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Representatives from 15 leading American Universities at the University of Crete



Snapshot from the visit of the US Universities' Representatives at Voutes Campus in Heraklion, @Public Relations Dept.

Representatives from fifteen (15) leading U.S. Universities visited the University of Crete on November 9 -10 in the frame of the “[International Academic Partnership Program](#)”, an initiative of the Greek Ministry of Education & Religious Affairs, developed through the Institute of International Education.

Professors and executives from the Johns Hopkins University, Joliet Junior College, Lehigh University, Rutgers University, Stockton University, Tufts University, University of California at Berkeley, University of Cincinnati, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of South Alabama, Ohio Northern University, University of Southern California - Viterbi School of Engineering, Wayne State University, Yale University and the Co-President of the Institute of International Education Ms. Sarah A. Ilchman participated in the delegation groups. The American representatives visited both Campuses of UoC and met with Faculty members and representatives of UoC to discuss future partnerships.

Discussions focused on the creation of joint educational activities and research collaborations, such as Summer Schools, postgraduate exchange programs and other opportunities for PhD candidates and faculty members.

Despite the tight schedule of the delegation's visit, a large number of new partnerships were discussed or initiated, reflecting the internationalization prospects of the University of Crete in research and education.



The University of Crete participates in InnoDays Crete 2022



Snapshot from the participation of the UoC at "Innodays 2022", @Public Relations Dept.



The UoC Rector Prof. Georgios Kontakis visits the UoC information kiosk, @Public Relations Dept.

The University of Crete promotes innovation in "InnoDays 2022", a three-day event organized by the Region of Crete in November 25-27, 2022. University of Crete's active role in innovation was featured in "INNODAYS 2022" through presentations of the Institution's latest achievements in research and technology, spin offs, laboratories and facilities at the UoC information stand.

The event was organized by the Region of Crete under the auspices of the Ministry of Development & Investment and the General Secretariat for Research & Innovation in November 25-27 at the International Exhibition Centre of Crete.

"InnoDays 2022" was focused on Crete's innovation ecosystem and introduced the research community, ground-breaking business ideas, and institutions that promote innovation and entrepreneurship in Crete.



Snapshot from the speech of the UoC Vice-Rector for Research and Development Prof. Michail Pavlidis at "Innodays 2022", @Public Relations Dept.



From the left: The student winning team - Stelios Stavgianoudakis (Department of Chemistry), Athina Tsironi (Department of Political Science), Nikos Kakavas (Department of Chemistry), Chrysostomos Ploumakis (Department of Computer Science), @Public Relations Dept.

UoC students win the 1st prize in the Innovation Marathon | InnoDays 2022

The UoC student team won the 1st prize in the Innovation Marathon, organized in the frame of “InnoDays 2022”. Inspired by the contest challenge, “Innovative ideas for the development of sustainable practices in the production and promotion of Cretan olive oil and carob products”, the team from the University of Crete proposed a marketable innovative idea with great business potential. Specifically, the team proposed a platform where certified olive oil producers can sell their product worldwide and at the same time offer experience tourist services related to sustainable olive oil production. In addition, the platform allows sellers

to provide different transportation means in accordance with each buyer’s preferences over CO2 emissions, adjusting the final price of the transaction to promote ecological choices. In this way, the platform not only increases the market value and attractiveness of Cretan products, but it also promotes sustainability and rural tourism in Crete. The winning team members are Athina Tsironi (Department of Political Science), Nikos Kakavas (Department of Chemistry), Stelios Stavgianoudakis (Department of Chemistry) and Chrysostomos Ploumakis (Department of Computer Science).



Snapshot from the participation of the UoC at "Innodays 2022", @Public Relations Dept.



The General Secretary of Digital Governance and Procedures of the Ministry of Digital Governance Mr. Leonidas Christopoulos visits the UoC kiosk, @Public Relations Dept.



The General Secretary for Research and Innovation of the Ministry of Development and Investments Mr. Athanasios Kiriazis visits the UoC kiosk, @Public Relations Dept.

NEW COLLABORATION WITH CSR HELLAS

The University of Crete is pleased to announce a new collaboration agreement with **CSR-Hellas** and the Greek Corporate Sustainability & Responsibility network. The UoC Rector Prof. George Kontakis and CSR-Hellas, represented by the President of the Board of Directors and Vice President of CSR Europe, Ms. Maria Alexiou, signed a new agreement on 25 November 2022 to continue their collaboration for the organization of the CSR School. Present were the Vice Rector for Research & Development, Prof. Michail Pavlidis, the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Lifelong Learning, International Relationships and Outlook, Prof. Georgios Kossioris, Assoc. Prof Konstantinos Manasakis and Mr. Alexandros Kostopoulos, Deputy Director of CSR HELLAS.

The successful initiative of **CSR Schools** started 4 years ago and with the new agreement joint activities will continue until 2027. The new strategic partnership focuses on research and education for promoting the principles of sustainability to businesses in Crete and nationwide. This collaboration will substantially contribute to the education of a new generation of qualified interdisciplinary scientists that will work as sustainability managers.

CSR School is an excellent example of cooperation between the public and private sector. Until today, 144 people have been trained (Greece, Cyprus, France, United Kingdom, Slovenia, Serbia, Bulgaria, North

Macedonia, Turkey, Singapore, Egypt) by 58 prominent teachers and professionals from 20 educational institutions and 23 companies around the world. For the past two years, CSR-School is organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Development and Investment.

CSR- Hellas is a member of the European CSR Europe Network that promotes the comprehensive integration of the principles of sustainability and responsible entrepreneurship into corporate strategy, governance and administration in Greece, through initiatives and collective actions, specialized tools and services, updates regarding national and international developments in issues of Responsible Entrepreneurship.

The University of Crete is a member of SDSN Greece, the national network of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) which promotes problem-solving practices for sustainable development. The UoC participates in international rankings that assess universities according to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Furthermore, UoC is an active participant in initiatives and partnerships for fulfilling the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development Goals, at national (CSR Student Competition "Nikos Analitis") and regional level (supports the Region of Crete in mapping the level of SDG integration on the island).



From the left: Assoc. Prof. Konstantinos Manasakis, Vice Rector for Research & Development Prof. Michail Pavlidis, Vice President of CSR Europe Ms. Maria Alexiou, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Lifelong Learning, International Relationships and Outlook Prof. Georgios Kossioris and Deputy Director of CSR HELLAS Mr. Alexandros Kostopoulos, @Public Relations Dept.



