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Editorial

The new HELAAS board would like to extend their wishes to all of you for a happy holiday season and a creative and prosperous new year. In the coming year, we hope to work closely with you to promote the research, study and teaching of American civilization in Greece in the areas of humanities, social and applied sciences.

We are all greatly looking forward to the **2006 International EAAS Conference "Conformism, Non-Conformism, and Anti-Conformism in the Culture of the United States"** to be held in **Nicosia, Cyprus, between April 7 and 10.**

Several HELAAS members will be organizing workshops and presenting individual papers: Nephie Christodoulides, Zoe Detsi, Dimitris Liokaftos, Helena Maragou, Tatiani Rapatzikou, and Anastasia Stefanidou. For information about the workshops, individual papers, conference events, registration, travel and accommodation in Cyprus, please visit the EAAS website <www.eaas.info> and then click on the latest **EAAS Newsletter** : <http://www.eaas.info/newsletter/EAAS_55_small.pdf>

For your convenience, the conference registration form is also included in the newsletter at hand (page 11).

Regarding our future activities, the members of the HELAAS board are announcing the organization, for the first time in Greece, of an **International Conference** exclusively for **Graduate Students**, under the theme of "**Ex-centric Narratives, Identity and Multivocality in Anglo-American Cultures**". The conference will take place in the **spring/summer of 2007** and will be hosted by **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**. The call for papers will be announced in January 2006 and the deadline for proposals will be in November 2006. The organizing committee consists of: Smatie Yemenetzi-Malathouni, Dora Tsimpouki, Tatiani Rapatzikou, and Eleftheria Arapoglou.

Our goal is to give the opportunity to young scholars, who are in the process of completing or have just completed their graduate work, to meet their colleagues and exchange ideas on topics of mutual interest. We do hope to attract as many graduate students as possible to this international event. A selection of papers will be published electronically as well as in a printed volume. For more information, visit the HELAAS web site following January 2006.

HELAAS is also planning a **symposium in Greek** on "The Future of American Studies in Greece" («**Τάσεις και Προοπτικές των Αμερικανικών Σπουδών στην Ελλάδα**») to take place between **20th and 21st of October, 2006** in **Thessaloniki**. More

information regarding papers, speakers, and location will soon be forwarded to you by the secretary, Eleftheria Arapoglou, and posted on the HELAAS web site.

HELAAS is in the process of setting up an **E-forum**, in the context of which members will be able to interact and exchange views or share information. The E-forum will be accessible through the HELAAS web site.

The HELAAS web site will soon be redesigned and updated, to include more links and the new HELAAS logo.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Professor Dora Tsimpouki
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Season's
Greetings

EAAS International Conference

April 7-10, 2006
Nicosia, Cyprus

Plenary Speakers:

Professor **Donald Pease**

(Dartmouth College),

Professor **Peter Loizos**

(London School of Economics)

Professor **Sophie Body-**

Gendrot (Paris IV-Sorbonne).

The conference will involve more than 300 speakers from Europe, Asia and the United States in its numerous parallel lectures, workshops and shoptalks.

Further inquiries on the conference should be addressed to Dr. Nephie Christodoulides, Department of English Studies, University of Cyprus,
<nephie@cytanet.com.cy>

Workshops include:

- Conformism in Hollywood Cinema
- From the Melting Pot of "Entropy" to a "Crack-Potting" Ecriture
- Democracy from Above?
- Poetickall Bombshells
- Southern Studies Forum
- Transgressions and/as Conformism in the Literature of After-war American Culture
- Alternative Text as a Cultural Transplant
- Conformism & Non-Conformism in U.S

Women's Literature in the 19th and 20th Centuries

- The Problem of Double Allegiance in the Literary Production of Asian Americans (1985-2000)
- Film as a Subversive Art
- The American Artist 1800-1865
- Site of Passage
- Conformism, Non-Conformism and Anti-Conformism in the War on Terror
- Making National Bodies
- Poetic/Artistic Groups
- War and Propaganda
- The Descriptive Passage in American Fiction
- Canon/Conformism in American Literature
- Popular Heroes as Conformist Rebels
- God, Guns and Gays
- The Family of Man in Europe
- Photography in America
- Conformities in Native American History, Politics and Culture
- Cyberspace Revisited

Forthcoming Events and Conferences

- **Bridges Across the Nations: African American Culture in the 21st Century**

2-5 February 2006, Pulawy, Poland

This interdisciplinary workshop will address the issue of the Black presence in the U.S. and selected European countries in the 21st century.

