



Newsletter

The Norwegian Institute at Athens

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Sunrise at the site of Gourimadi (Karystos, Euboea)

The Norwegian institute at Athens

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A Promising Period

Following an “endoscopic” period with significant shifts in the administration, structure, and staff of the Norwegian Institute (NIA), we are delighted to announce the return of our *Newsletter* (released twice per year) to communicate our activities and news. We look forward to establishing an additional channel of communication with our friends and colleagues in Norway, Greece, and elsewhere.

After the recent restructuring, NIA is now administratively under the wings of the [University of Bergen](#) (UiB), which directly assigns its administrative leader. As of 2022, an [advisory board](#) has been formed to provide consultation and guidance to the NIA's staff in their administrative and academic duties and to serve as a bridge between the Institute and Norwegian Universities.

In close collaboration with our UiB administration and the advisory board, we have recently launched our new three-year structured action plan, which aims to enhance the impact of the Institute both as a foreign archaeological school in Greece and as a Norwegian research institution abroad. Our new action plan prioritizes **Research, Teaching and Education, and Dissemination of Research** from Norwegian universities and colleges (UHR sector).

To communicate our new action plan, we recently visited the Universities of Bergen and Oslo (September 2022 and May 2023, respectively) to meet with the administration and faculty there. A crucial aspect of these administrative trips was introducing the Institute to more departments and faculty members. We are confident our coordinated efforts have already started showing some results in this direction.

Research
Teaching/Education
Dissemination of Research



Leaving behind for good the idle times of COVID-19 and the promising, with numerous

activities, 2022, the first half of this year has been prolific for NIA. We had the chance to receive many colleagues from Norwegian Universities hosting workshops and seminars on trending topics transcending the broader spectrum of humanities and social sciences (i.e., Social Anthropology, Digital Humanities, and History).

During the same period, we organized a series of [open lectures](#) by Norwegian academics from various universities, fulfilling the role of the NIA as a hub for disseminating Norwegian research in Greece and as a node in the academic networking between the two countries. We also invited our archaeological project directors to present the results of their ongoing research. The goal is to establish these lectures on our archaeological projects as an integral part of our annual activities.

In May, we were delighted to receive our latest publication titled *Vikings in the Mediterranean*, following the volume titled *Theory of Museology / Main Schools of Thought 1960-2000*, published in late December 2022. Concerning our publications, we are working with our advisory board to update our publication guidelines and policies.

On a different note, since May 2022, we have launched a new initiative to make the Institute more accessible to Norwegian scholars for research purposes. Our [Research Affiliate Program](#) refers to faculty, MA, and Ph.D. students from Norwegian Universities conducting research on humanities and social sciences topics relevant to Greece. The Program allows our Research Affiliates to use the NIA premises and networking to conduct their research.

Aiming to further our role as a reference point for archaeology students, we reintroduced our travel stipend. The updated travel stipend, which now refers exclusively to archaeology MA and Ph.D. students from Norwegian Universities, is already open for applications. The stipend is now titled *The Erik Østby Archaeology Stipend* honoring Prof. Østby for his outstanding archaeological work and impactful contribution to the Institute.

To secure more funding opportunities for visiting students (and disseminate further the work of the Institute), we are working closer than ever with our friends in the [Athenæum](#) – Society of Friends of the Norwegian Institute at Athens by

actively endorsing their efforts to support our work. Among our future goals is launching the Athenæum lecture series delivered annually at NIA by prominent Athenæum members.

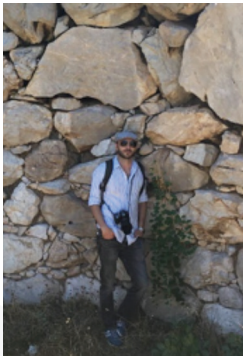
Finally, we have recently concluded the project of updating our digital infrastructure by installing top-notch hardware to provide a smoother attendance experience for our in-person and online attendants. As of 2022, all our open events are also live-streamed via Zoom.

