

1ST ASREC THEMATIC WORKSHOP

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**15&16 DESEMBER 2025 THE WAR
MUSEUM OF THESSALONIKI**

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December 15-16, 2025

Conference Venue, Thessaloniki War Museum

The building that hosts the ASREC Conference is the Thessaloniki War Museum.

The War Museum of Thessaloniki is located at Gr. Lampraki Str 4, situated directly behind the University of Macedonia. It is located in the wider area of the Ares Field camp, where today the headquarters of the 3rd Army Corps is located



There is an interesting introductory video that is worth watching before attending the conference. You can view it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Glt2vFVo7M>

For more information: <https://warmuseum.gr/en/thessaloniki-war-museum-branch/>



PROGRAMME

Monday, December 15, 2025

Conference Room: Auditorium – Ground Floor

9:00 AM– 12:00 PM:

Registration

9:20 AM – 9:30 AM:

Opening of the conference.

09:30 AM– 11:30 AM: Session 1

·Federica Esposito, University of Bologna
Moral Panics and the Transformation of Political Cleavages

·Ioannis Patios, University of Macedonia,
In Times of Natural Disasters: An Empirical Study of the Impact on LGBTQ+ Populations

·Lucy Grinker, Aix-Marseille School of Economics
Astrology and Economic Uncertainty: a textual analysis of newspaper horoscopes, 1960–1995

11:30 – 12:00 PM: Coffee/Tea Station – Garden of the Museum or loft

12:00 – 1:20 PM: Session 2

·Apurav Yash , University of Birmingham
From Modi's India to Westminster: How Hindu Nationalism Shapes Islamophobic Rhetoric Abroad

·Max Posch, Exeter
Doux Commerce: Markets, Culture, and Cooperation in 1850-1920 U.S.



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1:20 – 2:20 PM: Lunch Break – Loft of the Museum

2:20 AM – 3:20 AM Keynote Speaker
Samuel Bazzi
(University of California San Diego)



15:20 – 16:40 PM: Session 3

· Vitalia Eliseeva, Paris School of Economics
A Market for Stories:
How Market Consolidation Shaped
Narratives in US History Textbooks

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· Biljana Meiske,
European University Institute
Mating Market Competition and Gender Norms

16:40 – 17:10 PM: Coffee/Tea Station – Loft of the Museum



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17:10 – 18:30 PM: Session 4

·Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna
Fertility and gender inequality within the family

·Anastasia Litina , University of Macedonia
The Travelers' Effect: How Tourism Reshapes
Local Religious Beliefs

19:30 PM: ASREC Conference Dinner

Location: Zythos Dore Restarurant,
Str. Tsirogianni 9, Thessaloniki 546 21 Greece
<https://zithos.gr/>





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Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Conference Room: Auditorium – Ground Floor

09:30 AM– 11:30 AM: Session 5

·Anisha Ghosh, Aix-Marseille School of Economics
Religiosity, Technology Use, and Financial Behavior: A
Cross-country Analysis

·Triana Yentzen, University of Michigan
The Roots of Faith: Early Life Droughts and Religious
Commitment

·Stefan Nikolic, Loughborough University
Imperial Borderlands and Educational Outcomes

11:30 – 12:00 PM: Coffee/Tea Station – Garden of
the Museum or loft



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12:00 – 2:00 PM: Session 6

- Michalis Papazoglou , CEDEFOP
Urbanization and Human capital: Unveiling the impact of Universities on European Cities from 1000 to 1800
- Olga Popova, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS Regensburg)
Networks of Privilege Wealth and Human Capital Effects of Communist Party Connections
- Georgios Panos , Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Financial Literacy and Attitudes to Redistribution

14:00 – 15:00PM: Lunch Break – Loft of the Museum

15:00–16:00 Tour of the Museum

16:00 – 18:00PM: Session 7

- Karmen Misiou, European University Institute
When Does Discrimination Trigger Identity Backlash?
- Despina Gavresi, University of Luxembourg
The Legacy of Growing Up in a Recession on Attitudes Towards European Union
- Aurélie Gillen, University of Luxembourg
The Forgotten Side of Mass Migration: Immigrant Women and Gender Roles in the United States

18:00: Closing Reception



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We hope to see you again soon...

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Keynote Speaker:
James Robinson

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