Speakers include:

1. Professor Lillian S. Williams, Chair of the Department of African American Studies at the University of Buffalo, author of *Strangers in the Land of Paradise: The Creation of an African American Community, Buffalo, New York, 1900-1925* and associate editor of the *Encyclopedia of New York State*.

2. Professor Heike Raphael-Fernandez, Department of English, University of Maryland in Europe, editor of *Blackening Europe: The African American Presence*.

3. Professor Magdalena Zaborowska, University of Michigan, author of *How We Found America: Reading Gender through East European Immigrant Narratives*.

4. Professor Coleman Jordan, University of Michigan, recipient of W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship, Harvard University, 2000, co-author of "Harlem Speak," an architecture show at the Studio Museum in Harlem.

5. Professor Stan Breckenbridge, California State University, Fullerton, author of *Word(s)play: The Music of John Cage's Poetry* and editor of *Re-Visioning Democracy: Central Europe*

and America. Critical Perspective.

Issues to be explored in the workshop:

*How do African Americans perceive themselves now and how do they combine their Americanness and their Blackness?

*How do African Americans define their contemporary relationship to their roots and to Africa?

*Evolution of the canon of African American literature.

*Blackness in music and visual arts. Changing perspectives.

*Perception of African Americans in Europe: Fears and Hopes.

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● **5th MESEA Conference for the Society for Multi-Ethnic Studies: Europe and the Americas**

18-20 May 2006

University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain.

Ethnic Life-Writing and Histories

For more information, **contact MESEA's Program Director, Yiorgos Kalogeras**, Department of English, Aristotle University, GR 54124 Thessaloniki, Greece <kalogera@enl.auth.gr>

• **Reinventions of the Identity in the Balkans**

3rd International Conference, Department of English Language and Literature, Beykent University

May 10-12, 2006
Istanbul, Turkey

This interdisciplinary conference aims to bring together scholars and researchers working on various aspects of culture and identity in the Balkans.

We welcome proposals for papers on topics that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Politics of Identity
- Hybrid Identities
- Cultural Specificities of the Region
- Language and Identity
- Reconstructing and Deconstructing Urban Culture
- Role of Religion and Imperialism in Identity Formation
- Historical Reinventions of Identity in the Balkans

- Dislocations and Relocations of Ethnic, Cultural and Religious Identity in the Balkans

Conference Languages: English and Turkish

The **deadline** for submission of paper proposals is **February 08, 2006**. Abstracts of no more than 500 words should be sent by e-mail or regular mail to: Gonul Bakay, Beykent University, Faculty of Sciences and Letters, Department of English Language and Literature, Gürpınar E-5 Yol Ayrımı Beykent 34500 Büyükçekmece - İstanbul / Turkey <gonulbakay@superonline.com> <selmauzun@gmail.com>

Conference Reports

• **2005 Symbiosis Conference**

The 5th Biennial International Symbiosis Conference was held at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) and Capsis Hotel between June 30-July 4 2005. It was co-organized by the Department of American Literature and Culture of the School of English in AUTH and HELAAS together with the UK-based journal *Symbiosis*. The conference CFP attracted a number of scholars from various Greek university institutions as well as from the

U.S, U.K, Romania, Georgia, Cyprus, Turkey, Sweden, Italy,

Austria, Canada, Australia, Syria and Taiwan. The papers presented did not only focus on Anglo-American Literary Studies, but also on the British and American reception of Hellenic literature, culture and myth as well as on the treatments of Greece in both literatures. Some of the themes that certain panels focused on were: "Greek Mythology", "Transatlantic Homer", "Hellenism and Modernism", "Staging Ancient Greek Texts", "From Asia Minor to the U.S", "Hellenism and Poetic Creativity", "Constructing Greekness", "Romantic Classicism and Philhellenism", "The legacies of Eva Palmer Sikelianos" and "Conceptualizing Greece through Female Travel Narratives". The conference proved to be a great success for everyone who attended it or participated in it due to its intercultural structure and content.

