

Call For Papers
GrECI Twinning Consortium Conference
Greek Heritage in European Culture and Identity
Nicosia, Cyprus (22-24 October 2025)

The *GrECI* consortium (*GrECI* Twinning Project, Horizon WIDERA-2021 ACCESS call, grant no. 101079379, www.greci-twinning.org) is pleased to invite papers for the project's concluding conference, to take place in Nicosia, Cyprus, between the 22nd and the 24th of October 2025.

The *GrECI* project has been researching the complex historical process of the reception and appropriation of ancient Greek culture in early modern Europe (between the 15th and the 17th century), from the so-called 'rediscovery' of Greek language and literature to their full incorporation into the European cultural landscape.

Through a **European partnership** between the University of Cyprus, the University of Oslo, and the University of Franche-Comté, *GrECI* has been approaching the reception and appropriation of Greek heritage in early modern Europe from **four different disciplines**: the history of the book, language and literature studies, intellectual history (specifically, Reformation studies), and digital heritage studies. For the concluding conference, we are interested in papers exploring the questions of **why and how the heritage of Ancient Greece became a shared cultural archive, variously used as a common reference point for self-identification throughout Europe.**

We invite paper proposals on the topics of book history and Greek (production, circulation); the role of ancient Greek in vernacular cultures; religious controversy and Greek; engagement with the material culture of ancient Greece. In all these domains, we are particularly interested in the ways in which individuals and communities **used Greek heritage to define their own identities** (religious; confessional; national; regional; language; professional; social; gender; and others). How did preoccupation with and study of Greek heritage contribute to the formation of such identities? How was it used to construct or to contest them?

In addition to the main four thematic areas of the project, we are interested in receiving proposals on related topics such as the teaching and curriculum of Greek; early modern women's engagement with Greek culture; Greek and the study of law, and differences between Catholic and Protestant reception and uses of Greek.

We encourage papers that **clearly exemplify various approaches and methods**, including the use of digital humanities tools. We are asking the contributors to explicitly reflect on the progress in research into early modern Hellenism in the last five years and, where relevant, on the directions they would like to see the field continue towards. The chronological scope of the conference is the early modern period, including the 18th century. Papers on the Middle Ages and the modern period may be considered if they shed new light on a relevant aspect of early modern Hellenism and/or our understanding of it.

We would be delighted to receive proposals for research paper presentations of a maximum of 25 minutes by the **1st of April, 2025**. The call is open to both established and early career scholars, as well as PhD candidates. Abstracts should not exceed **250 words** (excluding references) and should include the full name and professional affiliation of the presenter(s). Abstracts engaging directly and explicitly with the focal areas of the conference will be given priority.

Practicalities: Please send your abstracts and a short CV to greci@ucy.ac.cy. Some funds for travel and accommodation will be made available for the participants. For further enquiries, please email the project coordinator and local convenor, Natasha Constantinidou (constantinidou.natasha@ucy.ac.cy).