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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

Morning Session

9.00-9.30

Arrival and Registration

9.30-10.15

Welcome Address

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Dimitra-Nefeli Aloniati “*Law 815 Will Be Repealed on the Streets*”: *Oral Testimonies About the Overturning of a Law After the End of the Dictatorship (Metapolitefsi)*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 Tsamourtzzi *Resistant Memory and Resistance to Memory Through Life Narratives*

Iilrida 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 **Lunch Break**

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 (on-line, see link below)*

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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