



Maliotis Cultural Center of Hellenic College Holy Cross
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- Hellenic College, Greek Studies Department
- University of Chicago, Center for Hellenic Studies
- Digital Innovation Lab in Theology and Culture, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- University of Piraeus, Strategic Communication and Mass Media Laboratory

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The Greek Language Online in Times of Crisis
Challenges & Prospects

May 8–9, 2026

Maliotis Cultural Center

LIVE STREAMING: <https://www.youtube.com/live/g5fQztnKIWg>

Friday, May 8, 2026 — 5:00–9:00 PM

5:00 PM — Maliotis Theatre

GREETINGS

Chrysoula Kourkounti, Executive Director, Maliotis Cultural Center of Hellenic College Holy Cross

Nikoletta Tsitsanondis-Mallidis, Professor, Dean of School of Education, University of Ioannina

Mr. Symeon Tegos, Consul General of Greece in Boston

V. Rev. Bartholomew Mercado, Member of the advisory committee of MCC, Dean of Students, Associate Professor of Canon Law and Chaplain at Hellenic College -Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Roundtable Presentations (in alphabetical order)

5:15 PM — SESSION A

Maliotis Theatre

-Anastasia Giannakidou, Professor, University of Chicago, Director,
Center for Hellenic Studies

The dynamics of the Greek language in the digital age: from theory to practice.

-Stamatia Dova, Ph.D., Professor of Classics and Greek Studies, Director,
Department of Greek Studies, Classics Program, Kallinikeion Institute,
Hellenic College, Brookline, Massachusetts, USA

The Kallinikeion Institute at HCHC: 25 years of teaching Modern Greek in the U.S.

-Emil Theodoropoulos, Ph.D. in Linguistics, Department of Early
Childhood Education, School of Education, University of Ioannina

*Greek language and the media: From crisis to digital transformation — The resilience
and future of the Greek language in contemporary media.*

7:00 PM — Kafeneion
Break & Refreshments

7:30 PM — SESSION B

Maliotis Theatre

-Nicolas Prevelakis, Associate Senior Lecturer on Social Studies, Harvard
University; Associate Director of Curricular Development, Center for
Hellenic Studies, Harvard University; Senior Fellow, Institut Montaigne,
Paris

The Greek language in the digital public sphere.

-Athanasios N. Samaras, Associate Professor of Political Communication,
Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus;
Director, Strategic Communication and Mass Media Laboratory

*Strategies of communicative manipulation: The instrumentalization of the Greek language
in the contemporary digital environment.¹*

-Fr. Gregory-Telemachos Stamkopoulos, Associate Professor, Director,
Digital Innovation Lab in Theology and Culture, Aristotle University of
Thessaloniki

*Reimagining Greek Paideia through AI and Digital Innovation for the Greek-American
Community. The Hellas-Alive case.*

-Nikoleta Tsitsanoudis-Mallidis, Professor, Department of Early
Childhood Education, Dean of School of Education, University of Ioannina
*Shifting meanings in times of crisis: The reconfiguration of word meanings in digital
discourse.*

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Open discussion with the audience.

9:00 PM — Maliotis Cultural Center, Atrium

A reception will follow in the Atrium of the Maliotis Cultural Center.

WORKSHOP

Experiential exploration of themes from the International Symposium

Exchange of ideas

Strengthening interdisciplinary thinking

Focus on the Greek language, mass media & education

Saturday, May 9, 2026 — 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

Maliotis Cultural Center, Maliotis Theatre

Presenters:

-Despina Stefanou, Université de Montpellier Paul-Valéry; Postdoctoral Researcher in Digital Humanities; PhD in Linguistics and Language Sciences; Instructor of Greek language and culture

Linguistic changes: Connection to the digital age and social media.

-Stavros Dimou, PhD Candidate in Computer Science, Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Northeastern University, Boston

The Greek language in the 5G Era: Privacy and security in mobile networks.

-Athina Limnioudi, PhD Candidate, Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus; Researcher, Strategic Communication and News Media Laboratory

Greek language and history as tools for homophily appeals in international political communication in the digital environment.²

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Announcement of the Findings of the International Symposium &
Workshop

End of the Programme

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