



**ASREC 2024**

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Religion, Economics, and Culture



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September 20-21, 2024

# Conference Venue, Thessaloniki War Museum



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ΜΟΥΣΕΙΟ

The building that hosts the ASREC Conference is the Thessaloniki War Museum. The War Museum of Thessaloniki is located at **Gr. Lampraki Str 4**, situated directly behind the University of Macedonia. It is located in the wider area of the Ares Field camp, where today the headquarters of the 3rd Army Corps is located



There is an interesting introductory video that is worth watching before attending the conference. You can view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Glt2vFVoz7M>

For more information: <https://warmuseum.gr/en/thessaloniki-war-museum-branch/>



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024**

**8:00 AM– 16:20 PM: Registration**

**09:00 AM– 11:00 AM: Parallel Sessions 1**

**1A: Gender 1**

Room 1: Auditorium – Ground Floor

Inheritance Customs, the European Marriage Pattern and Female Empowerment

- *Joanne Haddad, Université libre de Bruxelles*

Parental Religiosity, Educational Attainment, and Gender Equality

- *Melike Kokkizil, European University Institute*

Reversal of Fortunes? Gender-based Ownership Norms, Human Capital Formation and Women's Economic Empowerment

- *Asli Unan, University of Amsterdam*

Coeducation, Female Human Capital, and the Evolution of Gender Norms

- *Yuchen Lin, University of Warwick*



## **1B: Religion 1**

Room 2: MU Room – Underground Floor

Love thy neighbour as thyself? The influence of Christian missions on contemporary ethnic conflict in Africa

- *Alessandra Quintigliano, Sapienza University of Rome*

Personal Values of Protestants and Catholics Within and Between 20 Countries

- *Allon Vishkin, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology*

Your Sins Are Not Forgiven: Christian Judges in Supreme Courts

- *Evangelos Dioikitopoulos, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece*

Religious Diversity and Innovation

- *Francesco Cinnirella, University of Bergamo*

## **1C: Culture 1**

Room 3: Library – Ground Floor

Culture, Religiosity and Female Labour Supply

- *Duygu Guner, University of Leuven*

Linguistic distance and migration in India over the 20th century

- *Yannick Dupraz, CNRS & University Paris Dauphine*

The Origins of Qeirat Values

- *Mohammad Atari, University of Massachusetts Amherst*

Assessing systematic effect heterogeneity in the relationship of individualistic culture and global income levels.

- *Michael Szedenik, Martin-Luther University Halle Wittenberg*

**11:00 – 11:30 AM: Coffee/Tea Station - Garden of the Museum**



**11:30 AM– 1:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 2**

**2A: Religion 2**

Room 1: Auditorium – Ground Floor

De-Polarizing Politics: The Role of Jesuits in the French Parliament

- *Mara Squicciarini, Bocconi University*

Religiously-Inspired Baby Boom: Evidence from Georgia

- *Kritika Saxena, University of Groningen*

Supernatural Beliefs about Illness and Modern Medicine Use: Evidence from the DRC

- *Clara Sievert, CERGE-EI*

Sacred Ecology: The Environmental Impact of African Traditional Religions

- *Neha Deopa, University of Exeter*

**2B: Gender 2**

Room 2: MU Room – Underground Floor

Victim-blaming Norms and Violence Against Women: Correcting Misperceptions or Morality Drive Policy and Behavior Change?

- *Konstantinos Matakos, King's College London*

How did East Asia overtake South Asia on Gender?

- *Alice Evans, King's College London*

Armed Conflict and Women's Normalization of Domestic Violence

- *Cemal Eren Arbatli, Durham University*

Smoking and women's right

- *Rebeka Christopoulou, University of Macedonia*



**1:30 PM– 2:30 PM: Lunch Break - Garden of the Museum**

**2:30 PM– 4.30 PM: Parallel Sessions 3**

### **3A: Institutions 1**

Room 1: Auditorium – Ground Floor

Private Colonization and State Capacity: Evidence from the Brazilian Donatary Captaincies

- **Humberto Laudaes**, *Univeristy of Geneva*

How Autocracies Form: State Capacity, Absolutism, and the Thirty Years' War

- **Luis Bosshart**, *LSE*

State Repression, Exit, and Voice: Living in the Shadow of Cambodia's Killing Fields.

