

dëcolonize hellás

The initiative **dëcolonize hellás** invites you to its first international hybrid nomadic symposium “Decolonizing Hellas: Imperial Pasts, Contested Presents, Emancipated Futures, 1821-2021.”

Online and in situ, at PLYFA Industrial Park,
Koritsas 39 in Votanikos, Athens, from 4 to 7 November 2021

The bicentennial of the Greek Revolution coincides with contemporary world revolts and renewed struggles against the colonial legacies of white supremacy, nationalisms and racial capitalism. Inspired by these struggles, the initiative Decolonize Hellas prompts an urgent (re)viewing of the place of modern Greece in relation to geographies and genealogies of European colonialism. To decolonize Hellas means to expose the colonial genealogies that fuel phenomena of orientalism, balkanism, xenophobia, racism and sexism articulated in its name.

Our first symposium “Decolonizing Hellas: Imperial Pasts, Contested Presents, Emancipated Futures 1821-2021” brings together researchers, artists, activists, journalists, and scholars to reflect on topics such as: colonial museum practices, the relations between race, colonialism and revolution, migration, diaspora and settler colonialism, political identity-building processes, peacemaking as colonial technology, the decolonization of Cyprus, sea cosmopolitanism and labor relations, epistemicide and cosmopolitics, decolonial feminist methodologies, among many others.

Through various means – panels, dialogues and interviews, workshops, artistic events, a student assembly from three universities of the Greek periphery (Universities of Ioannina, Thessaly and Macedonia), anti-tours on Ottoman Acropolis, the city of Athens and “unconventional” seas – we aspire to engage with a broad audience and reflect on our largely silenced imperial pasts, our troubled times marked by capitalist exploitation, racial and gender violence, xenophobia and white supremacy nostalgia and to open pathways toward more inhabitable and inclusive futures.

Keynote speakers:

Dušan I. Bjelić, Julian Go, Mahmood Mamdani,
Gina Athena Ulysse, Boaventura de Sousa Santos, Ann Stoler

The **dëcolonize hellás collective:**

Nikolas Kosmatopoulos (American University of Beirut)
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