Invitation to a digital conference – Thursday January 13th, 2022

„Database of German military and paramilitary units in Greece 1941-1944/45“
- Presentation of working methods and interim results -

Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YiDa7WwZTO-zQBDliizj6g
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**Conference program** (all times are Athens time, UTC/GMT +2 hours)

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**09.30-10.00: Conference opening**

Conference Chair: **Iason Chandrinos**  
*University of Regensburg*

Greetings:

- **Maria Christina Chatziioannou**  
  *Director of the Institute of Historical Research*  
  *National Hellenic Research Foundation*

- **Sonja Bohnet**  
  *Head of the Culture and Press Department*  
  *Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Athens*

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**10.00-11.30: First Panel**

- **Valentin Schneider**  
  *Institute of Historical Research / National Hellenic Research Foundation*  
  Presentation of the project „Database of German military and paramilitary units in Greece 1941-1944/45“

- **Anastasia Chartomatsidi**  
  *Institute of Historical Research / National Hellenic Research Foundation*  
  “Revisiting the German invasion of Greece (April 1941) using methods of digital humanities. The case study of Larissa prefecture”

- **Natalia Tsourma**  
  *Institute of Historical Research / National Hellenic Research Foundation*  
  “Rhodes 1943-1945, Rereading the ‘silent’ history of the German occupation in an Italian-occupied society”

Panel followed by a discussion

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11.30-11.45: Coffee break

11.45-13.30: Second Panel

- Stavros-Nikiforos Spyrellis  
  National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)  
  “Historical digital mapping: an important addition to Greek social geography”

- Lukas Hennies  
  University of Osnabrück  
  “Modelling time and space-related historical occupation data. Approach and challenges of the database behind the (German Occupation) Database”

- George Chalaris  
  Geomatics S.A.  
  “Developing a compelling Web GIS application to visualize historical data. The case of the German Occupation Database for Greece”

- Sebastian Bondzio  
  University of Osnabrück  
  “Data Driven History – Historical Process Modelling and Exploratory Analysis”

Panel followed by a discussion

13.30-14.00: Concluding remarks

- Ulrich Baumann  
  Foundation of the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

14.00: End of the conference
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Speakers

Dr. Ulrich Baumann
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Dr. Ulrich Baumann, historian, born 1967, Deputy Director of the Foundation Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. University studies in Freiburg and Berlin. Dissertation “Zerstörte Nachbarschaften” (‘destroyed neighbourhoods’) on Christians and Jews in South German rural and small town communities (published 2000). From 1999 to 2003 research assistant for the Claims Conference. 2002-2005 one of the curators of the permanent exhibition at the Information Centre at the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, subsequently (co-)curator and (co-)coordinator of several other exhibitions, book projects and other memorial initiatives, among them a research project “Karia 1943” about a site of forced labour in Central Greece. Aside from the foundation’s work, pursuing a publication project on a gender history of entrepreneurs and business owners in Berlin between 1900 and 1961.

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Dr. Sebastian F. Bondzio is a Historian at the Department for Modern History and Historical Migration Research at Osnabrück University. After his PhD in 2018, he worked in a project funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) on the Gestapo. Since 2019 he is the Senior Researcher in the research group Data Driven History. In 2021, Sebastian Bondzio was the Gerda Henkel Fellowship for Digital History at the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. and the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.

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George Chalaris (GIS project manager, senior GIS analyst) is a Dipl. Engineer trained at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), faculty of Surveying and Geoinformatics Engineering. He has more than 35 years of expertise in GIS technology, spatial analysis, digital mapping-cartography and handling of large spatial databases. After completing his studies, he worked for private companies as a project engineer from 1976 to 1978. Since 1979 and until 2009, he has served in the Ministry of National Defense at the Hellenic Military Geographical Service (HMGS) headquarters as GIS and geodatabase analyst, as head of the database department and later as a computer science officer and head of the Geoinformatics division. Since 1983 he has been responsible for the design and implementation of all databases at a national scale at HMGS. During 1986 he was trained in Canada (College of Geographic Sciences, Nova Scotia), specializing in geography and large geographic
databases management. He obtained continuous training while working at the headquarters of ESRI, developing applications for the ARCGIS system. He has participated in more than 30 international geoinformatics conferences and in numerous publications, he has significant experience in organizing and controlling large-scale geoinformatics projects. He maintains research interest for web geoportals design, spatial analysis methods, development and implementation of large-scale spatial data infrastructures and uncertainty handling and application of fuzzy logic methods in geodatabase analysis.