Research Opportunities at NIA

Research Affiliate Program

The Research Affiliate Program launched in 2022 aims to further the role of the NIA as an international research hub and bring under its academic roof researchers and projects from Norway that could benefit from its role as a liaison between Norway and Greece.

Advanced or early-career scholars and MA/ Ph.D. students from Norwegian Universities are eligible to apply. The Program offers our affiliated researchers the opportunity to benefit from our international academic network in Greece and abroad, office space at our premises, access to the Nordic Library, and the possibility to transfer books from the Nordic Library to their NIA office.



Our first affiliated researcher, Dr. [Alex Knodell](#), Associate Professor, Classics Department, Carleton University

The Erik Østby Archaeology Stipend

The NIA, honoring Prof. Erik Østby for his outstanding archaeological work and his impactful contribution to the Institute, is pleased

to announce one stipend for 2024 in the field of Greek Archaeology.

[The Erik Østby Archaeology Stipend](#) aims to aid archaeology students from Norwegian Universities with research topics relevant to the Archaeology of Greece. The stipend refers to students that need to spend time in Greece to conduct research for their MA and Ph.D. Theses.



[Information about the Erik Østby Archaeology Stipend](#)

Papyrology Study Room

The NIA will soon have a study room dedicated to papyrological studies open to Norwegian and international researchers. Making use of one of the most valuable and informed assets of our [Triantaphyllopoulos collection](#), we collaborate with the Nordic Library (Dr. Jens Mangerud, Papyrologist - Head Librarian) to update our papyrology collection (and access to relevant digital resources).



January - June 2023 Events/Activities

Events hosted at NIA (closed)

Seminar: The [ATTR](#) Spring Seminar: [Digital Humanities 2.0](#) (PhD School, Norway). Organized by the Department of Theology, University of Oslo.

Course: [KUN256](#) / Area Study with Bachelor's Thesis (Department of Linguistic, Literary and Aesthetic Studies, University of Bergen). Responsible faculty: Associate Professor [Jørgen Bakke](#) and Associate Professor [Ingrid Halland](#).

Workshop: [Creative IPR Project](#): The History of Intellectual Property Rights in the Creative Industries: The Place of the Commons. Organized by the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History, University of Oslo.

Workshop: [Ports Research Project](#): Waterfronts: Work Transformations, Environmental Change, and Urban Development at the Port-City Nexus. Organized by the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo.



Workshop: [Shrinking the Planet Project](#): Second Annual Project Workshop. Organized by the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo.

Conference (26/6): "[Gender discrimination in Modern Greece](#)" - as part of the [Missing Girls in Historical Europe Research Project](#). Organized by the Department of Modern History and Society, Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

Conference (3/7): Greco-Egyptian Magical Handbooks: The Late Antique Rolls. Organized by the Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art, and Ideas, University of Oslo in collaboration with the Department of Classics and Near Eastern

Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago.

Editorial board meeting (4-5/7). "Greek and Egyptian Magical Formularies; Vol. 2." Organized by the Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art, and Ideas, University of Oslo in collaboration the Department of Classics and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago.

Events organized by NIA (open)

Lecture. [A Regional Survey of Uninhabited Islands: The Small Cycladic Islands Project](#) (SCIP), 2019-2022. Lecture by Dr. [Demetrios Athanasoulis](#) (Director of the Ephorate of Antiquities of the Cyclades) and [Dr. Alex Knodell](#) (Assoc. Professor of Classics and Director of the Archaeology Program at Carleton College, Minnesota).

