



Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece
Harvard University

10th International Scholars' Symposium on Sports, Society, and Culture

“Olympia & the Struggle for Freedom”

in honor of the bicentennial of Greek independence

October 9 – October 10, 2021 (online)

[Harvard's Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington DC](#), the [International Olympic Academy](#) (IOA), and the [Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece, Harvard University](#) are organizing the 10th International Scholars' Symposium in the “Sports, Society, and Culture” series on October 9-10, 2021. The online Symposium is open to up to forty junior and senior undergraduates, graduate/Masters students and PhD candidates from a list of departments in Greece and Cyprus.

Topic & description

As part of the international scholarly exchange on sports, society, and cultures, the 2021 meeting of the IOA/CHS Symposium examines the multifaceted relationship between athletics and the pursuit of liberty. Entitled *Olympia and the Struggle for Freedom*, the 10th International Scholars' Symposium will be held in honor of the bicentennial of Greek independence, hosting online an academic gathering designed to shed new light on Hellenic identity formation and state-building within the broader context of the Olympics, ancient and modern.

Structure

The [Symposium](#) follows an asynchronous and synchronous template. On October 2, participants will be offered access to pre-recorded video presentations given by the speakers on this year's topic. On October 9, the Symposium will open with a keynote event, followed by online live sessions.

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These sessions will be held on October 9 and 10, and participants will be invited to ask questions and interact with the speakers, reflecting on the themes of the pre-recorded presentations. The Symposium will conclude with a closing session, where the outcomes of the discussion will be presented.

Academic Coordination

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Participation

The Symposium is open to up to forty junior and senior undergraduates, graduate/Masters students and PhD candidates from departments that span the disciplines of Sport Sciences, Humanities and Political Sciences in Greece and Cyprus. Read the list of all eligible departments for participation in the Symposium (<https://greece.chs.harvard.edu/conferences/IOA/faculties>).

Application deadlines: June 1 - July 15, 2021.

This is a non-fee-based event. Participants will receive certificates of attendance through email, and they will be given priority for participation in the Symposium 2022 that will take place in Olympia.

[See more information about the program of the symposium, the abstracts of presentations, and the application form](#)

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