Training of the Trainers & Erasmus+ COALITION project



The Erasmus+ COALITION Project was approved and launched in 2022 following the proposal of the Coordinator of Teaching and Learning Centre at the UOC, **Ms. Kallia Katsampoxaki-Hodgetts** and **Prof. Eleni Katsarou** (Dept. of Philosophy & Social Studies). The proposal was composed based on insights gained during a series of educational meetings with the UOC academic staff, in the frame of the Training of the Trainers (TotT) initiative, and emerging themes during peer-discussions. The COALITION project objectives are directly connected to the horizontal action of TotT (standardised workshop in all departments) titled "Inclusion; proactive lesson planning and university policy", which takes place at the end of the winter semester.

The Erasmus+ project "**Coaching Academics as Learners for Inclusive Teaching in Optimal Networks- COALITION**" addresses contemporary challenges and issues of inclusive learning-centered pedagogies along with innovative teaching practices in HE. The main focus of the project is the ever-growing digitalization of education, and training techniques for educators that lead to a more inclusive learning environment. The project partners are based in 6 EU countries: the Netherlands, Greece, Spain, Latvia, Romania, and Sweden. Project coordinator: Leiden University – the Netherlands.

COALITION objectives will be achieved in three ways:

1. By primarily mapping out and scaffolding key i-SCP competences for faculty by fostering democratic participation, equity-driven, awareness-raising and evidence-based training processes that faculty members need in order to succeed.
2. By developing i-SCP content for FD that provides flexible decentralised, accredited and personalised FD opportunities (E-book, MOOC, website with resources and diagnostic tool)
3. By employing faculty-centred (personalised) i-SCP FD processes within contexts of situated praxis and active Communities of practice (COP).
4. By developing a Guide for faculty developers and policy decision makers that will be conducive to sustainability of I-SCP FD practices.

Training of the Trainers (TotT)

Differentiated Teaching at the University of Crete

The TotT@UOC initiative started in 2019 as a bottom-up initiative of UoC educators embracing an open culture in formal and informal exchange of good pedagogical practices among teaching staff and Faculty at the University of Crete. It has recently evolved to a Teaching and Learning Centre which aims to involve a wider community of practice. One of the key objectives is to promote student-centred learning in large audiences in higher education and strive for personalised learning experiences in line with the demands of current digital learning practices. During the past three years, TotT has been widely recognized and supported by the academic community of UoC and continues to grow by designing and launching new projects and actions that involve all Teaching and Learning Centres in Greece and further afield.

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The 43rd ASSET Conference in UoC

The Department of Economics of the UoC, as a member of the Association of Southern European Economic Theorists (ASSET) network, organized the 43rd annual international conference of the network between 27-29 October 2022. The conference was held at the premises of the University of Crete at the University's Campus in Gallos, Rethymnon. Over 160 researchers from 20 countries attended the conference.

The [conference programme](#) included presentations of 151 papers, organized in 40 thematic sessions of 3 or 4 presentations, covering a wide range of fields in economics.

The two keynote lectures of the conference, the [Murat Sertel Lecture](#) and the [Vilfredo Pareto Lecture](#), were presented by [Professor Helmut Bester](#) (Freie Universität, Germany) and [Professor Costas Arkolakis](#) (Yale University, USA), respectively.

During the conference, the Louis-Andri Gerard-Varet (LAGV) prize was awarded to Ms. Sofia Ruiz Palazuelos, a postdoctoral researcher at the Aix-Marseille School of Economics, for her paper "[Network Perception in Network Games](#)".

The LAGV prize is awarded each year to a young researcher (either a current graduate student or a recent PhD within two years of graduation) for writing the best paper among those submitted for evaluation for presentation at the ASSET annual meeting.

ASSET, the Association of Southern-European Economic Theorists, is a group of twenty-one economics departments and economics research centres located in Cyprus, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey. The purpose of the association is to encourage cooperation and exchange of researchers and ideas among the participating research institutions in the general field of analytical and quantitative economics and econometrics. To this end, ASSET organizes various scientific activities, in particular an annual meeting hosted by a different member institution each year. The scientific activities and meetings of ASSET are open to international scholars from all parts of the world.

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THE 44TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH EUROPEAN GROUP OF ECONOMISTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER 2023 IN LISBON



ASSET Meeting 2022



CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference requests theoretical and empirical papers in all areas of Economics. Submissions by researchers from member and non-member institutions are very welcome. ASSET strongly encourages and promotes the participation of young researchers from its member institutions in its annual meeting. Papers can only be submitted electronically through the ASSET Meeting 2022 website

Important dates:
30/06/2022: Deadline for submissions
01/08/2022: Notification to Authors
05/09/2022: Deadline for Registration of Paper Presenters
19/09/2022: Deadline for Early Registration

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS UNIVERSITY OF CRETE

OCTOBER 27-29, 2022

Keynote speakers:
Helmut Bester, Freie Universität, Berlin (Murat Sertel Lecture)
Costas Arkolakis, Yale University, USA (Vilfredo Pareto Lecture)

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The educational excavation of the University of Crete in the Acropolis of Ancient Eleutherna

The excavation of Eleutherna is almost as old as the Department of History and Archeology of the University of Crete, and has been operating independently since 1983. Archaeological evidence suggests that Eleutherna was one of Crete's most important ancient cities, a capital city in the Geometric and Archaic periods, whose life spans until the Early Byzantine periods.

In 1985, the excavation was integrated in the Department's study program as an educational excavation, and since then it is used for the on-site training of students in archaeological techniques. Prof. Thanasis Kalpaxis, the first director of the excavations, focused his research work on the excavation of the two citadels of Eleutherna, Nissi hill and Pyrgi hill. The university excavation at Pyrgi continues to this day under the direction of Christina Tsigonaki. Every year, a group of about 20 undergraduate and graduate students of the University of Crete train in Ancient Eleutherna for about a month in basic excavation techniques and cutting-edge technologies in Archaeology. The training continues throughout the academic year with study workshops on the archaeological findings. Excavators of the acropolis aim to reveal the archaeological remains of all periods and at the same time

they make sure that the natural landscape and beauty of the site is disturbed as little as possible by the archaeological research.

At a slow pace, as the scientific method requires, but steadily, thanks to the uninterrupted funding of the excavation by the University of Crete, the Sector II excavation at the Central Plateau of the Acropolis brought to light a unique palimpsest, where historical and natural landscape interact in peace. A monumental archaic temple, a Roman public bath and a Christian church are believed to have been the landmarks of the Acropolis of Eleutherna in different phases of its history, indicating the public character of this place. This year excavation works started in September 2022.