Lecture Recording:
<https://youtu.be/DGMseMI dgVU>



Lecture. [New Approaches to Ancient Greek Agricultural Terraces](#). Lecture by Dr. [D. Fallu](#) (Postdoctoral Researcher; Tromsø University Museum; UiT)

Lecture Recording:
<https://youtu.be/BOZkREzwHEs>



Lecture: NIA-logues –Discussion-based Lecture Series: [Digital Humanities – Digital History: Potentials and Pitfalls](#). Lecture by Assoc. Professor [Haakon A. Ikonomou](#) (Gerda Henkel Fellow / Assoc. Professor of History, Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen) and Dr. [Despoina Valatsou](#) (Adjunct Lecturer of Digital Humanities, Athens School of Fine Arts)

Lecture Recording: <https://youtu.be/EIK45K9XEyA>



Lecture: [Equality in Ancient Greece - Did it Exist? A Historical, Gender-Critical Analysis of a Popular Concept and Ideal](#). Lecture by Professor [Jorunn Økland](#) (Professor - Centre for Gender Research; Adjunct Professor – Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo, Norway)

Lecture Recording: <https://youtu.be/Yylhf4y7js>



Annual Open Meeting: [NIA's 34th Annual Open Meeting](#). Presentations of NIA's activities for 2022 by Dr. Delia Tzortzaki (Advisor/Researcher/Legal Representative at NIA/University of Bergen) and Dr. Paschalis Zafeiriadis (Advisor/Researcher at NIA/ University of Bergen). Keynote Lecture titled “Lucian of Samosata and Athens” by Professor [Anastasia Maravela](#) (Professor of Classics, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art, and Ideas, University of Oslo)

34th Annual Open Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/eotlvFF1pHM>



Lecture: “[Domesticating Homer.](#)” [The Uses of Greek Antiquity for Building National Identity in Nineteenth-century Norway](#). Lecture by Professor [Christine Amadou](#) (Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas, University of Oslo)

Lecture Recording: <https://youtu.be/pCPrGWtr9d8>



Digital Humanities Project: Tegea Roadwiki. Field Research Project in Tegea to train teachers and pupils in the region of Tegea on how to conceive and write Wikipedia entries relating to local mythology, history, and traditions. Bilateral collaboration between Greece and Norway (Active Citizens Fund, EEA Grants, 2014-2021; Bodossakis Foundation) with the participation of NIA, Wikipedia Community Schools Association Greece (WCSAG), the University of Oslo, and independent researchers from Norway and Greece.

Lecture: [Apidima Caves: Their Significance for Human Evolution in Europe and New Research by the NIA](#). Lecture by Professor [Katerina Harvati](#) (Centre for Early Sapiens Behaviour (SapienCE), University of Bergen; Professor for Paleoanthropology at the Institute of Archaeological Sciences, and Director of the

Senckenberg Center for Human Evolution and Paleoenvironment, University of Tübingen) and Dr. [Vangelis Tourloukis](#) (Senior Researcher – Paleoanthropology, Institute for Archaeological Sciences, Senckenberg Centre for Human Evolution and Palaeoenvironment, Department of Geosciences, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen).

Lecture Recording: <https://youtu.be/xlmzXyd-i0Q>



Upcoming 2023 Events/Activities

Upcoming Events/Activities Hosted at NIA

Workshop (11/9): Practicum Exchange for Norwegian Student Teachers. Organized by Dr. [Janne Thoralsvdatter Scheie](#) (Department of Teacher Education and School Research, University of Oslo) [Closed]

Workshop (27-29/9): As part of the “[Ancient World](#)” Research Project. Organized by the Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen) and Assoc. Professor [Marijn Visscher](#) (History, Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen). [Closed]

Workshop (23-27/10): As part of the “[How Norway Made the World Whiter](#)” Research Project. Organized by Professor [Scott R. Rettberg](#) (Department of Linguistic, Literary and Aesthetic Studies, University of Bergen) and Assoc. Professor [Ingrid Halland](#) (Department of Linguistic, Literary and Aesthetic Studies, University of Bergen) [Closed/Limited]

PhD Course (27-30/11): [Archaeology of the Anthropocene](#) as part of the [Dialogues with the Past - Nordic Graduate School in Archaeology](#). Course Organizers: Professor [David K. Wright](#)

(Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History, University of Oslo). [Closed]

Conference (14-15/12): [Privileges & Politics: Printing privileges and the circulation of knowledge \(1450-1850\)](#) as part of the “[Before Copyright](#)” Research Project. Organized by the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History, University of Oslo. [TBD]

