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SECOND POSTCLASSICAL GREEK CONFERENCE
THESSALONIKI:

“Synchronic and diachronic issues of Postclassical Greek”

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Website: https://www.lit.auth.gr/tcgl_01

Conference Venue
Auditorium I
Aristotle University, Research Dissemination Center
September 3rd Avenue, University Campus
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The Greek language, with its long-documented tradition for over 3500 years and the great variety of documents of all types and from different historical periods and geographical areas, offers a wealth of data for its detailed synchronic and diachronic study. Postclassical Greek in particular, as part of the larger picture of Greek, provides important material for a multifarious investigation of the language. We have a plethora of texts of all types (i.e. literary and non-literary, of different genres and registers), a great volume of papyri, epigraphic evidence of varied types, monolingual and bilingual (or, in certain cases, trilingual) texts that allow both synchronic and diachronic comparisons of Greek with other languages with which it came into contact over the years, and an entire host of phenomena of contact-induced change. All this material paints a colorful picture of data that constitute a real laboratory for the historian of the language. Given the historical and cultural circumstances of the period, as well as the linguistic map of the vast geographical expanses of its use, Postclassical Greek is one of the most fertile grounds for the study of factors, causes and processes of its formative history and the subsequent developments.

We aim at bringing together experts of Postclassical Greek who will present their original research spanning from Hellenistic to Early Medieval Greek, touching on related synchronic and diachronic issues, and using or possibly combining various theoretical frameworks (i.e. historical-comparative, philological or general linguistic ones). Among the topics to be addressed are: theoretical and methodological issues, periodization of the Greek language, language and textual transmission, literary and non-literary language, dialectology, formation of koine and its relation to the other dialects, language variation, standard and substandard language varieties, the interaction with and influence of other languages on Greek, bi-/multilingualism, digital technology and creation of corpora, etc.

The conference will also accommodate the following four special thematic panels: “The language of the magical papyri”, “Digital Grammar of Greek documentary papyri”, “Historical pragmatics as applied to Greek non-literary sources, letters in particular”, and “Towards a new historical grammar of Greek”.

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