

Description of Funded Research Projects

1st Call for H.F.R.I. Research Projects
to support Post-Doctoral Researchers



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Research Project Title:

**Politics of Recognition: The
Afterlife of the Greek Resistance
in Law, History, and Memory**

Principal Investigator:
Magdalini Fytili



Popular Title:
**Recognition: the second life of the Greek
Resistance (1945-2000)**

Scientific Field:
**Memory Studies, History, Political
Science, Law**

Host Institution:
**National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens**



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The official recognition of the European Resistance after the Second World War is of utmost importance, since it is associated with a set of broader public policies that allow us to understand the ways in which states pass from a state of war to a period of peace, restore their social balance and seek the legitimacy of postwar governments. In Greece, National Resistance constituted an open issue for decades. However, compared with the abundant literature for the history of the Resistance, very limited research has been conducted on the issue of the official recognition of the Resistance. Official recognition however, is a key concept for the study of the 'second life' of the Resistance and that is why we approach it as an autonomous research field; since it constitutes a long process which functioned as a laboratory for concepts and politics, that decisively affected the formation of Greek society and the political system for at least half a century.

Thus, the research project aims at: a) the historicization of the concept of the recognition of the National Resistance, as a history of concrete state policies to address specific legacies of the past, b) the integration of the Greek case in the international history, historiography and memory of the Second World War, c) the mapping of the consecutive re-significations of the National Resistance, d) the inventory and analysis of the politics of inclusion and exclusion, e) mapping the politics of restitution, both to a symbolic level, as integration of the Resistance in the national history and to a practical level, as forms of social and welfare policies, f) the promotion of the Greek case to English-speaking academic and non-academic audiences, g) contributing to the ongoing academic and public debate over the history of the conflicting and traumatic 1940s.

The demand for the recognition of the Resistance was expressed by wider populations, of all political spectrums, while the recognition of 1982 was perceived as one of the most important and positive events for the country. Moreover, in Greece the past has re-emerged during the last decades and within the context of the current economic crisis.

Therefore, the project aims to intervene in a fruitful way in the current academic and broader public debate, about the history and the meta-history of the confrontational Greek 1940s. Improving access to new media and digital technologies, will provide scope for different communities to explore and comment on their past and memory, and to (re)consider their position in relation with the past, the past in the context of today but also their collective identity.

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The funding of H.F.R.I. allows us to organize and carry out a research project of high scientific quality in Greece. In addition, has enabled us to shape our own research team and to direct the implementation of the project as scientific responsible.

Such research programs are vital for both the capitalization of the country's new scientific staff and the renewal of academic production. The first call for proposals of H.F.R.I. for research projects aiming to support post-doctoral researchers provides the necessary material conditions, as well as a structured framework of management for the undistracted conduct of the research.

*The Principal Investigator,
Magdalini Fytili*

Funding

Amount: **170,000 €**

Duration: **36 months**

Foundation: **H.F.R.I.**





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