrative*

13.45-16.00

**Room Θ**

**Screening of the film OTRANTO by the Latent Community (Ionian Bisai / Sotiris Tsiganos), 24'41", 2020**

Afternoon Session

16.00-17.30

**Cultural Practices of Resistance**

**Chair: Dimitra Kofti**

Gerasimos Makris *The Tree of Azraq Benda in Daym Abū Ḥashīsh: Fragments of an Alternative History of Slave Descendants in Sudan*

Murat Issi *Oral history tradition and the Kurds*

Konstantina Bada *Popular Culture as a Form and Field of Resistance to Oral Life Narratives*

Nikos Tsirikis, Antonis Antoniou *The "Tsipouradika" of Volos and Nea Ionia as a Place of Hidden Resistance: Oral Testimonies of Asia Minor Descendants*

17.30-19.15 [in English]

**Contesting Mainstream Narratives on Migration**

**Chair: Marlen Mouliou**

Maria Adamopoulou *Resist to Exist: Re-gendering the Memory of Greek Gastarbeiter Migration*

Chris Zisis *Visual and Material Displays of Migration Histor(ies) in Museum Exhibition in Germany*

Kostas Gousis *«Sharing the Stories of Others»: The Use of the Biographical Narrative Approach in Research on Migrant Activism*

Yiorgo Topalidis *The Social Construction of Ottoman Greek Identity in an Early 20th-Century U.S. Context*

Marina Bantiou *Resistances, Contestations, and Resilience in the Migration Experiences of Cretan Women in New Zealand in the 1960s*

19.15-19.30 Coffee Break

19.30-21.00 [in English]

**Roundtable Discussion: Oral History and Biographical Approach: An Inspiring Dialogue**

Participants: **Gabriele Rosenthal**, Prof. Emerita, Institute of Methods and Methodological Principles in the Social Sciences, Göttingen Universität

**Dr. Lindsey Dodd**, Independent oral historian, editor of *Oral History* (on-line)

**Coordinator: Riki Van Boeschoten**, Prof. Emerita University of Thessaly

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**Sunday 10 November**

**Morning Session**

10.00-11.30

**Alternative Conceptualizations of Concentration Camp Survivors' Memories**

**Chair: Maria Kavala**

Oral History Group of Volos (OPIVO) *Memory and Narrativity: Resistance Stories from Nazi Forced Labor Camps*

Eleni Beze, *Oral testimonies of Greek Jews: Talking about the Shoah and Forms of Resistance*

Kerasia Malagiorgi *"Victims," "Survivors," "Heroes," and the "Second Generation": Narratives of Resistance Told by Descendants of Greek-Jewish Shoah Survivors in Israel*

Evangelia Ieremia *Resistance in the Extermination Camps: The Case of the Sonderkommando of Auschwitz*

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-12.45

**Contesting Patriarchal Power**

**Chair: Ioanna Laliotou**

Ioanna Bibli *Patriarchal Relationships and Forms of Resistance in Rural Greece (1930-1960)*

Mary Kyameti *Life Histories of Peasant Women in Post-War Samos: A Constant and Two-Way Contestation*

12.45-14.00

**Reflective Approaches to Oral History Research**

**Chair: Rika Benveniste**

Eleftheria Alexandri, Chalil Imamoglou *“Research in Solidarity:” A Suggestion for Qualitative Interviewing in Oral History.*

Patricia Lazou *Behind the Narratives. Mechanisms of Resistance and Endurance of the Communicative Event. Performance*

Antigoni Efstratoglou, Giorgos Koulaouzidis *Prisoner Students' Resistances to Research, as a Means of Navigating the Opaque Research Field of Prison Schools*

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