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International conference on

**THE GREEK WORLD AND INDIA: HISTORY CULTURE AND TRADE
FROM THE HELLENISTIC PERIOD TO MODERN TIMES**

(12th-16th December 2022)

Venue: Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi

Programme-Schedule

- 11:00 AM Lightening of the Lamp & Prayers
- 11:05 AM Welcome Address by Prof. Mazhar Asif, Dean, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies, JNU
- 11:10 AM Address by H.E. Mr. Nikos Dendias, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic (Video message)
- 11:15 AM Welcome Speech by Prof. Vasileios Syros, Greek Chair, JNU
- 11:20 AM About the Conference & Exhibition by Prof. Vasileios Koukousas, President of the Hellenic Institute of Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Studies in Venice & Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- 11:25 AM Address by Prof. Efstratios Stylianidis, Vice Rector for Research & Lifelong Learning, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- 11:30 AM Address by H.E. Ambassador Ioannis-Alexis Zepos, Former Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic, and Former Ambassador of Greece to India
- 11:35 AM Address by Prof. Alok Tripathi, Additional Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India
- 11:40 AM Address by Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Historical Research
- 11:45 AM Address by Prof. Bharat Gupt, President, Indo-Hellenic Friendship League
- 11:50 AM Address by H.E. Dimitrios Ioannou, Ambassador of Greece to India
- 11:55 AM Key Note Address by H.E. Prof. Ioannis Chrysoulakis, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic
- 12:20 PM Address by the Chief Guest, Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi, Union Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs & Ministry of Culture, Government of India

- 12:25 PM Chair's Remarks by Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, Vice-Chancellor, JNU
- 12:30 PM Vote of thanks by Prof. Anil Kumar Singh, Conference Coordinator, Greek Chair, JNU
- 12:35 PM National Anthems (Greece & India)
- 12:40 PM Inauguration of the Digital Exhibition on the Legend of Alexander the Great as Byzantine Legacy

(LUNCH BREAK - 01:00 PM -02:00 PM)
VENUE: CAFETERIA

Academic Session-1 (02:00 PM- 04:30 PM)

Session Chair: Prof. R.P. Singh, Centre for Philosophy, JNU

Dr. Dimitrios Vassiliadis, President, Hellenic-Indian Society for Culture & Development (ELINEPA) & Professor, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Greek and Indian Inter-religious Contacts in the Post-Alexandrian Era

Prof. Christos Arampatzis, Faculty of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Prof. Georgios Pitsinelis, Faculty of Philology, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

The Reception and the Role of Light in the Byzantine and Hindu Religious Traditions

Prof. Thomai Chouvarda, Faculty of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Ms. Athina Ralli, Faculty of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Well-being in the Christian and Hindu Traditions: Searching for Well-being in Religious Culture

Dr. Frederick Lauritzen, Scuola Grande di San Marco, Venice, Italy
Diplomatic Literature between Constantinople and India (4th to 11th centuries)

04:30 PM – 05:00 PM Evening Tea

05:00 PM – 07:00 PM Cultural Performances (Indian Classical Dance)

07:00 PM – 09:00 PM Reception at the Embassy of Greece

TUESDAY, 13th December 2022

Academic Session-2 (10:30 AM- 01:00 PM)

Session Chair: Professor Emeritus Michael Kordosis, University of Ioannina, Greece

Dr. Flora Karagianni, Director, European Centre for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments (EKBMM), Thessaloniki

Alexander the Great in India: The Testimony of Medieval Manuscripts

Dr. Delphine Lauritzen, Centre d'Histoire et Civilisation de Byzance, Paris, France

Dionysos/Bacchus in India between History and Fantasy

Prof. Amfilochios Papathomas, Faculty of Philology, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Commercial Routes between India and the Mediterranean and the Muziris Papyrus (SB XVII 13167)

Prof. Renu Shukla, Department of Ancient History, Culture & Archaeology, Gurukula Kangri University, Dehradun Campus

Karmic Retribution in Milindapanha: Intricacies and Explanations

(LUNCH BREAK - 01:10 PM -02:00 PM)

VENUE: CAFETERIA

Academic Session-3 (02:00 PM- 04:30 PM)

Session Chair: Mr. Konstantinos Politis, President of the Greek Community in Uzbekistan-Chairman of the Greek Cultural Centre in Tashkent

Prof. Ioannis Poullos, Centre for Heritage Management, Ahmedabad University, Gujarat

Archaeological Protection and Religious Use in Greece and India: Shared Challenges and Suggestions

Prof. Michael Kordosis, Professor Emeritus, University of Ioannina

The Greek Kings of Bactria and India according to Textual Sources: From Diodotus I to Menander

Prof. Vinay Kumar, Department of Ancient History, Culture & Archaeology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Dionysiac Scene in Indian Art: Journey from the Greco-Roman World to Gandhara

Prof. Jacopo Mosesso, Vellore Institute of Technology, India

Οδοιπορικό στην Ινδία (Travelogue in India) by Tatiana Gritsi-Milliex: A First Glimpse of India for a Generation of Greek Gymnasium Students

04:30 PM – 05:00 PM

Evening Tea

Wednesday, 14th December 2022

Academic Session-4 (10:30 AM- 01:00 PM)

Session Chair: Prof. Theodora Antonopoulou, Chair, Faculty of Philology, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Prof. Naman P. Ahuja, Dean, School of Arts & Aesthetics, JNU

One Mother, Many Mother Tongues

Dr. Shivalika S. Khopkar, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara

The Ones who ride Ketos and Makaras

Prof. Manisha Tyagi, School of Buddhist Studies, Subharti University, Meerut

Graeco-Roman Traders beyond the Indo-Sri Lankan Boundaries

Prof. Stefanos Kordosis, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Economics, International Hellenic University

From the Black Sea to the Caspian and from there to India: Trade Routes and Distances from Astrakhan to India according to a Late 17th-c. Greek Manuscript

Dr. Alessio Assonitis, The Medici Archive Project, Florence, Italy

Filippo Sassetti's Perceptions of India

(LUNCH BREAK - 01:10 PM -02:00 PM)

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Academic Session-5 (02:00 PM- 04:30 PM)

Session Chair: Sqn Ldr Rana Chhina, Centre for Military History and Conflict Studies, United Service Institution of India

Dr. Federico Reggio, Department of Private Law and Critique of Law, University of Padua, Italy (Online)

Dialogue as a Challenge, Dialogue as an Opportunity for Preventing Conflicts and Solving Disputes: A Reading of Some Excerpts from the Milindapanha

Prof. Tirtharaj Bhoi, Department of History, Jammu University

Indo-Greeks in Ancient Jammu Region: Insights from Literature and Archaeological Sources

Prof. Sima Yadav, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi

A Critical Note on the Trade and Economy of India and Greece in the Hellenistic Age

Prof. Anil Kumar Singh, Greek Chair, JNU

Socio-Cultural Dimensions of the Civilizational Interaction between India and Greece

Prof. Vasileios Syros, Greek Chair, JNU

Summary and Concluding Remarks

04:30 PM – 05:00 PM

Evening Tea & Conclusion