

The year 2005-6 at Cambridge

Students

Three students took the Part IB examination, one of them, Cecily Arthur, gaining a first. There were also three students who took Modern Greek in the first-year examinations (Part IA).

There were two candidates for the Certificate in Modern Greek: Dr Rupert Thompson was awarded a Distinction and Leonor Sierra passed with Credit. Carina Schaefer passed the examinations for the Diploma in Modern Greek.

Gwen Edwards, who graduated in 2005, was awarded a prize in the 2005 London Hellenic Society undergraduate essay competition.

Kostas Yiavis submitted his dissertation in April 2006 and was approved for the degree of PhD in July. His dissertation is entitled: "A critical edition of the rhymed mediaeval romance *Imberios and Margarona*". In 2005 he was awarded the Panagiotakis Prize for an essay entitled "So near, yet so far: Medieval courtly romance and *Imberios and Margarona* – A case of demedievalization". He received the prize at a special ceremony held at the University of Ioannina on 30 September 2005, during the international conference "Neograeca Medii Aevi VI".

Foteini Lika, who was awarded the Leventis Studentship, and Efstratios Myrogiannis began research for the degree of PhD in October 2005. Their research topics are, respectively, "History and fiction in Roidis's *Pope Joan*" and "The emergence of a Greek identity (1700-1821)".

Teaching staff

Dr Dimitris Karadimas returned to Athens in the summer of 2005, after three years as our Language Assistant seconded by the Greek Ministry of Education. During the year 2005-6 language teaching was undertaken by Ms Eftychia Bathrellou, Dr Regina Karousou-Fokas and Ms Marina Rodosthenous. The replacement for Dr

Karadimas is Ms Eleftheria Lasthiotaki, who arrived in March 2006.

Teaching in nineteenth- and twentieth-century literature was given by Dr Tina Lendari and Dr Notis Toufexis, during Dr Holton's leave of absence in the Lent Term. Courses on modern Greek history were again taught by Mr Kostas Skordyles.

Visiting speakers

Ten lectures, covering an especially wide range of subjects, were given in the course of the year. The programme was as follows:

- 13 October. Dr Vicky Panagiotopoulou-Doulavera (University of New South Wales): *Representations of Achilles in medieval and early modern Greek literature*
- 27 October. Dr David Wills: *Ancient sites, modern eyesores? The transformation of the city of Athens in English-language accounts (c. 1945-2005)*
- 10 November. Professor M. Chryssanthopoulos (University of Thessaloniki): *Fictions of continuity: time in lieu of place in Cavafy's poetry*
- 17 November. Professor Dimitris Tziovas (University of Birmingham): *Transcending politics: symbolism, allegory and censorship in Greek fiction*
- 26 January. Dr Margaret Kenna (University of Wales Swansea): *Conformity, humour and parody: handwritten newspapers from an exiles' commune, 1938-1943*
- 23 February. Professor Ulrich Moennig (University of Hamburg): *Author and readers: the making of the early modern Greek Physiologos*
- 2 March. Dr Anastasia Markomihelaki-Mintzas: *Modern Greek variations on the myth of Helen*
- 27 April. Bruce Clark (*The Economist*): *What price success? The population exchange of 1923 as a political and moral conundrum*
- 4 May. Professor Maria Kakavoulia (Panteion University, Athens): *When art criticism meets poetry: the case of the post-war Greek poet Eleni Vacalo (1921-2001)*
- 11 May. Dr Birgit Olsen (University of Aarhus): *Richard M. Dawkins – a pioneer in the field of Modern Greek folktales*

Graduate Seminar

The Graduate Seminar met on ten occasions during the year. Papers were given by the following invited speakers: Dr Teresa Shawcross (Exeter College, Oxford), Professor Alexis Politis and Professor Angela Kastriaki (both of the University of Crete), Dr Chrystalla Thoma (University of Hamburg), Dr Constanze Güthenke (Princeton University), and – at a joint seminar with the Faculty of Classics – Professor Mark Janse (Roosevelt Academy, Middelburg). Papers were also given by the following research students and teaching staff: Foteini Lika, Stratos Myrogiannis, and Dr Regina Karousou-Fokas.

Activities of members of the Modern Greek Section

Dr David Holton paid a short visit to Princeton University in March 2006, as a guest of the Program in Hellenic Studies. While there he gave a lecture on *Erotokritos*, and seminars on the Cretan Renaissance and the Cambridge Medieval Greek grammar project. Together with other members of the Medieval Greek research team, he took part in the conference “Neograeca Medii Aevi VI”, held at Yannina from 29 September to 2 October 2005. He also gave papers at a colloquium in honour of Professor Elizabeth Jeffreys, held at King’s College London, and at a conference on the teaching of Modern Greek as a second or foreign language at the University of Western Macedonia, Florina, both in May 2006. In July 2006 he organized a conference in Cambridge, under the auspices of the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), with the title “Unlocking the potential of texts: interdisciplinary perspectives on Medieval Greek”. He has been appointed Professor of Modern Greek, with effect from 1 October 2006. He has published:

“Notes on some verb forms in the work of Leonardos Dellaportas”, in: Vassilios Sabatakakis and Peter Vejleskov (eds.), *Filia: Studies in honour of Bo-Lennart Eklund* (Lund 2005), pp. 97-108

Dr Notis Toufexis, in company with other members of the Medieval Greek research team, took part in the conference “Neograeca Medii Aevi VI”, held at Yannina from 29 September

to 2 October 2005. He also gave papers at a conference on “New Technologies in the Humanities”, held at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in November 2005, a conference on “Digital Philology – Problems and Perspectives” at the University of Hamburg in January 2006, and a conference on Ioannis and Theodosios Zygomalas at Argos in June 2006. In November 2005 he gave a seminar on digital resources and technologies for philologists at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. In February 2006 he gave a seminar with the title “The first lexicographer of early Modern Greek: Martin Crusius (1526-1607) and his *Alphabetum vulgaris linguae graecae*”, at the Centre for Hellenic Studies, King’s College London, and in July 2006 a seminar on XML-based transcriptions of Medieval Greek manuscripts at the Institute for Classical Studies, University of London. He has published his PhD thesis: *Das Alphabetum vulgaris linguae graecae des deutschen Humanisten Martin Crusius (1526-1607). Ein Beitrag zur Erforschung der gesprochenen griechischen Sprache im 16. Jh.* (Cologne: Romiosini 2005).