- **Mathias Buehler**, *LMU Munich*

Echoes of the Past: The Enduring Impact of Communism on Contemporary Freedom of Speech Values.

- **Olga Popova**, *Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg*

### **3B: Culture 2**

Room 2: MU Room – Underground Floor

How Social Structure Drives Innovation: Surname Diversity and Patents in U.S. History

- **Max Posch**, *University of Exeter*

Qanats and the Seeds of Mobilization

- **Mohsen Shaeyan**, *University of Mainz*

Once Upon a Time: Introducing the Historical Values Survey

- **Mahdi Keshali**, *University Hamburg*

Tourism as a Catalyst for Cultural Transformation

- **Skerdi Zanaj**, *University of Luxembourg*



**4:30 PM– 5:00 PM: Coffee/Tea Station - Garden of the Museum**

**5:00 PM – 5:30 PM POSTER SESSION**

**(ROOM 1: AUDITORIUM-GROUND FLOOR)**

**5:30 PM– 7.30 PM: Parallel Sessions 4**

#### **4A: Legacies**

Room 1: Auditorium – Ground Floor

The Legacy of The Great Famine: Shaping Contemporary Identity

- **Lamis Kattan**, *Georgetown University in Qatar*

Ancestral Beliefs and Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa

- **Pablo Álvarez Aragon**, *University of Namur*

The Geological Origins of Comparative Development

- **Fabian Wahl**, *WU Vienna*

Ancestral Inequality and Preferences for Redistribution

- **Gian Luca Tedeschi**, *University of Bergamo*



#### **4B: Gender, Marriage and Fertility Norms**

Room: MU Room – Underground Floor

Parental Dictates: Marriage Sorting and Social Mobility in Imperial China, 1614-1854

- *Xizi Luo, LSE*

*Markets Make Humans WEIRDer: Evidence from 1850-1920 United States*

- *Itzhak Raz, Hebrew University*

Preferences Shocks in the Marriage Market

- *Shadi Farahzadi, LSE*

More than a Village: Why Endogenous Living Arrangements Affect 40% of Non-Orphaned Children in Sub-Saharan Africa

- *Tamara McGavock, Grinnell College*

#### **4C: Religion 3**

Room3: Library– Ground Floor

Business culture during the British Industrial Revolution: the evidence from the diffusion of steam power, 1774-1870. (*Book Presentation 1 hour*)

- *Haris Kitsikopoulos, NYU*

pudding, plague and education: Trade and human capital formation in an agrarian economy

- *Argyris Sakalis, Birmingham Business School*

Technology of Cultural Transmission I: The Printing Press

- *David Hugh-Jones*





**8:30 PM: ASREC Conference Dinner**

**Location: Zythos Dore Restarurant,  
Str. Tsirogianni 9, Thessaloniki 546 21 Greece**

<https://zithos.gr/>



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

**9:00 – 2:00 PM: Registration**

**9:00 - 11:00 Parallel Sessions 5**

**5A: Politics**

Room 1: Auditorium – Ground Floor

Motivated Forecasts: Evidence from the Presidential Elections in Argentina

- *Diego Marino Fages, Durham University*

Unpopular Reforms, Social Unrest and Grassroots Political Movements

- *Eric Melander, University of Birmingham*

Does Representation lead to Development: Evidence from India

- *Resuf Ahmed, University of Lausanne*

*Republic of Letters and Postal Network in Early Modern England and Wales*

- *Gianni Marciante, University of Bologna*

**5B: Empires, Regimes, Colonies**

Room2: MU Room – Underground Floor

The Fall of Constantinople and the Rise of the West

- *Andreas Link, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg*

Minorities and Industrialization: Evidence from the Russian Empire

- *Marvin Suesse, Trinity College Dublin*

Too close for comfort: how road accessibility affected the spread of early Fascist violence

- *Massimiliano Onorato, University of Bologna*

Religious Sacraments and Local Development: Evidence from Colonial Ireland

- *Gabriel Koehler-Derrick, NYU-Abu Dhabi*



## 5C: Values and Norms

Room 3: Library– Ground Floor

The Intrusion of Value Change: Mainstream Media and the Normalization of Contested Issues