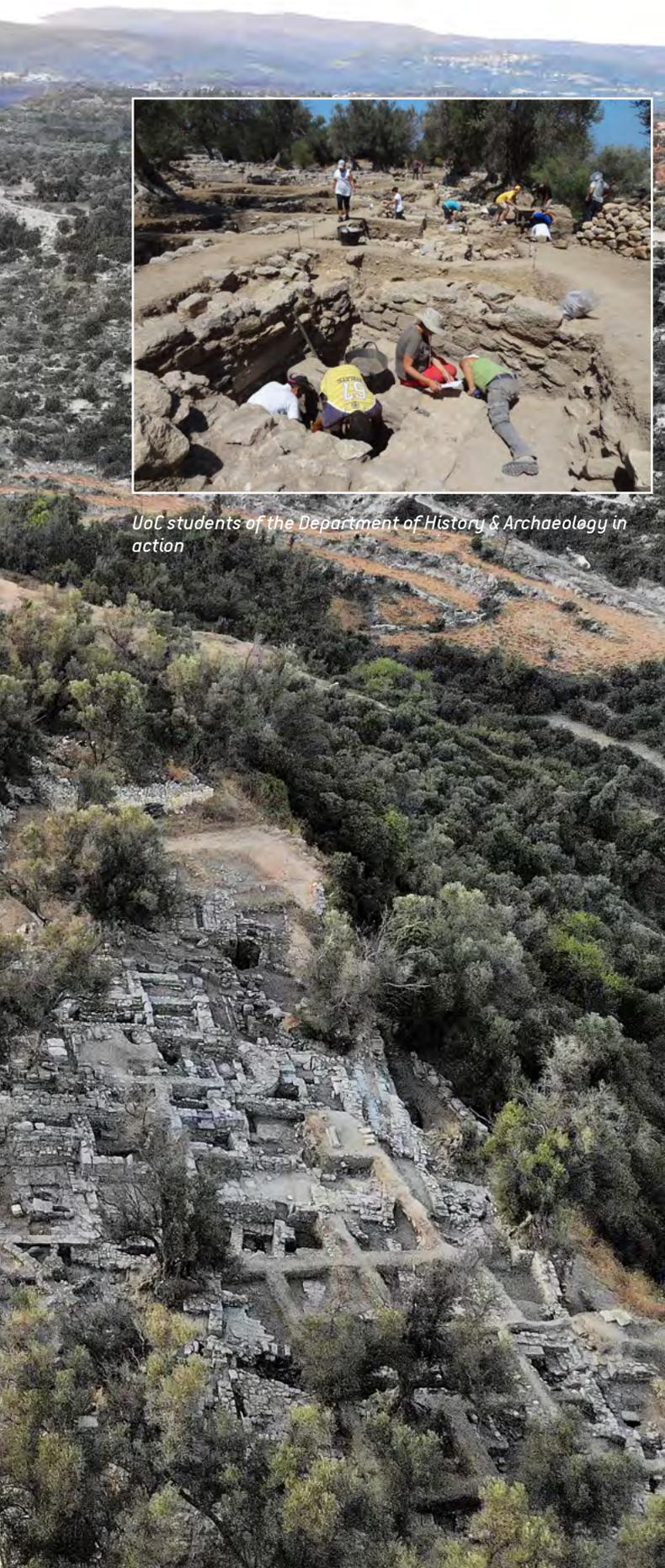
The archaeological excavation at Pyrgi hill welcomed visitors in October 2, 2022, who also had the opportunity to see the excavation team of the University in action at the site of Sector II.



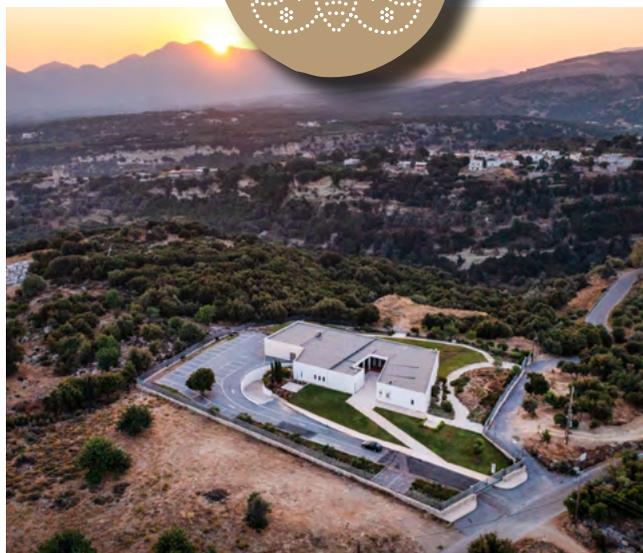
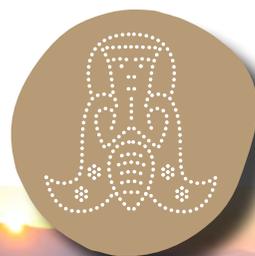
The 1986 excavation team in Pyrgi



The 2021 excavation team in Pyrgi



UoC students of the Department of History & Archaeology in action



Museum of Ancient Eleutherna

The Museum of ancient Eleutherna – Homer in Crete is the first archaeological site museum in Crete, and even though it is smaller in size, its importance is similar to those of Olympia, Delphi, and Vergina. The museum was created to house the results of the excavations carried out in the ancient city of Eleutherna. The originality of the Museum of Ancient Eleutherna is that the objects of the permanent exhibition are periodically updated with new and older findings, so that the public's interest is continuous and relates to the discoveries and expansion of the excavation work on the site.

In 2009, the *American periodical Archaeology* listed the Orthi Petra cemetery of Eleutherna as one of the top ten archaeological discoveries worldwide. It is the first and only excavation in Greece to receive such honorary mention.

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Aerial shot of the Eleutherna Acropolis (2021)

Erasmus + News

ERASMUS DAYS 2022

The University of Crete participated in the Erasmus Days events that took place from the 13th to the 15th of October 2022.



ERASMUS CITY TOURS

A series of city tours for Erasmus students were organized in the cities that host the three largest Higher Education Institutions of the island, titled "The CRETAN Cities which Host Erasmus - Chania/Rethymno/Heraklion".

ERASMUS PHOTO CONTEST

University of Crete students participated in the Erasmus Days Photo Contest, co-organized with the Technical University of Crete in Chania, and shared their Erasmus experience in relation to the new Erasmus+ 2021-2027 Programme priorities.

