

Mediterranean Studies Association

2027 Call for Papers

Conference at Ionian University, Corfu, Greece

May 25 - 28, 2027

The 29th Annual International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association will be held May 25 – 28, 2027, at the Ionian University, Corfu, Greece. We are now accepting proposals for individual papers, panel discussions, and complete sessions on all subjects related to the Mediterranean region and Mediterranean cultures around the world from all historical periods. The official language of the Congress is English, but we also welcome complete panel sessions in any Mediterranean language.

The Congress will open with a plenary session and reception on the evening of Tuesday, May 25. Over the next three days, we expect that 150-200 scholarly papers will be delivered before an international audience of scholars, academics, experts, and master's and PhD students in a wide range of fields.

Guidelines for Submission of Proposals for Individual Papers or Panel Sessions

1. Individual Paper. You may submit one proposal for an individual 20-minute paper on any Mediterranean topic or theme. Papers accepted for presentation will be placed in a 3 or

4-person two-hour session, grouped thematically, with a designated session chair who will briefly introduce speakers and facilitate discussion. Submit a 150-word abstract in English for your proposed paper, a list of up to five key words describing your paper, a brief one-page CV, your name, institution, email, regular address, and phone number. We are always in need of panel chairs to introduce speakers and facilitate discussion. When you submit your individual paper proposal, you will be asked whether you are interested in being considered to chair a panel. Please note that as English is the official language of the Congress, individual papers should be delivered in English to ensure that they are accessible to everyone in attendance.

2. Panel Session. You may submit a proposal for a complete four-paper session or round table panel on any Mediterranean topic or theme. Sessions are two hours and typically include four papers, each lasting twenty minutes, a chair, and an optional commentator. (For examples of paper, round-table panels, session topics, and the range of subjects, see programs from previous congresses available on our website www.mediterraneanstudies.org). Given the challenge of finding an ample number of rooms at the conference venue, we strongly encourage submission of 4-paper sessions. If you submit a 3-paper session, the organizers reserve the right to add a fourth paper on a related topic from the general call for papers. If your participants fail to register for the congress by March 20th, the Program Committee will replace them with other papers on a

related topic. Submit a 150-word abstract in English for each paper, and a one-page CV for each participant, including chairs and commentators, as well as each participant's name, institution, email, regular address, and phone number. Proposals for complete sessions or roundtables need to include the chair's name. If the panel will be run in a language other than English, please submit titles and abstracts in both English and the language used for the panel.

3. Deadline for Submissions and Notification of Acceptance.

The preliminary deadline for submissions is March 1, 2027. All accepted participants must be 2027 members of the MSA and must also register for the congress by March 20th. Submissions received after March 1st but before March 20th will be reviewed individually and may be scheduled in a mixed session, rather than a thematic session. Late registration begins March 20th. The program will be printed in hardcopy after April 15th. Papers accepted after April 15th will appear in an on-line program addendum and will be subject to the late registration fee. Submissions are reviewed by the program committee on a continuing rolling basis. Notification about the status of a paper can generally be expected within two weeks of submission.

4. Language of Presentation. Please note that as English is the official language of the Congress, submissions for individual papers should be delivered in English to ensure that they are accessible to everyone in attendance. While panels are run in English they may be run in another language. If the panel will be

presented in a language other than English, please include titles and abstracts in both English and the language used for the panel.

5. Dates of Congress. The MSA will hold paper sessions on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 26 - 28, 2027. Friday is a full conference day, followed by the closing reception. You should not plan to travel before Saturday morning unless you are certain that your paper is not on Friday. We will honor special time requests for medical, religious, or other serious reasons if the request is made by April 15th, 2027. Special scheduling requests received after this time present special challenges for the organizers. The preliminary conference program with the schedule of papers will be posted in early April.

6. Remote Participation. We strive to offer a rich and stimulating in-person conference for participants. However, we recognize that there may be exceptional cases where a participant is unable to attend in person. In such cases, participants should indicate their need to present remotely during the submission process. If unforeseen circumstances arise afterward, please notify the program committee as soon as possible, preferably before April 15th, 2027, so that accommodation for remote participation can be arranged.

7. Submission of Proposals. All proposals for individual papers or panel sessions must be submitted through the MSA website: <https://www.mediterraneanstudies.org>.

If you have questions, contact: info@mediterraneanstudies.org

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Publication

After the congress, you are encouraged to submit your revised and expanded paper for publication consideration in the Association's double-blind, peer-reviewed journal, Mediterranean Studies, published by Penn State University Press.

I hope to see you in Corfu, Greece!

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