Upcoming Events/Activities Organized by NIA

Book Launch (Fall 2023; TBD): Book launch of NIA’s “Theory of museology / Main schools of thought 1960-2000” publication. [Open]

Book Launch (12/9): Book launch of NIA’s most recent publication titled “Vikings in the Mediterranean.” [Open]

Lecture (28/9): NIA-logues –Discussion-based Lecture Series: GIS in Archaeology: Title TBD. Lecture by Assoc. Professor [Nicoló Dell’Unto](#) (Department of Collection Management, Museum of Cultural History, University of Oslo) and Assistant Professor [Markos Katsianis](#) (Department of History and Archaeology, University of Patras). [Open]

Lecture (12/10): Patronage, Exploitation, and honor in Archaic Athens. Lecture by Assoc. Professor [Ingvar B. Mæhle](#) (Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen). [Open]

International Symposium (9/11): New Research on the Riace Bronze Statues. The symposium will present recent research on the topic involving scholars from Greece and Italy. [Open]

Lecture (22/11). Title TBD. Lecture by Dr. [Efi Oikonomou](#) (Archaeologist, National Archaeological Museum, Athens). [Open]

Lecture (7/12): Gourimadi: The Oldest Prehistoric Site in the Karystia: The First Five Years of Research. Lecture by Dr. [Zarko Tankosic](#) (Center for Early Sapiens Behavior, Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen), Dr. [Paschalis Zafeiriadis](#) (NIA/University of Bergen), and Dr. [Fanis Mavridis](#) (Ephorate for Palaeoanthropology and Speleology). [Open]

2023 Archaeological Projects

The Norwegian Institute at Athens has three active archaeological projects in Greece: two excavations and one field survey. We are delighted to report the ever-growing participation of students from Norwegian Universities in our projects, which also serve as a means for them to obtain fieldwork experience and other valuable archaeological transferable skills. For more information on our [ongoing](#) and [completed](#) project, please check the relevant section on our website.

[The Small Cycladic Islands Project](#); SCIP (6/6-14/7): SCIP is a diachronic archaeological survey of several small, uninhabited islands in the Cycladic Archipelago of the Aegean Sea. The project is a collaboration between the Ephorate of Antiquities of the Cyclades, the Norwegian Institute at Athens, and Carleton College. The project operates under the overall direction of Dr. [Demetrios Athanasoulis](#) (Director of the Ephorate of Antiquities of the Cyclades) and is co-directed by Assoc. Professor [Alex Knodell](#) (Department of Classics, Carleton College, Minnesota) and Dr. [Zarko Tankosic](#) (Center for Early Sapiens Behavior, Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen).



[The Gourimadi Archaeological Project](#), GAP (24/6-14/7): GAP includes the systematic excavation of a Late Neolithic-Early Bronze Age site near Karystos in Southern Euboea. The project is directed by Dr. [Zarko Tankosic](#) (Center for Early Sapiens Behavior, Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen), and co-directed by Dr. [Paschalis Zafeiriadis](#) (NIA/University of Bergen), and Dr. [Fanis Mavridis](#) (Ephorate for Palaeoanthropology and Speleology).



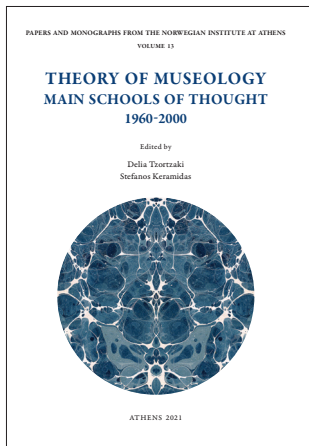
[Apidima Caves Excavation Project](#) (1/9-12/10): The project encompasses the archaeological and geological exploration of Apidima Caves in Laconia, Peloponnese. The excavations at Apidima are conducted under the co-direction of Professor [Katerina Harvati](#) (Centre for Early Sapiens Behaviour, University of Bergen; Institute of Archaeological Sciences, and Director of the Senckenberg Center for Human Evolution and Paleoenvironment, University of Tübingen) and Dr. [Vangelis Tourloukis](#) (Institute for Archaeological Sciences, Senckenberg Centre for Human Evolution and Palaeoenvironment, Department of Geosciences, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen).