A total of 14 UoC students participated with beautiful photos from their Erasmus destinations.

The winning photos were chosen via an online vote from both Universities and the general public via Facebook likes. Winners received a bag with small presents and University souvenirs. The aim of the contest was to include more students in various Erasmus+ events, in line with the priorities of the new Erasmus+ Programme.



1st Prize (from the Technical University of Crete): Zentemete Magdalini (Xena), Department of Philology: "Umbria Pride, Perugia"



Facebook 1st Prize: Tsagkarouli Vasiliki (Vallia), Department of Primary Education: "Sunset at the Outdoor Sculpture Museum"



2nd Prize: Androulaki Georgia, Department of Biology, School of Sciences and Engineering.: "BBQ at a frozen lake"



3rd Prize: Zervou Efrosini (Effie), Department of Philology, School of Philosophy: «Bridge of cultures, knowledge, and memories"

ERASMUS CHRISTMAS EVENTS



On December 6, 2022, the Department of International Relation in both Campuses (Heraklion & Rethymnon) organized Christmas events for incoming students. In a festive and cheerful atmosphere, incoming students and University staff had the opportunity to meet each other, share their Erasmus+ experiences, enjoy a photo exhibition of the Erasmus Days Photo Contest and exchange wishes for the New Year.



Snapshots from the Christmas events for Erasmus+ incoming students in Heraklion and Rethymnon



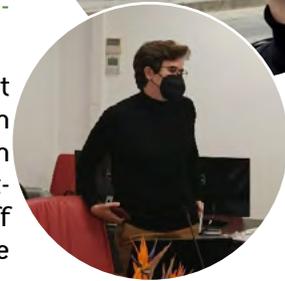
ERASMUS+ EXPERIENCES

FERNARDA ISRAEL PIO

University of Brasilia (BRAZIL)

Receiving dept in UoC: Department of Philosophy and Social Studies, Spring Semester 2022

"My Erasmus International Credit Mobility KA 107 experience in Rethymno at the University of Crete has exceeded my expectations. I feel welcome both in the city and at the University. All my interactions have been very positive. I can see how the community does not hold back in efforts to make me feel comfortable and able to work and share my research. I'm very thankful for all the staff and especially for my supervisor. I'm sure that this period of my Ph.D. will make a difference in my career and personal life for the better".



FANGYU QU

School of Foreign Languages of Shenzhen University (CHINA)

Receiving dept in UoC: Department of Preschool Education, Spring Semester 2022

"My experience at the University of Crete is perfect and unforgettable which is far more than I have expected. The Erasmus group is like a big family. Everyone is so nice, friendly, and helpful. The city is full of sunshine, friendly Greek people, and lots of events to join. I enjoyed a lot the beaches, the hiking routes, and some road trips with my friends here. Besides, the staff in the International Office are super nice, who helped me and gave me a lot of care all the way when I needed them. My responsible professor Marina is also a very cute and charming person. I learned a lot from her. I am really happy that I made my choice to come here and met so many wonderful people.

I was here for one-semester traineeship from February to July 2022 in the Department of Preschool Education. Due to my previous working experiences as a Chinese and English teacher before my Master's Program, I found it worthwhile and essential to observe and draw references from each other. During my kindergarten observation here, some phenomena regarding teaching methods and pedagogies are so inspiring. For instance, the professional one-to-one guidance to children with behavior problems, the skills the English teacher used to lure the children to speak targeted English words, the play-based teaching strategy etc. Besides, the Greek lesson every week is a great way for me to keep in contact with most Erasmus students and promote my understanding in the kindergartens. In light of the entire traineeship, I also completed a program report and a paper about the comparative study of the early childhood education system in Greece and China. More importantly, I also set up the framework for my final thesis on Greek language education policy. I hope my thesis could add up the understanding of Greek education system for the Chinese research field and promote more research interests between the two countries".

MY ERASMUS+ EXPERIENCE AT THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OF UOC

The School of Medicine of the UoC receives a large number of exchange students every year and remains at the top of student mobility for more than a decade. In the academic year 2022/2023 the School of Medicine alone received more than 60 students for clinical practice at the University Hospital. Students who completed an exchange program in Medicine in UoC have praised the School's dedication in providing high quality training and a friendly environment, and many of them apply to come back!

Barbara Maier from Justus-Liebig-University Gießen is one of them, as she already completed her Erasmus+ program in the winter semester and she applied to extend her stay for another semester. We asked her about her experience so far as a foreign student in the University Hospital in a short interview.

"I chose to study in Crete because I would rather be at a warm place for winter rather than Germany, where the weather is terrible. The UoC doesn't require a Greek language certificate from Erasmus students, which made my choice easier as I only speak English as a foreign language. However, during my stay in UoC I attended the free Greek language courses for Erasmus students and I now speak a bit of Greek!

I really enjoy my educational experience in the School of Medicine. As an Erasmus student I do internships in different clinical departments of the University Hospital. The good thing is that I have the opportunity to experience the way different clinics work and treat patients. Furthermore, there is enough flexibility in my daily program, so I can focus on subjects that I think are important for my journey to become a doctor.

It took me a long time to understand how the Greek health system works, it's so different from the German one! I'm impressed by the improvisation techniques of the medical staff in order to handle shortage of budget. In Germany nobody would be able to get along under these conditions because of lack of flexibility. I think I learned a lot from the Greek inventiveness, which I hope to use when I get back to Germany.



I love Heraklion, especially since all the tourists left. Now I have the opportunity to see Heraklion the way it is. I love the student vibe here, everything seems to be so free. Going to Tavernas or Kafenions is definitely my favorite thing to do here. I like the way people here share dishes, sitting together with friends in a laid-back atmosphere. Apart from Tavernas and Kafenions I love the south of Crete where we go for day or weekend trips.

What will I take back with me? Lots of local products like cheese and olive oil and second-hand clothes. You have the best thrift shops here. My Erasmus experience changed me a lot. I always had a clear and strict plan of my life and picture of myself. Now I have the feeling that I'm just somewhere on my way, free, relaxed and happy. I'm not a new person but my way of thinking changed, especially in relation to social standards and conventions. I want to take all the ελευθερία* that I can feel here back to Germany and be more gentle with myself."

ελευθερία = freedom

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN UOC

The International Relations Department manages all exchange and mobility programs of the University of Crete and acts as a contact point for Erasmus & other international students, researchers, visiting academics and staff.

Contact us to find out about the opportunities available at the University of Crete and we will be happy to help with any inquiries you may have. We look forward to welcoming you in Crete!

