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International Conference Literary and musical salons in Italy and Europe (18th - 19th century)

Call for papers

The Department of Italian Language and Literature of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, under the auspices of the Deanship of the School of Philosophy, is organising an international conference on *Literary and musical salons in Italy and Europe (18th - 19th century)*, which will be held in Athens on December 13-15, 2023.

Literary and musical salons were an institution with a distinct contribution to the development of literary and musical production, especially in the 18th and 19th century. It is known that the cultural institution of salons originated in France, where well-cultured ladies of the aristocracy organized cultural gatherings within their luxurious residences. As a phenomenon of the times, it quickly spread to the rest of Europe. In pre-unification Italy, several prominent Italian writers and musicians were highlighted and distinguished through the elegant environment of the salons, while prominent ladies, the famous *salonnières*, acted as organizers, writers, creators, as well as a source of inspiration and creation both literary and artistic.

Goals of the conference:

- to highlight the various ways of organizing and operating the salons hosted in Italy and in the wider European area,
- to investigate the effect that salons had on culture in general,
- to compare the Italian example with similar experiences from European cities and the Greek world.

Scientific fields-topics, where the research interest of the conference is focused:

- Literary production
- Music production
- Performing arts
- Visual arts
- Philosophical reflection
- Historical and political context of the time

Faculty members and researchers interested in participating in the conference with a presentation (in-person oral / online oral / asynchronous oral through video file) are invited to register their participation by submitting an abstract in English (text of 150-200 words and up to 5 keywords) by July 20, 2023, through the link below:

<https://forms.gle/2DrtYG5C6djsz2JD7>

Conference and publication languages: Modern Greek and English
Notification of acceptance: within the first ten days of September 2023

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