2022-2023 Publications by the NIA

Theory of museology / Main schools of thought 1960-2000

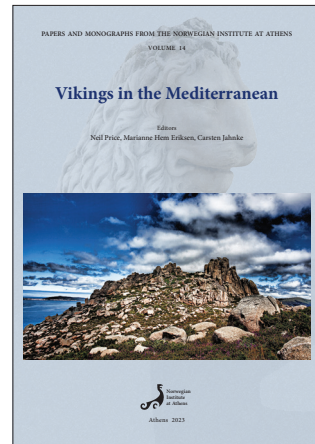
On December 2022 we published the book *Theory of museology / Main schools of thought 1960-2000* in our [Papers and Monographs from the Norwegian Institute at Athens](#) series.



The book, edited by [Dr. Delia Tzortzaki](#) (NIA/ University of Bergen) and [Stefanos Keramidas](#) (Ephorate of Antiquities of Cyclades), researches on Museology's theoretical framework in local and global contexts the last 40 years.

Vikings in the Mediterranean

Our most recent publication titled *Vikings in the Mediterranean* publishes the proceedings of an international conference co-organized by the Danish Institute at Athens, Norwegian Institute at Athens, and Swedish Institute at Athens, Athens, 27-30 November 2019. This was the first-ever academic conference on the Vikings in the Mediterranean topic.



The volume is edited by Professor [Neil Price](#) (Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Uppsala), Assoc. Professor [Marianne Hem Eriksen](#) (School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester), and Assoc. Professor [Carsten Jahnske](#) (The SAXO-Institute, University of Copenhagen).

Norway – NIA – Greece

2022-2023 NIA's Administrative Trips to UiB and UiO

Within the framework of promoting the Institute and informing our colleagues in Norway about research, educational, and dissemination opportunities offered by NIA, we visited in September 2022 and May 2023, respectively, the Universities of Bergen and Oslo. These administrative trips will take place each year.

During our Bergen trip in September 2022, except for meeting with Humanities, Social Sciences, and Arts faculties we had the chance to meet in person with our UiB administration and the advisory board (as per 2022, we have two regular meetings with our advisory board per year; either in-person or online).



Thank you all for your support and advice!

Meeting with the Athenaeum Association Members in Oslo (May 2023)

During our administrative trip to Oslo this May, we had the chance to meet with some of the leading [Athenaeum – Society of Friends of the Norwegian Institute at Athens members](#) (hybrid meeting) to discuss current issues concerning the collaboration between the two parties. We are delighted to report how constructive this meeting was, setting out the pillars for closer and more creative collaboration and further actions and activities to support strengthening the ties of the Norwegian academic community with the NIA.

Official Visit of the NIA Administrative Leader in Athens (March 2023)

The Deputy Director General of the Financial Services at the University of Bergen, Mr. Per Arne Foshaug, undertook his first visit to Athens since assuming office as the NIA Administrative Leader from the 22nd to the 26th of March 2023. On the occasion of the NIA's 34th Annual Open Meeting, Mr. Foshaug made an inaugural address by attending in-person one of the most important annual activities of the Institute.



Aside from attending meetings concerning the administrative and academic affairs of the Institute, we had the opportunity to guide Mr. Per Arne Foshaug to some of the most important archaeological sites in Athens and inform him about the developments in the local community of foreign archaeological institutes.



The NIA and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Greece

In 2022-2023 we kept working to enhance our cooperation and mutual ties with the [Royal Norwegian Embassy in Greece](#) through a series of constructive meetings and activities.

Her Excellency, Madam Lajla Brandt Jakhelln, ambassador of Norway to Greece, honored us with her presence at our events, including our Annual Open Meeting this year. Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Her Excellency and the staff of the Norwegian Embassy for their ever-growing collaboration and support.