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Honorary Doctorate for Professor Richard N. Zare from the UoC Department of Chemistry



From the left: Dean of the School of Sciences & Engineering Prof. Emmanuel Stratakis, President of the Department of Chemistry Prof. Dimitrios Anglos, Prof. Richard N. Zare, Rector of the University of Crete Prof. George M. Kontakis, and Prof. of Chemistry Theofanis Kitsopoulos, @Public Relations Dept.

The University of Crete awarded Richard N. Zare, Professor of Chemistry in Stanford University an Honorary Doctorate from the Department of Chemistry. The Rector of the University of Crete, **George M. Kontakis** announced the award on the **4th of November 2022** at Voutes Campus in Heraklion. The ceremony concluded with the speech by Prof. Zare on "Personal Reflections on Problem Solving".



Richard Neil Zare is the Marguerite Blake Wilbur Professor in Natural Science and a Professor of Chemistry at Stanford University. Throughout his career, Zare has made a considerable impact in physical chemistry and analytical chemistry, particularly through the development of laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) and the study of chemical reactions at the molecular and nanoscale level. LIF is an extremely sensitive technique with applications ranging from analytical chemistry and molecular biology to astrophysics. One of its applications was the sequencing of the human genome. Zare is a distinguished scientist that has opened new horizons in research. He has mentored over 150 PhD students and postdoctoral researchers, of whom more than 49 are women or members of minorities. Furthermore, he has published several books and is the author or co-author of more than 1,000 peer-reviewed papers. His dedication in research and education has been recognized with many awards, including the National Medal of Science, Wolf Prize in Chemistry and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics & Engineering Mentoring.

The University of Crete welcomes PhD candidate Ms. Xiofang Lei



The Chinese Scholarship Council gives every year the opportunity to Chinese students to undertake doctoral studies at the best universities of Europe and USA. Ms Xiofang Lei (Zaofen) was selected to carry out her PhD at the Department of Chemistry of the University of Crete. Her PhD is on the synthesis of bioactive molecules, supervised by the Assistant Professor Konstantinos Neochoritis. Mrs. Xiofang came in Crete in 2019 with a full scholarship and is expected to receive her PhD degree in the summer of 2023.



“LEARN – PARTICIPATE – PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT” AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF CRETE

iSea1 and Green Tank2 organized a seminar on the 4th of November 2022 at the [Natural History Museum of Crete](#), in the frame of the project “Learn-Participate-Protect the Environment”. The project is funded by the Active Citizens Fund Programme, on the topic: “Citizen participation in environmental policy making - New developments in addressing biodiversity loss”.

The “Learn-Participate-Protect the Environment” project seeks to equip young people -and especial-

ly students and members of voluntary groups- with innovative tools in order to actively participate in policy-making processes related to the environment and climate change. The project is based on three thematic pillars: climate crisis, biodiversity loss and plastic pollution.

The event was supported by the Natural History Museum of Crete and GreenTeam - University of Crete.



Snapshots from the seminar

GreenTeam is a UoC student group and the winning team of the 1st Climathon organized in Heraklion in 2018. GreenTeam focuses on issues of sustainability in HEIs, environmental education, inclusivity and environmental policy. Members of the GreenTeam work closely with other student groups and the University authorities towards the creation of a greener, sustainable campus.



iSea is an environmental organization, founded in 2016 in Thessaloniki. Its main objective is the protection of the aquatic ecosystems of Greece through research, awareness-raising and the promotion of protection policies.



Green Tank is an independent, non-profit think tank that designs policy solutions for a sustainable future.

Winter Concert by the Department of Primary Education

The Department of Primary Education of the University of Crete welcomed Christmas with a festive winter concert on Sunday December 11 with the participation of students of the Department and the direction of Prof. Kyriaki Trihaki. The concert was part of the Christmas program of the Municipality of Rethymno and featured traditional Christmas carols, festive classical songs.

Chorale melodies for the Christmas season

The newly founded Choir of the Schools of Rethymnon of the UoC presented its first concert that took place on the 19th of December 2022, featuring beautiful chorale melodies to welcome the Christmas season. Direction: Mrs. Mariella Vitorou, Piano: Mr. Yiannis Kiagiadakis.



Olive harvest in UoC

Olive oil production is inextricably linked with life in Crete, as Cretan olive oil is famous worldwide for its excellent quality. Olive harvest in Crete takes place in the winter months (October to January), and as it happens every year, the UoC donates its share of the production at Philanthropic Associations of the island.

Christmas Tournament at the Sports Center of Heraklion

The University Sports Center of Heraklion organized a sports tournament on the 8th of December with open participation. The tournament included the Paralympic sports of Goalball and Sitting Volleyball, a 3km Team Relay Race, a swimming competition (all styles - 50, 100, and 400 meters) and 200 meters individual medley. Finally, participants had the opportunity to take part in a Christmas Treasure Hunt and a number of traditional games, such as sack races, handkerchief race, etc.

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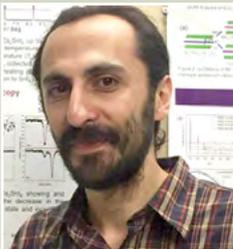
Distinctions



An important distinction for young professors of the University of Crete by the European Research Council (ERC)

The Assistant Professor of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics Gregoris Fournodavlos and the Assistant Professor of the School of Medicine and Associate Researcher at the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas (FORTH), Emmanuel Froudarakis are among the young scientists selected for funding from the highly competitive European Research Council Starting Grant Programme for 2022. The ERC Starting Grants are awarded to talented young scientists who have already produced outstanding work and have the potential to lead in their scientific field.

For more information, please read the [European Commission's Press Release](#)



Prof. Konstantinos Stoumpos ranked 3rd in the list of «The Highly Cited Researchers»

The Associate Professor of the Department of Materials Science and Technology Constantinos Stoumpos is one of the eleven Greek university researchers included in the list of the 6,938 most influential scientists in the world over the last 11 years. The list, titled «The Highly Cited Researchers», is compiled by the internationally recognized organization Thomson Reuters in the frame of the Clarivate Analytics project and is based on the research database Web of Science. Prof. Constantinos Stoumpos was ranked 3rd in the list, with 186 publications and 31.149 citations.



Konstantinos Anemozalis ranked 16th worldwide in the Credit Suisse Coding Challenge

Konstantinos Anemozalis, undergraduate student of the Computer Science Department, was ranked

16th worldwide in the [Credit Suisse Coding Challenge](#).

