

Sixth international  
*Border Crossings network*  
students' conference

**Rethinking Balkan identities:  
The dynamics of space and time**

**Korca, Albania, 22 - 25/5/2008**

# *The Conference Program*

**Organizers:**

- ❖ Border Crossings Network
- ❖ Institute of Popular Culture, Academy of Tirana, Albania
- ❖ Municipality of Korca
- ❖ Department of History and Archeology, University of Ioannina
- ❖ Research Unit "Balkan Mahhabet", University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki
- ❖ Department of Ethnology, St. Cyril and Methodious University, Skopje
- ❖ Department of Balkans Studies, University of Western Macedonia, Florina.

Thursday 22 May

20.30: Opening ceremony at the Korca Library Auditorium

Welcome by the Mayor of Korca

Opening lecture by Prof. Vasilis Nitsiakos

*European integration and Balkan national identities*

Opening cocktail

### Friday 23 May

09.00 – 12.00: Registration at the conference secretariat

09.00 – 10.00 First session: *The dynamics of space*

Chairperson: Assist. Prof. Panos Panopoulos

- Kouros Theodoros *The perception of domestic and public space in a Vlach community in NW Greece*
- Pisanec Anusa & Strazisar Urska *Elka and her home: Conception of home and space of Elka Strojjan*
- Sourlas Leonidas *Shopping and Leisure in Edine: Cross-border consumption and identities in the Greek - Turkish borders*
- Zacharakis Nikos & Mpellou Evgenia *Border crossing illegal networks*

10.00 – 10.15 Break

10.15 – 11.15 First session continued

Chairperson: Assist. Prof. Panos Panopoulos

- Karathanasis Pafsanias *Street art across the "green line": the geographies of graffiti styles in the walled city of Nicosia, Cyprus*
- Samantas Giorgos *Sounding off in the city: "reclaiming" urban space in public Athens's rave*
- Antoniadou Ariadni *Zoniana and the media discourse*
- Kapsioti Maria *Observing shrines ("eikonostasia") aside a Greek country road.*

11.15 – 11.35 Discussion

11.35 – 11.45 Break

11.45 – 13.05 Second session: *Ethnographic studies of Albania*

Chairperson: Prof. Vasilis Nitsiakos

- Dumani Elsa *The North Albania in the eyes of two ethnographers: Franz Baron Nopzcha and Clarissa de Waahl*
- Gerogianni Evangelia *The Socialist Albania's construction through demotic song of the Greek minority*

- Smith Erin *"Finding a husband with the click of a button". Overcoming social limitations on space and time using technology – new matrimonial strategies amongst girls in rural Albania*
- Lempert Hans *National identity in post-communistic Albania*
- Kitsaki Georgia & Lozovanu Dorin *Ethnic groups: identities and relations in Greek – Albanian border*
- Laska Armelina *The antic city of Apolonia*
- Dalanaj Velta *The ideological use of antiquities in Albania*

13.05 – 13.30 Discussion

13.30 – 15.30 Lunch break

15.30 – 16.30 Third session: *Accounts of the Balkans*

Chairperson: Dr. Alik Angelidou

- Katsadima Antigoni *Some balk at being Balkan. A review of Balkan identity based on the film "Red-colored grey truck" (2004) of Srdjan Koljevic*
- Haliloglu Nagihan *Consolidating Balkan identities through contemporary film: the case of Turkish Gambit and Elveda Rumeli*
- Krajnc Katja *Pushing the limits of visual anthropology*
- Polymeropoulou Maria Louiza *The materiality of inter-Balkan identity*
- Buzarovska Rumena *Literary translations in the Balkans: embodiments and sculptors of cultural exchange*

16.30 – 16.45 Break

16.45 – 17.30 Third session continued

Chairperson: Dr. Yianis Manos

- Apostolopoulou Vasiliki & Tsompanopoulou Fenia *Oral tradition across the border: a performance of polyphonic singing at Kefalovrisso*
- Mavros Stefanos & Panou Fani *NGOs in the Balkans: a review of the literature*
- Mirlesse Alexandre *The notions of "centre" and "periphery" and the European Union identity*

17.30 – 17.50 Discussion

17.50 – 18.05 Break

18.05 – 18.45 Ethnographic Film Screening

Chairperson: Assist. Prof. Christina Veikou

- Arko Sara & Dembsky Helena *Migration as a need- A Short Documentary Film*

18.45 – 19.00 Discussion

21.30 Dinner with Albanian and Balkan music performance at “Skena” Music Hall, Korca.

### Saturday 24 May

09.00 – 10.10 Fourth session: *The dynamics of time and identities*

Chairperson: Assist. Prof. Georgios Agelopoulos

- Nilufer Naya & Mahir Unsal Eris *Ashkenazim of Turkey: minority in minority*
- Dunovka Jovanova *Roma Community in Zlokukjani (Skopje): housing, education, employment*
- Nikolova Emilija *Identity of Uniats - Chatolics with eastern orthodox rituals in Macedonia*
- Duygu Gursel *What lies behind the misrepresentation of Gypsy / Roma? A discussion on democracy, difference and (in) tolerance*
- Papanastasiou Charalampia & Kakou Vanessa *Cultural difference and social interaction in the down of Florina: the case of the “Hellenes of the Roma race”*