- *Elias Dinas, EUI*

The Joint Venture

- *David Gomtsyan, Universite Clermont Auvergne*

Institution, Diversity, and Local Development: Lessons from Rural China

- **Bin Huang**, University of Zurich

Losing Their Religion: State Banning of Religion, Social Norms, and Female Participation

- *Richard Murphy, University of Texas at Austin*

**11:00 – 11:30 AM:** Coffee/Tea Station - Garden of the Museum



**11:30 AM – 12:00 PM POSTER SESSION**

**(ROOM 1: AUDITORIUM-GROUND FLOOR)**

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**  
**ASREC Keynote Address**  
Auditorium – Ground Floor

Romain Wacziarg  
UCLA Anderson School of Management

*The Cultural Roots of Modern Fertility*

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Lunch Break - Garden of the Museum**



### 14:00 - 16:00 PM Parallel Sessions 6

#### 6A: Religion

Room 1: Auditorium – Ground Floor

From Shocks to Solidarity and Superstition: Exploring the Foundations of Faith.

- *Laurence Iannaccone, Chapman University*

Insured by God: Religiosity and Risk-Taking

- *Jeanet Bentzen, University of Copenhagen*

Enlightenment Under Autocracy: From Wang Yangming to New Confucianism

- *Melanie Meng Xue, London School of Economics*

Traditional Religion and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from China

- *Gunes Gokmen, Lund University*

#### 6B: Institutions 2

Room2: MU Room – Underground Floor

The Political Costs of Taxation

- *Joseph Enguehard, ENS Lyon*

Family Mayors: Accountability Problems in Italian Municipalities

- *Lorenzo Maria Casale, University of Zurich*

At the King's Command: A Historical Study of Extraordinary Natural Occurrences and Executive Orders

- *Christopher Paik, New York University Abu Dhabi*



**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Coffee/Tea Station - Garden of the Museum**  
**4:30 – 6:30 PM: Parallel Sessions 7**

## **7A: Identity**

Room 1: Auditorium – Ground Floor

Religion, Identity, and Preference

- *Georgios Melios, London School of Economics and Political Science*

Building States Through Restorative Justice

- *Gianluca Russo, Barcelona School of Economics*

Diversity, Identity and Assimilation of Immigrants

- *Vincenzo Lombardo, University of Naples Parthenope*

Macroeconomic Shocks and the Erosion of EU Identity

- *Anastasia Litina, University of Macedonia*

## **7B: Violence, Crime, Conflict and Polarization**

Room2: MU Room – Underground Floor

Propaganda and Conflict

- *Petros Sekeris, TBS Business School*

Safer but poorer in numbers: Violence and spatial misallocation in the Jim Crow South

- *James Choy, University of York*

Crime Perception and Populism: Evidence from Individual Data

- *Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna*

Polarized Innovation

- *Marta Morando, LSE*



## Panel Sessions

*Gauthier Fontanive, University of Luxembourg* “Cultural Diversity, Political Favouritism, and Ethnic Conflict in Africa”

*Despina Gavresi, University of Luxembourg* “Population Aging and the Rise of Populism in Europe”

*Ioannis Iliadis, University of Macedonia* “Energy Demand in Greece: A Cointegration Analysis”

*Seoyoung Kwon, Yonsei University* “Importing Pop Idols? Socioeconomic Consequences of K-pop Boom in the US”

*George Mavropoulos, University of Macedonia* “Gender Diversity and Discrimination on the Screen”

*Ioannis Patios, University of Macedonia,* “Disasters and Political Trust in EU Regions”

*Emma Thill, University of Luxembourg,* The transmission of Cultural Trauma Through Generations



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We hope to see you again soon...

**ASREC 2025 Conference**  
**George Mason University - Arlington, VA**  
**March 7-8, 2025**

Keynote Speaker:  
**Robert Boyd**

**Proposal Submission**

The Program Chair will consider papers on religion and culture from across the Social Sciences, including Economics, Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology.

**Submission Deadline: November 1, 2024**

**[\\*\\*Click HERE to submit your paper\\*\\*](#)**

For more information on previous conferences, visit the ASREC website [ASREC.ORG](http://ASREC.ORG).



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**and**

**ASREC Europe 2025 Graduate Student  
Workshop**

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