1900 participants from different regions of the USA & Canada, Europe, UK, India, Southeast Asia and Switzerland participated in the online coding competition. Konstantinos Anemozalis won the **first place** in the region of Europe.

Organized by Credit Suisse, the Credit Suisse Coding Challenge, invites university students to code their most efficient algorithms to nine coding problems in this annual competition.

Congratulations to Konstantinos!

University of Crete: 1st in Greece

The University of Crete is ranked among the **top 500 universities** worldwide in the *2023 Times Higher Education (THE)*. The ranking list includes 1799 institutions and the University of Crete shares the highest ranking in Greece together with the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. In addition, **the UoC scored the highest ranking in Greece in all fields, except physical sciences**, and received the best results in the fields of **Education** (ranked 201-250) and **Clinical & Health** (251-300).

The *Times Higher Education World University Rankings* focus on a selected frame of the world's research-intensive universities, using **13 indicators** to measure University performance in teaching, research output and impact, knowledge transfer, and international outlook. In "citations", an indicator of research impact and influence, the UoC continues to punch above its weight – ranking #279 worldwide. The UoC was also ranked high in "Industry income" (#388 worldwide), an indicator of knowledge transfer. Being ranked among the top 500 universities worldwide is an achievement credited to the University community and its continuing efforts to support the University's scholars, scientists and students.



Best Resource Paper Award to PhD student Michalis Moudantonakis, and Prof. Yannis Tzitzikas

PhD student and lecturer M. Moudantonakis, and Prof. Yannis Tzitzikas from the Department of Computer Science have recently received the Best Resource Paper Award at the 21st International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2022) that took place in October 23-27, 2022 in Hangzhou, China. The paper is titled: «LODChain: Strengthen the Connectivity of your RDF Dataset to the Rest LOD Cloud». [Conference, Awards, Paper.](#)



Dr. Stamatios Papadakis in the list of top researchers worldwide for 2022

Dr. Stamatios Papadakis, lecturer and postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Preschool Education of the University of Crete, was included in the list of top researchers worldwide for 2022, according to a Stanford University study. For the third consecutive year, Dr. Stamatios Papadakis is included in two lists of the world's top researchers, created by Stanford University and published in October 2022. The study was based on citations listed in the Scopus database.

The full study by the Stanford University team is available at the following [link](#).



University News

4/11 **Experiential Seminar on the topic: "Raising awareness about blindness"**

The Student Counseling Center of the University of Crete, together with the Crete's Regional Association of the Blind, organize an educational experiential Seminar on "Raising awareness about blindness". The aim of the seminar is to combat stereotypes and to promote diversity and the inclusion of visually impaired people in the academic community.

4,8,22/11 **"Build & Launch Your Startup" Game**



The Career and Liaison Office of the University of Crete organizes the «Build & Launch Your Startup» Game, a series of 5 specialized, interactive workshops and coaching sessions on the principles, tools, stages and objectives of entrepreneurship. «Build & Launch Your Startup» Game is supported by National and EU funds (ESF and NSRF 2014-2020). Participants will have the opportunity to practice, acquire knowledge and develop skills in entrepreneurship, market analysis and service development through hands-on training. Activities start in October 31 and will continue for 9 weeks. The workshops conclude with a presentation of business ideas ([pitching event](#)).

9/11 **Research seminar: "Circulating endothelial progenitor cells and metabolic factors in childhood cancer survivors"**

The 34th [Research Seminar](#) of the Joint Seminar Se-

ries in Translational and Clinical Medicine, focuses on "Imaging modalities in Forensic Medicine: challenges and breakthroughs". The seminar is organized by the School of Medicine of UoC, the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH), and the UoC Research Centre (UCRC). Speaker: Eleni Kranioti, Assistant Professor, Medical School of UoC.

9-10/11 **Symposium «1922-2022: depictions of the Asia Minor Catastrophe in language and art»**

The Department of Philology of the UoC in collaboration with the Municipality of Rethymno presents a two-day Symposium with the title «1922-2022: depictions of the Asia Minor Catastrophe in language and art». The programme includes speeches, theatrical performances, a concert with music and songs of Asia Minor and a research conference.



14&21/11 **Ancient Philosophy Seminar**

The Laboratory of Philosophical Research and Translation together with the Master Program "Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society" of the Department of

Philosophical & Social Studies and the UoC Research Center (UCRC) present Professors Matt Walker (Yale-NUS College) and Jonathan Lavilla de Lera (University of the Basque Country) in a workshop on Ancient Philosophy.

15/11 Darwinian Mondays at the Natural History Museum of Crete

The Board of Directors of the Hellenic Evolutionary Society (HEVOS) and the Natural History Museum of Crete present the speech of Prof. Antonis Rokas (Chair of the Cornelius Vanderbilt in Biological Sciences and Director of Evolutionary Studies at Vanderbilt University, USA) titled: «The Speed of Evolution» in the frame of the "Darwinian Mondays", a series of lectures open to the public.

15/11 Seminar "The Role of Technology-Specificity in Promoting a Human-Centered Approach to Medicines During Transnational Public Health Crises"

The Knowledge Transfer Office of the University of Crete and the Master program in Business Economics organize the 3rd seminar for the academic year 2022-2023 on "The Role of Technology-Specificity in Promoting a Human-Centered Approach to Medicines During Transnational Public Health Crises". Speaker: Ana Santos Rutschman, Villanova University.

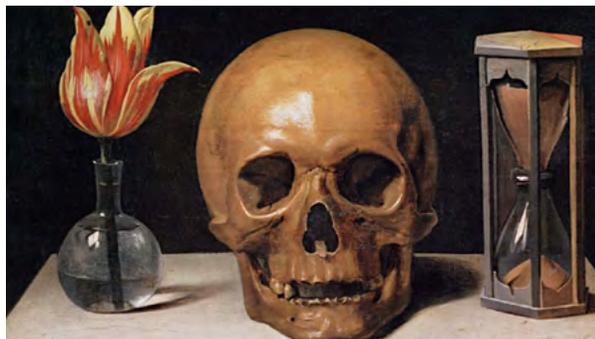
16/11 Research seminar: "Phenotyping of chronic insomnia based on objective sleep measures: Diagnostic and treatment implications."

The 35th Research Seminar of the Joint Seminar Series in Translational and Clinical Medicine co-organized by the School of Medicine of UoC, the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the Foundation for Research and Technology (FORTH) and the UoC Research Centre (UCRC), is presented by Vgontzas Alexander, Emeritus Professor at School of Medicine of UoC, on the subject of "Phenotyping of chronic insomnia based on objective sleep measures: Diagnostic and treatment implications."