10.10 – 10.25 Break

10.25 – 11.40 Fourth session continued

Chairperson: Assoc. Prof. Efi Plexousaki

- Theocharis Michail *Collective and private memory. Researching the two ways of remembering of the Turkish invasion in Cyprus*
- Sarikoudi Georgia *The role of memory on the refugee’s representation*
- Andrianopoulos Christos *Social memory and the management of historical events: The case of Illdten*
- Rina Georgia *Constructions of the Greek national identity through children’s literature: the case of Penelope Delta*
- Koufadaki Eleni *Ethnocentrism in Greek education. The new book of history and the conflict it created*
- Mellios Nikolaos *Observations on ourselves and on others: an ethnographic research in a Primary school at Xanthi – Greece*

11.40 – 12.00 Discussion

12.00 – 12.15 Break

12.15 – 13.00 Fifth session: *Bodily experiences*

Chairperson: Prof. Rajko Mursic

- Theocharidou Maria *Piercing: Who and why? An ethnographic research*
- Spanoudi Sisy *Ceremonial firewalking in Greece*
- Papandreou Fotini *When Ares was named Adam and Aphrodite Eva. Representations of male*

*and female bodies at the public toilets in Komotini*

13.00 – 13.20 Discussion  
13.20 – 15.30 Lunch break

15.30 – 16.30 Fifth session continued  
Chairperson: Dr. Vasilis Dalkavoukis

- Parlani Xanthoula & Chrysochoidou Anastasia *Coffee cup as a map of life: meanings and symbols arising from the coffee cup divination*
- Patsiaoura Efthalia *The meaning of Chios traditional sweets*
- Kitsos Dimitrios *The meaning of violence: twisting protest into sacrilege.*

16.30 – 16.50 Discussion  
16.50 – 17.05 Break

17.05 – 18.00 Sixth session: *Migrating in space and time*

Chairperson: Assoc. Prof. Efi Voutira

- Stegovec Maja *“New Age” colonialism: the invasion of English people in North Slovenia*
- Palcu Ovidiu *Romanian transnational migration in Greece*
- Tsakmakidou Sofia *Albanian immigrants in Thessaloniki*
- Marmataki Maria, Galanopoulou Georgia - Maria, Xirogianni Maria *“One out of Ten”: exploring racism and xenophobia in contemporary Greece through a theatrical play*

18.00 – 18.15 Break

18.15 – 19.30 Sixth session continued

Chairperson: Assist. Prof. Alexandra Bakalaki

- Rantou Efrosini & Vitali Valentini – Dea *When immigrants learn Greek: integrating Greece?*
- Kougiou Maria & Tsingas Alexis *When immigrants learn Greek: political activism and representations of the “Other” among a group of Greek teachers*
- Matsouki Evangelia *A school for the children of immigrants*
- Karagianni Panagiota & Kelaiditi Maria *“Little diary of the borders”: narrating the immigration experience*
- Fefopoulou Alexandra *The foreigner in close – up. Ethnic minorities in the Greek cinema from an anthropological point of view*
- Felis Margaret *What’s in a name? A Glimpse at Balkan Heritage and Immigration in America*

19.30 – 19.50 Discussion  
19.50 – 20.10 Break

20.10 – 20.40 Wrap up lecture by Assist. Prof. Georgios Agelopoulos

*Structure and Action: Reflexions on the “Border Crossing Network” conferences*

21.15 Departure from Korca

21.30 Dinner feast at the village of Boboshtiçë with Albanian folk music performance and dance.

**Sunday 26 May**

9.30 – 17.00 Excursion around the Korca region and at the town of Voskopojë.

17.00 Departure from Korca, estimated arrival at Florina at 20:00 p.m.

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**Attention!**

**All conference sessions take place at the Auditorium of Korca Library.  
All payments will be in Euros.**

Please register at the conference secretariat for the **dinner at "Skena"** by Friday 11.00 a.m. The exact cost of the ticket is to be announced.

Please register at the conference secretariat for the **dinner at Boboshtiçë** by Saturday 11.00 a.m. The ticket costs 12 Euro per person (including transportation).

Please register at the conference secretariat for the **Sunday excursion** by Saturday 11.00 a.m. The ticket cost 11 Euro per person (meal). The transportation is provided by the local authorities of Korca.

Those wishing to receive a certificate of participation or/and attendance should inform the secretariat.

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*A few words about KORÇA*

*Korça is situated at the foot of the Morava mountains, on the slopes of St. Thana hill. In ancient times, it was an Illyrian settlement. Later, there was built the ancient city of Pelion in this area, which was captured during the second Macedonian War by the roman Army under Sulpicius Galba in 199 B.C. By the early Middle Ages Korça had become an urban centre with a ninth century church, rebuilt in the fourteenth century. During this time, the Mirahor Mosque and a hamam were erected and the town developed quickly.*

*Korça grew considerably in the 17th century, especially after the burning of Voskopoja. By this time, it had become a centre of carpet-making as well as a focal point for trade. A large bazaar was built, preserved today as a cultural monument. The city has lived through difficult times especially at the beginning of the 19th century, which brought as a consequence the wholesale emigration of its inhabitants to Romania, Egypt and America.*

*Korça was an important governing centre during the Ottoman rule. In the 18th century, the city was able to take advantage of its location at the crossroads of several caravan routes and became a major trading point during the 18th century. Today, Korça's population is 60,000 inhabitants and the city plays an important role as an agricultural and industrial centre.*

*There are two Museums in Korça:*

*(a) The Museum of Medieval Arts opened in 1980; it covers a period from the 5th to the 19th century and there you can see works by Albania's most famous painters of the Middle Ages. Onufri (Mid 16th century) and David Selenica (early 18th century) as well as beautiful works by anonymous goldsmiths, silversmiths, woodcarvers and armourers. One of its greatest treasures is an 10th century iconostasis carved under the direction of the master Dhimiter.*

*(b) The National Museum of Education opened in 1967 in the building where the first Albanian school was set up.*