



**“Sports, Society, and Culture:
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The International Olympic Academy (IOA), in cooperation with Harvard’s Center for Hellenic Studies (CHS), is organizing the Third International Scholars’ Symposium on “Sports, Society and Culture” in Ancient Olympia, on July 9-12, 2014. 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 2014 Symposium is “Revisiting the Past, Understanding the Present.” Its purpose is to establish comparisons between Antiquity and the modern Olympic tradition and to show the significance of the past in dealing with contemporary challenges.

Structure

Rather than placing emphasis on lectures, this year’s 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. 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 small groups.

Faculty

This year’s Symposium faculty will include Gregory Nagy (Harvard University and CHS), Thomas Scanlon (UC Riverside), Wendy Raschke (UC Riverside), Ioannis Petropoulos (Democritus University of Thrace and CHS), Lenny Muellner (Brandeis University and CHS), Douglas Frame (CHS), Stamatia Dova (Hellenic College and CHS), Charles Stocking (University of Western Ontario and CHS), Nicolas Prevelakis (Harvard University and CHS), Marina Haworth (North Hennepin Community College and Harvard University), Peter Miller (University of Western Ontario), and Maša Ćulumović (Foundation of the Hellenic World and CHS).

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 Wednesday July 9 and from Olympia to Athens on Saturday July 12. 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 will open on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

The deadline for all submissions is Thursday, May 15, 2014.

Once you have completed your application, the organizers of the Symposium may contact your referees by Friday, May 30, 2014.

The final decision about the participants will be made by June 9. The selected participants will receive acceptance messages via email.

For more information and the online application please visit the [Symposium's website](http://ioa2014.chs.harvard.edu/) (<http://ioa2014.chs.harvard.edu/>)

and/or contact IOA Academic Programs Coordinator, Mr. Panagiotis Trikaliotis - email:

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