21/11 Seminar: «Rule of law in Europe: towards a normalisation of autarchism?»

The School of Social Sciences organizes the seminar «Rule of law in Europe: towards a normalisation of autarchism?». Key speakers: Despina Sinou, Assistant Professor of International Law and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Law, Political and Social Sciences of the Sorbonne Paris Nord University and Giorgos Katsambekis, Researcher in Comparative Politics at Greece's National Centre for Social Research.

23/11-28/2 Temporary exhibition: «Memento Mori: Portraits of Death in European Art (15th - 17th century)»



Postgraduate students of the Art History program of UoC's department of History and Archaeology, present a temporary exhibition as part of their internship, titled: Memento Mori: Portraits of Death in European Art (15th - 17th century)». The exhibition is hosted at the Library of the University of Crete in Rethymno and presents the iconography of death during the early modern period. Exhibition curator: Eva Vretzou- Eva Pasparaki

24/11 Speech by Prof. N. Zahariadis on the US Elections

The Department of Political Science of the University of Crete organizes an online event with Nikolaos Zahariadis, Professor of International Studies at Rhodes College about the US mid-term elections.

28/11 "Iosif Chatzidakis and his contribution to the creation of the Heraklion Archaeological Museum"

The UoC Museum of Medicine and the UoC Research Centre (UCRC) co-organize a series of Seminars titled "the School of Medicine meets the Humanities and the Social Sciences». The seminar titled "Iosif Chatzidakis and his contribution to the creation of the Heraklion Archaeological Museum" is presented by Mrs. Stella Mandalaki, Director of the Heraklion Archaeological Museum and Mrs. Irini Galli, Archeologist and Head of the Department of Preclassical, Classical, Hellenistic, and Roman Antiquities.

30/11 36th Research Seminar: «Artificial Intelligence in biomedical research. Some ethical challenges»

The 36th Research Seminar of the Joint Seminar Series in Translational and Clinical Medicine co-organized by the UoC School of Medicine, the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the Foundation for Research and Technology (FORTH) and the UoC Research Centre (UCRC), is dedicated to «Artificial Intelligence in biomedical research. Some ethical challenges.» Speaker: Stavroula Tsinorema, Professor of Modern & Contemporary Philosophy and Bioethics, Director of the Joint Graduate Programme "Bioethics", Director of the Centre for Bioethics of the University of Crete and Dean of School of Philosophy, UoC.

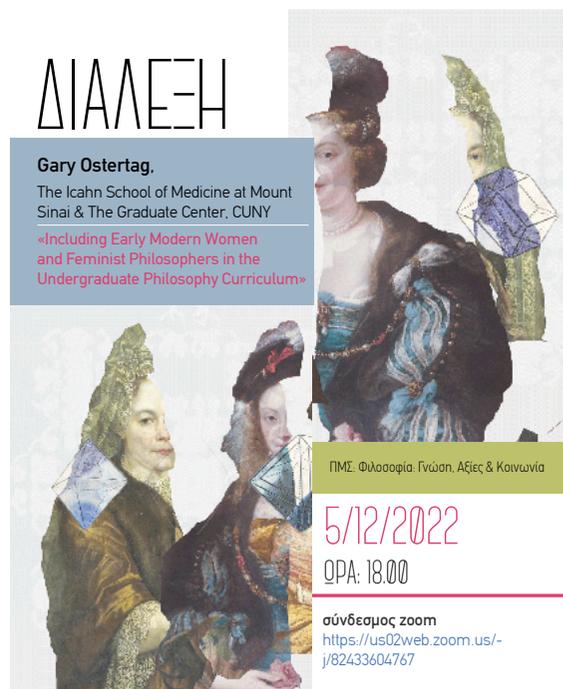
2/12 Seminar: Sex Work: A Community Approach

The Association for HIV-positive people in Greece «Positive Voice» and Red Umbrella Athens organize the seminar «Sex Work: A Community Approach» in collaboration with the UoC Department of Psychology in Rethymnon. Key speakers: Antonios Poullos (clinical psychologist and lecturer at the Department of Psychology), Anna Apostolidou (clinical psychologist), and Stavroula Triantafyllidou (psychologist).

2/12 Seminar: «Anxiety - Panic attacks: awareness & control»

The Student Counseling Centre of the University of Crete offers a new seminar titled «Anxiety - Panic attacks: awareness & control». The seminar is organized in the following thematic sessions: "Anxiety vs. Stress", "Panic attacks vs. anxiety attacks", "The vicious cycle of anxiety and Auto-negative thoughts".

5/12 Webinar: "Including Early Modern Women and Feminist Philosophers in the Undergraduate Philosophy Curriculum"



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«Including Early Modern Women and Feminist Philosophers in the Undergraduate Philosophy Curriculum»

ΠΜΣ: Φιλοσοφία Γνώση, Αξίες & Κοινωνία

5/12/2022

ΟΡΑ: 18:00

σύνδεσμος zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82433604767>

The Gender Equality Committee of the University of Crete, the Philosophy Research and Translation Lab and the University of Crete Research Center (UCRC) co-organize a webinar as part of the Postgraduate Programme "Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society" of the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies. Gary Ostertag (The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai & The Graduate Center, CUNY) speaks about: «Including Early Modern Women and Feminist Philosophers in the Undergraduate Philosophy Curriculum». The webinar is open to the academic community and aims to raise awareness about the role of feminist philosophy and women in modern philosophy.

6/12 Seminar: «TRIPS, Pharmaceutical Patents, and Generic Competition in India»

The Knowledge Transfer Office of UoC together with the Master program in Business Economics present (TIME-MBE) the 4th online seminar for the academic year 2022-2023. The event is titled "TRIPS, Pharmaceutical Patents, and Generic Competition in India". Speaker: Margaret Kyle (CERNA).



6/12 Online career fair in collaboration with Sword

The Career and Liaison Office of the University of Crete organizes an online career fair with **SWORD Services Greece S.A.**, a fast-growing Greek IT service company. The event is addressed to all students and alumni interested in a career at the IT sector and gives them the opportunity to discuss with representatives of the Sword's Human Resources Department.

7/12 "Raising light from darkness": The School of prison and education during incarceration



The Gender Committee of the University of Crete present a lecture on "Raising light from darkness: The School of prison and education during incarceration" in the frame of the action "Issues on Discrimination,

Human Rights and Social Exclusion". Speakers: Prof. Sirmalenia Mazanaki, Prof. Michalis-Georgios Kalitzaakis and Prof. Anna Tsigkou.

