

## ANNOUNCEMENT – PRESS RELEASE

### The ‘CENSUS of Modern Greek Literature’ - “Greek Authors 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> centuries” now online at [moderngreekliterature.org](http://moderngreekliterature.org)

The website “The CENSUS of Modern Greek Literature: a bibliography for the English-speaking world” is now open for consultation, at [moderngreekliterature.org](http://moderngreekliterature.org).

The CENSUS is a significant international project that **facilitates access to modern Greek literature for speakers of English** by providing **references to all English-language translations** of modern Greek literature and to **all studies in English** that relate to modern Greek literature from the twelfth century AD to the present.

First posted on the CENSUS website is the “**Greek Authors 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> centuries**” section — made available on the website under **Open Access**. This initial section includes references to **800 Greek literary authors** (approximately **7,000 entries**). This most recent phase of the project was completed, with the support of the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation, through the collaboration of two ad hoc teams of researchers on two sides of the Atlantic: technical development and project administration in Boston, data curation by fellowship recipients under the aegis of the Marilena Laskaridis Chair of Modern Greek Studies at the University of Amsterdam.

A first presentation was held online on April 5, 2022, as part of the activities of the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation within the framework of Greece’s bicentennial **Initiative 1821-2021**. The CENSUS website was presented by Dia Philippides, Professor Emerita, Boston College (USA) and Ben Florin, Web Developer, Boston College Libraries, with a Q&A session moderated by Peter Klapes, Boston College MA ’22. On that same day the new website was launched. A video-recording of the initial presentation (including a description of the project and a demo of the new website) can be viewed [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kS_MDTI-j0) ([youtube.com/watch?v=5kS\\_MDTI-j0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kS_MDTI-j0)).

In its prospective audience, the CENSUS aims to function as a standard work of reference for students and faculty in Modern Greek Studies, as a guide to translators, and an innovative resource for libraries building collections in Hellenic Studies. It also hopes to attract greater numbers of scholars (in other disciplines), editors, publishers, and general readers everywhere in the English-speaking world to the contemporary literature of Greece.

Access to the CENSUS website will be free henceforth to all. Researchers will be able to search for information and to access texts and original sources directly, where copyright allows. The website is fully extensible.

The CENSUS research project is directed by Dia Philippides, in collaboration with Wim Bakker, Professor Emeritus, Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Philology, University of Amsterdam. Ben Florin, Web Developer, Boston College Libraries, is the developer of the CENSUS website.

The project's current core team also includes: Peter Klapes (project manager) and three researchers appointed by Maria Boletsi, Endowed Professor, Marilena Laskaridis Chair of Modern Greek Studies, University of Amsterdam: Anthi Argyriou, art historian and curator, PhD candidate in Cultural Analysis at the University of Amsterdam; Yiorgos-Evgenios Douliakas, PhD candidate in Cultural Analysis at the University of Amsterdam and instructor on literature and justice at Leiden University; Dr. Haralampos Passalis, guest lecturer in the Department of Modern Greek Studies at the University of Amsterdam and experienced lexicographer. Significant collaboration in recent years has been provided by: the Boston College Libraries' Digital Scholarship Group, and by researcher Michaela Karambini-Iatrou in Athens and Dr. Alfred Vincent in Sydney.

The research team of the CENSUS gratefully acknowledges the contributions of its supporters and collaborators, and the endorsement the project has received from the Modern Greek Studies Association (of North America).

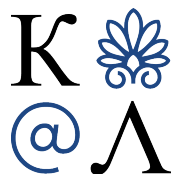
The CENSUS website opens a new window on Greek literature of the last nine centuries and provides a vital portal to modern Greek literature for an international English-speaking audience. Further information on the CENSUS project is available at [censusofmoderngreekliterature.org](http://censusofmoderngreekliterature.org).

The new CENSUS website can be accessed at: [moderngreekliterature.org](http://moderngreekliterature.org)

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