● **Dissolvance:
Constructing
Literature, Culture and
Communication of the
Future through
Imagination**

The University of Indianapolis, Athens Campus, English department in cooperation with the Communication department organized its fourth annual conference,

which took place on November 19, 2005 at the University of

Indianapolis Cultural Center on Markou Avriliou street in Athens. The purpose of the conference was to provide a forum of interdisciplinary and comparative research in Philosophy, Literature and Communication studies. Topics, among others, included: "Imagination, Philosophy and Literary Movements in the Postmodernist Era", "Postmodern Culture, Communication and Literature", "Identity, Imagination and Memory in Postmodernist Culture", "Multicultural Literary Imagination", "Internet, Aesthetics and Imagination", "The Role of Media and Imagination in the Development of Education".

Members' Publications

- Kirtunc, Ayse Lahur and Eleftheria Arapoglou, eds. *[City in (Culture) in City]*. Izmir: Ege University, 2005.
- Adrienne Kalfopoulou's memoir, *Broken Greek: a language to belong*, is forthcoming from Plain View Press in 2006.
- Rapatzikou, Tatiani, ed. *American Poetry in Greece*. Forthcoming by University Studio Press.

New Members

Paschalia Patsala is a PhD candidate at the School of English (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), where she is currently working as an assistant. She is a graduate of the Faculty of English Studies (Univ. of Athens) and she holds an MA in Lexicography (Univ. of Athens). She has participated in various lexicographical projects. Her research interests are in the areas of lexicography, phraseology, and literary criticism theories as reflected in dictionaries.

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Penelope Giannopoulou, is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Athens, School of English. Her research interests include: Twentieth-century American Poetry, Pedagogy and Children's Literature.

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Other News

EAAS Travel Grants

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<http://www.let.uu.nl/eaas>

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In order to contribute to the discussion send messages to eaas-1@let.uu.nl

HELAAS Subscriptions

The new HELAAS board has decided that, after 6 years during which our subscription remained the same, the **subscription for 2006** is set at **20 euros** per annum for members, and **15 euros** per annum for students and members employed part-time.

During its last meeting, the board has also decided to **waive all membership fees up to the year 2004**, so that members can easily settle their HELAAS subscription.

Please note our new bank account details for the HELAAS 2006 subscription fee:
PIRAEUS BANK 5202-019107-604

You are all kindly requested to **update** or **renew** your **subscriptions at your earliest convenience**.

We would also like to inform you that it is possible to **download the membership form** posted on the HELAAS web site
<http://www.enl.auth.gr/helaas/registration_form_helaas.doc>
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and e-mail it to the HELAAS secretary, Eleftheria Arapoglou at
<elefarapoglou@yahoo.com>.

Payment can be made at the Piraeus bank, account number 5202-019107-604, provided that the treasurer, Tatiani Rapatzikou, receives a **copy** (by fax, e-mail, or snail mail) **of the deposit slip.**

Instructions are posted on the on-line membership form
<http://www.enl.auth.gr/helaas/registration_form_helaas.doc>
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For **change of contact details** or **email**, please get in touch with the HELAAS Secretary:
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EAAS 2006 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
April 7-10 Nicosia, Cyprus

“Conformism, Non Conformism, and Anti-Conformism
in the Culture of the United States.”

1.1. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____ Surname(s) _____

Student

University/contact address

_____ Country _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Fax _____

I will present a paper in Workshop No. _____

Technical Requirements _____

I will attend as a participant without a paper

I am a Board Member

I am a Workshop Chair

Registration fee 95 EUR: date of payment

**Student Registration fee 50 EUR: date
of payment**

1.2 PAYMENT

Total amount remitted in EUR _____

Date of Payment _____

Payment Methods:

By bank transfer (please check that all bank charges are charged to the customer)

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Account No.: 116-33-0020566 Payment symbol: Euro

Account owner: University of Cyprus (European Association of American Studies
Conference)

Bank: Cyprus Popular Bank, Hilton Area Branch No 64 Makarios Avenue 1077 Nicosia,
Cyprus
SWIFT: BIC:LIKICY2N

Please fill in the form and send by fax to +357 22 750 310 or by e-mail to thekla@ucy.ac.cy

The deadline for conference registration and the payment of the registration fee

is February 7, 2006

After this date, on site registration fee will be 110 EUR (65 EUR for students)