



International Olympic Academy & Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University

“Sports, Society, and Culture

To Bring Back Victory:

Local and Global Aspects of Ancient Athletics and the Modern Olympics”

Fifth International Scholars’ Symposium

July 9 – July 13, 2016

Ancient Olympia, Greece

The [International Olympic Academy](#) (IOA), in cooperation with [Harvard’s Center for Hellenic Studies](#) (CHS), is organizing the Fifth International Scholars’ Symposium on “Sports, Society and Culture” in Ancient Olympia, on July 9-13, 2016. As in the past years, the Symposium will host scholars from around the world and bring together more than a hundred students and professors from Greek and American Universities.

Topic

Building on some of the themes that were developed in the previous years, the specific topic of the 2016 Symposium is “To Bring Back Victory: Local and Global Aspects of Ancient Athletics and the Modern Olympics.” The symposium will explore the notion of victory with a focus on local and global festivities and the homecoming of the athlete.

Structure

Rather than placing emphasis on lectures, the Symposium will be based on innovative educational methods such as blended learning and student workshops. Students will have access to a set of core readings and presentation abstracts in advance of the Symposium to better prepare for it. Presentations will be short, and followed by workshops during which the students will have the opportunity to discuss the readings and reflect on the themes of the presentations in groups.

Faculty

This year’s Symposium faculty will include Gregory Nagy (Harvard University and CHS Harvard), Ioannis Petropoulos (Democritus University of Thrace and CHS Harvard), Stamatia Dova (Hellenic College and CHS Harvard), Charles Stocking (University of Western Ontario and CHS Harvard), Maša Culumovic (Brandeis University), Paul Christesen (Dartmouth College), Zacharoula Petraki (University of Crete), and Catherine Pratt (Western University).



Participants

The Symposium is addressed **only to undergraduate students who are in their senior year of studies** (4th year and above), **as well as postgraduate students**(Masters and PhD students).

Participation and Logistics

The International Olympic Academy will facilitate -by bus- the transportation of the participants from Athens to Olympia on Saturday July 9 and from Olympia to Athens on Wednesday July 13. Accommodation (double room) and meals (Breakfast, Lunch) on the IOA premises will also be offered by the International Olympic Academy.

This is a **no-fee based event**, and the participants will be given certificates of attendance during the closing ceremony of the Symposium.

Online Application and Contact Information

The [application](http://wp.chs.harvard.edu/chs-forms/application-ssc-symposium/) (<http://wp.chs.harvard.edu/chs-forms/application-ssc-symposium/>) will open on Friday, April 1, 2016.

The deadline for all submissions is Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Once you have completed your application, the organizers of the Symposium may contact your referees by Monday, May 30, 2016.

The final decision about the participants will be made by June 12. The selected participants will receive acceptance messages via email.

For more information and the online application please visit the [Symposium's website](http://chs.harvard.edu/chs-ioa-2016) (<http://chs.harvard.edu/chs-ioa-2016>) and/or contact:

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