7/12 Research seminar: "Neurogenetics: From Bedside to Bench and Back"

The 37th Research Seminar of the Joint Seminar Series in Translational and Clinical Medicine, organized by the UoC School of Medicine, the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH), and the University of Crete Research Center (UCRC) presents Prof. Ioannis Zaganas, Assistant Professor of Neurology, on the subject of "Neurogenetics: From Bedside to Bench and Back".

7/12 ISAC, RAP[P]RESENTA[Z]ION[E] DI LUIGI GROTO CIECO D'ADRIA: The transcription and commentary of the work in Italian and Greek and the National award of Italian Philology Ennio Flaiano



An event on Italian Language and Terminology is held under the auspices of the UoC's School of Philosophy on the occasion of the 49th International Prize of Italian Philology ENNIO FLAIANO (Italianistica - 'Luca Attanasio') awarded to Dr. Athanasia Drakouli and a group of 105 students of the advanced course of Italian language and Terminology, for the transcription and the commentary both in Italian and Greek of the 1558 religious drama of the Italian Renaissance by Luigi Grotto, Isac.

8/12 Lecture by Prof. Konstantinos Stamatīs: «Does nature, and especially animals, have intrinsic value?»

The Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Programme «Bioethics» of the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies, the School of Medicine, the Department of Biology and the Department of Sociology of the University of Crete and the Department of Sociology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, in partnership with the Botanical Garden of the University of Crete, organize a lecture by Konstantinos Stamatīs, Professor in the School of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, titled: «Does nature, and especially animals, have intrinsic value?»

9/12 Online Lecture by Aarne Talman (University of Helsinki): «A Practical Introduction to Text Classification with Transformer Models»

The Computational Linguistics and Language Technology Lab of the Department of Philology of the University of Crete, presents an open online lecture by Aarne Talman (University of Helsinki) on «A Practical Introduction to Text Classification with Transformer Models».

10/12 Interactive discussion: «The Violence Within Us: Invisible Representations and Performances of Gender Discrimination and Gender-Based Violence in Our Lives»

The Committee for Gender Equality of the University of Crete in collaboration with the Gender Alliance Initiative organize an interactive discussion on alternative proposals and educational tools on issues of discrimination and gender-based violence and their expression in everyday life. The aim of the discussion is to define new strategies for deconstructing and transforming gendered toxicity and violence in everyday life. The discussion will be broadcasted live from the University Campus of Rethymnon.



12/12 Series of Lectures “The University in Society” : 8th Meeting

The 8th meeting of the series of lectures titled “The University in Society” is organized by the School of Social Sciences of the University of Crete and the UoC Research Center (UCRC) in collaboration with the Regional Unit of Rethymno and the Municipality of Rethymno. The lecture presents the topic: «Longevity and well-being: living longer, living better». Main speakers: Lionis Christos, Professor of General Practice and Primary Health Care at the School of Medicine UoC & Head of the Clinic of Social and Family Medicine at the School of Medicine, and Tzanakis Manolis, Associate Professor in Sociology of Illness and Medical Institutions, Department of Sociology, UoC. The historian and author Haridimos Papadakis coordinates the meeting.

12&13/12 Lecture: «Aristophanes in Rome»

In the framework of the lectures «Alumni’s Voice» organized by the Division of Classical Studies of the UoC’s Department of Philology, Prof. Kostas Panagiotakis (University of Glasgow), presents a lecture titled «Aristophanes in Rome» at the UoC School of Philosophy.

12/12 Research Seminar: "Bioinformatics tools for predicting protein-protein interactions"

The 38th Research Seminar of the Joint Seminar Series in Translational and Clinical Medicine, co-organized by UoC's School of Medicine, the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH), and the UoC Research Centre (UCRC). Ioannis Iliopoulos, Associate Professor of Molecular Biology-Genomics Bioinformatics at the School of Medicine UoC presents a seminar on "Bioinformatics tools for predicting protein-protein interactions".

15/12 «The feeling of parental acceptance/rejection as a predictor of cognitive flexibility in 9-12 year-old children»

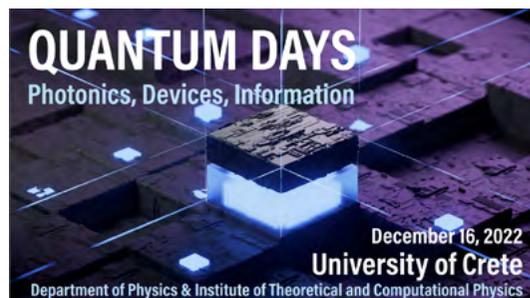
In the framework of the Thursday Seminars organized by the UoC Research Center UCRC, Katerina Lysiova, PhD Candidate of the Department of Philosophy & Social Studies, gives a lecture on «The feeling of parental acceptance/rejection as a predictor of cognitive flexibility in 9-12 year old children».

16/12 Colloquium of the Division of Byzantine and Modern Greek Philology.

The Division of Byzantine and Modern Greek Philology of the Department of Philology, organizes a Colloquium presented by Emmanouella Kantzia, Assistant Professor of Modern Greek Literature and Intercultural Literary Studies, University of Thessaly, titled «THIS IS THE PLACE, GENTLEMEN! Seferis and the refugee state».

16/12 "QUANTUM DAYS"

UoC Department of Physics and the Institute of Theoretical and Computational Physics, organize the workshop «QUANTUM DAYS». The workshop focuses on contemporary subjects in Physics and is addressed mainly to students of Physics and related departments.



19/12 «The horseshoe theory and its many faces»

The School of Social Sciences of University of Crete organizes a series of seminars on "The Crisis of Democracy", which is open to members of the University community and anyone interested in the subject. The third seminar is titled «The horseshoe theory and its many faces: a psycho-sociological analysis in Greece at the time of crises», presented by Chrysochoou Xenia, Professor at the Department of Psychology - Pantheon University. Commentary by Tilemachos Iatrides, Associate Professor of social psychology at University of Crete.

21/12 "Progress of Gene-based Therapies in Cardiovascular Disease"

The UoC's School of Medicine together with the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH), and the UoC Research Centre (UCRC), organize the 39th Research Seminar of the Joint Seminar Series in Translational and Clinical Medicine. The title of the seminar is "Progress of Gene-based Therapies in Cardiovascular Disease" and the main speaker is Marketou Maria, Associate Professor of Cardiology, School of Medicine, UoC.



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