**Dr. Iason Chandrinos**  
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Dr. Iason Chandrinos was born in Athens in 1984. He graduated from the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Athens and received his PhD from the same department in 2015. His thesis – entitled “Cities at War: European urban centres under Nazi occupation, 1939-1945” – entailed a comparative study of Nazi occupation, everyday life and resistance in the European urban landscape and was published in 2018 under the same title (Mov Skiouros Eds). He has also published the books “The People’s Punishing Arm: The history of ELAS and OPLA in occupied Athens, 1942-1944” (Themelio Eds, 2012) that was based on his MA thesis and “Making It Throughout the Night: An Oral History of the Athens Polytechnic Uprising” (Kastaniotis Eds, 2019). From 2007 to 2015 he worked as a special researcher for the Jewish Museum of Greece (JMG). He is a founding member of the research group “Workshop for the Study of Modern Greek Jewry”. From 2016 to 2018 he was a research associate in the Greek-German interview digital archive project “Memories of the Occupation in Greece” of the Free University of Berlin. He is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Chair of Modern European History of the University of Regensburg (Germany). His postdoctoral thesis, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), deals with the Greek political prisoners and forced labourers in Nazi Germany from 1939 to 1945. He is married to the historian Anna Maria Droumpouki and lives in Berlin.

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Anastasia Chartomatsidi was born in Athens in 1991. She is a PhD candidate in Modern Greek History at the Department of History and Archaeology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She received her Master’s Degree in International History from the London School of Economics and Political Science, where she completed her thesis entitled “The British left’s attitude towards the events in Greece between the December Events (Dekemvriana 1944) and the signing of the Varkiza Agreement (February 1945)”. Her research interests are Modern Greek History and European History.
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Lukas Hennies, M.A. is a member of the Department for Modern History and Historical Migration Research at the University of Osnabrück and holds a PhD scholarship granted by the Hans Böckler Foundation. His work focuses on conflict and historical migration research in the 20th century and the development of digital methods with the aim to process, model and evaluate historical big data. Lukas Hennies is external collaborator in the project “German Occupation Database”, modelling and processing historical and spatial occupation data.

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Valentin Schneider is the initiator and the principal investigator of the project “German Occupation Database”. He holds a PhD in History (Université de Caen, 2013) and a PhD in Politics & International Relations (University of Nottingham, 2016). He specializes in the everyday life in Europe during and after the Second World War and has curated various exhibitions for institutional organizations in France. He is the author of several books.

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Dr. Stavros-Nikoforos Spyrellis is a researcher at the National Centre for Social Research (EKKE) and a research associate at the Géographie-cités laboratory (CNRS). He has worked as temporary assistant, teaching and research in French and Greek Universities. Graduate of the Department of Geography, University of the Aegean, with postgraduate studies at the Université Paris I. His doctoral thesis, entitled Social Division of the Athenian Metropolitan Area, Economic Factors and Educational Issues, was defended in November 2013 (Université Paris VII). His research focuses on the spatial analysis and the mapping of social, economic and educational segregation, particularly in the metropolitan area of Athens.

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Natalia Tsourma was born in Athens in 1993. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in History from the Department of History and Archaeology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2016). She completed her postgraduate studies with a specialization in Modern and Contemporary Greek History at the Department of History and Archaeology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2019). She has been involved in the programs “Oral Histories: The Fix Building” of the National Museum of Contemporary Art and “Memories of Occupied Greece” organised by the Free University of Berlin and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Her research interests include the history of the 20th century, the history of crime and forensics, and the history of urban space.