

## **Call for Participation**

We are excited to announce the launching of the first annual **Pelion Summer Lab for Cultural Theory and Experimental Humanities (PSL)**, an initiative of the Department of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology at the University of Thessaly.

The aim of this 10-day program (June 25-July 5, 2017) is to convene an interdisciplinary group of graduate students, academics and cultural producers from fields such as anthropology, history, political philosophy, gender studies, cultural studies and new media studies for a period of intensive and provocative exchange regarding the pressing problems and questions of our research and our worlds.

The theme of this year's Pelion Summer Lab -- **Democracy and Dissent** -- will address urgent political developments around the globe both by revisiting classic texts of critical theory and social inquiry and tracing new trajectories of thought and novel modes of cultural critique and cultural production. A highlight of the program will be a one-day public symposium to be held in the seaside village of Horto on June 29.

The distinguished international faculty who will be participating in this year's Pelion Summer Lab include **Athena Athanasiou** (Panteio University, Athens), **Patricia Dailey** (Columbia University), **Pamila Gupta** (University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg), **Alexandros Kioupkiolis** (Aristotle University, Thessaloniki), **Juan Orrantia** (photographer, Johannesburg), **Petros Petridis** (Research Centre for the Humanities, Athens), **Elena Tzelepis** (University of Athens), **Dimitris Vardoulakis** (Western Sydney University).

**Where**: The Pelion Summer Lab will be held at the University of Thessaly Conference & Cultural Center located in the historic 18<sup>th</sup> century St. Nicholas Monastery of Paou (Argalasti) in Pelion, Greece.

**Eligibilty**: MA students and doctoral candidates are invited to apply to the Pelion Summer Lab.

**Application:** Applications should be submitted here: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftJ8wb8icaKJa1QqYO6th2AyYGakehnakHj">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftJ8wb8icaKJa1QqYO6th2AyYGakehnakHj</a> kGb1WJ6oGXJQA/viewform

The deadline for application is **Monday April 17, 2017**. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by **April 25**.

**Fees**: The 400E fee for Pelion Summer Lab covers expenses related to accommodation, meals and local transportation (housing for ten days in double rooms in the Paou monastery, breakfast and lunch everyday, plus several dinners).

**Information**: For any further information, please visit the Summer Lab's website <a href="http://pelionsummerlab.weebly.com/">http://pelionsummerlab.weebly.com/</a> or contact the organizing committee at <a href="mailto:pelionsummerlab@gmail.com">pelionsummerlab@gmail.com</a>

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