

GRADUATE RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM IN MODERN GREEK STUDIES 2026  
G27, Tony Watkins Lecture Theatre, University of Reading, Shinfield Road, Reading RG6 6EL

## **SMGS Graduate Research Colloquium 2026 in Modern Greek Studies**

*In memory of Chris Salatellis*

**Friday 26 June 2026, 9:30am–4:45pm**

University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus

**Room G.09, Old Whiteknights House**

Organised by the Society for Modern Greek Studies

### **Venue**

All paper sessions will take place in Room G.09, Old Whiteknights House, University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus. Old Whiteknights House is Building 9 on the University of Reading campus map, in grid square C3. This replaces the previously advertised room.

Campus map [link](#)

### **Programme**

09:30 Registration  
09:55 Opening remarks  
10:00–11:30 Session 1  
11:30–12:00 Coffee break (G.08)  
12:00–13:30 Session 2  
13:30–14:30 Lunch break (Classics Resources Room)  
14:00–14:20 Optional visit to the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology  
14:30–16:30 Session 3  
16:30 Closing remarks  
16:45 End

### **Session 1**

**10:00–11:30**

*Chair: Aristeidis Grivokostopoulos, London School of Economics and Political Science*

#### **1. Anastasia Papanastasiou**

*University of Sussex*

“School History and National Identity in Contemporary Greece”

#### **2. Evgenia Villioti**

*Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences*

“The culture wars of the 1980s Greece interpreted by the movie critics”

#### **3. Elliot Dimitris Koubis**

*University of Oxford*

“Relating the Family: Reparation, Antagonism and Self-Authorship in sam albatros and Édouard Louis”

### **Coffee break**

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**11:30–12:00**

Refreshments will be served in G.08, next to Room G.09.

**Session 2**

**12:00–13:30**

*Chair: Michelle Hara Wittmann, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich*

**4. Georgios-Menelaos Asteriou**

*Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences*

“Between Party and Movement: EEDYE and EDA in Post-Civil War Greece: Ideological, Cultural and Organizational Parameters of Anti-Imperialist Struggle”

**5. Nikolaos Paraschis**

*European University Institute*

“Soviet Literature in the Greek Civil War”

**6. Lennart Mehrwald**

*School of Advanced Study, University of London*

“Greek-German encounters in the 1930s: The case of German-speaking exiles and their interactions and collaborations with their Greek counterparts”

**Lunch break and optional museum visit**

**13:30–14:30**

Lunch will be served in the Classics Resources Room, next to the Ure Museum.

Participants are invited to join a short optional visit to the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology from 14:00 to 14:20. The visit is optional, and the lunch break will remain available for participants who prefer to continue lunch, rest, or prepare for the afternoon session.

**Session 3**

**14:30–16:30**

*Chair: Elliot Dimitris Koubis, University of Oxford*

**7. Ian Sideris**

*Birkbeck, University of London*

“Hellenism in the Poetry of George Seferis and C.P. Cavafy”

**8. Michelle Hara Wittmann**

*Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich*

“Georgios Prokopiou’s Portrait of Emperor Menelik II in the Royal Collection Trust: The Prokopiou Brothers’ ‘Adventure’ to the Ethiopian Court”

**9. Aristeidis Grivokostopoulos**

*London School of Economics and Political Science*

“Between Civilization and Constitution: Greek Parliamentary Debates on Gold Standard Adoption, 1875–1885”

**10. Mick McTiernan**

*Royal Holloway, University of London*

“They came, they saw, they didn’t conquer. The Greek invasion of Crete, February to May 1897.”