The Greek Village

A Symposium at the UCLA Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies

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The Greek _chorio_ has been a frequent subject of interest to anthropologists, who have written extensively about rituals, kinship structures, work and gender. Increasingly, the subject has come under the scrutiny of archaeologists, who have carefully traced the material remains of villages and households in order to reconstruct the lives of those who lived outside of better studied cities and towns. This symposium aims to examine the Greek village over time — through its most ancient manifestations, its Byzantine remains, its Ottoman survival, its modern abandonment, and its contemporary rediscovery. What is the meaning of the _chorio_? What are its characteristics? How does it anchor people to a specific place and identity?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019 — ROYCE 314

2:00  Welcoming Remarks  
Massimo Ciavolella (Italian, UCLA), CMRS Director  
Sharon E. J. Gerstel (Art History, UCLA), Conference Organizer  
Evgenia Beniatoglou, Consul General of Greece in Los Angeles

SESSION I — Chair: Sarah Morris (Classics, UCLA)

2:15  Yannis Hamilakis (Archaeology and Modern Greek, Brown University)  
“The Village as Chronotope: Multi-temporality, Sensorial Experience, and the Longue Durée”

3:00  Lin Foxhall (Archaeology & Ancient History, University of Leicester; Ancient History & Classical Archaeology, University of Liverpool)  
“The Village Beyond the Village: Communities in Rural Landscapes in Ancient Greek Countrysides”

3:45  Break

KEYNOTE LECTURE — Intro: Laurie Hart (Anthropology, UCLA)

4:00  Michael Herzfeld (Anthropology, Harvard University)  
“Seeing Like a Village: The Persistence of Rurality and the Pursuit of Modernity in Greece”

5:15  Reception

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019 — ROYCE 314

8:30  Coffee

SESSION II — Chair: Sharon E.J. Gerstel (Art History, UCLA)

9:00  Fotini Kondylidi (Art History, University of Virginia)  
“Knowing One’s Landscape: Place, Movement, and Local Identity in the Late Byzantine Village”

9:45  Athanasios K. Vionis (History and Archaeology, University of Cyprus)  
“The Byzantine Village—Community in Greece and Cyprus: Form, Evolution, and Identity”

10:30  Break

SESSION III — Chair: Simos Zenios (Classics, UCLA)

10:45  Rebecca Bryant (Cultural Anthropology, University of Utrecht)  
“Nostalgic Neighbors: The Village as Historiographical Problem in Cyprus”

11:30  Anastasia Karakasidou (Anthropology, Wellesley College)  
“Χωρίο χωριούδακι: Displaced Nostalgia in Contemporary Greece”

12:35  Lunch Break

SESSION IV — Chair: John Papadopoulos (Classics, UCLA)

1:30  Konstantinos Kalantzis (Research Associate, University College London)  
“Picturing the Imaginable: Photography, Displacement, and Nostalgia in the Highland Cretan Village”

2:15  Kostis Kourelis (Art & Art History, Franklin and Marshall College)  
“Materialities that Bind: An Archaeology of Greek American Habitats”

3:15  Documentary Films — Introduced by Aristotelis Katopodis (Artistic Director, Los Angeles Greek Film Festival)  
_The Little Palace of Aoría_ — Vassilis Panagiotakopoulos, Director and Producer

_Blessings and Vows_ — Katerina Zacharia, Director and Producer (Classics and Archaeology, Loyola Marymount University)

4:35  Closing Remarks

4:30  Reception

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