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ANNOUNCEMENT

International Conference at Aristotle University Puts Thessaloniki's Multilingual Press in the Spotlight

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The Conference titled "Browsing Through Thessaloniki: The Polyphonic Press of the City from the Mid-19th Century to the Interwar Period" seeks to explore the social, cultural and communication history of Thessaloniki through the study of the city's polyphonic and multilingual press. Aristotle University organizes the Conference in cooperation with the Réseau Transfopress–CHCSC/Paris-Saclay.

The Conference will take place tomorrow, Thursday 12, and on Friday 13 November 2026, at the Central Library of Aristotle University. The Opening Ceremony will take place on Thursday 12 November 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Library of Aristotle University. At the Ceremony, the Vice Rector for International Relations, Outreach, Lifelong Learning and Student Welfare of Aristotle University, Professor Iakovos Michailidis, will give a speech.

The Conference proceedings aim to highlight the history of Thessaloniki's multilingual and multicultural press during this period. The organizers note that Thessaloniki, as an important urban, commercial and intellectual center of the Ottoman Empire and, later, of the Greek state, served as a place of coexistence for different ethnic, religious and linguistic communities, and the press of the time reflected this polyphony.

Through the study of the press, the Conference seeks to shed light on the social, political and cultural life of Thessaloniki, the relations among its communities, the formation of collective identities and the circulation of ideas in the wider Balkan and European environment. At the same time, it aims to highlight the contribution of modern digital methods to preserving, documenting and presenting historical memory.

The Conference sessions cover the publishing and journalistic activity of Thessaloniki's different linguistic and ethnoreligious communities, from the Ottoman period to the Interwar period. They place particular emphasis on the relationship of the press with politics, ideological disputes and social demands, on intercultural relations and international networks, and on modern digital approaches to preserving and showcasing the city's historical and cultural heritage.

The official languages of the Conference are English and French.

The Conference sessions are open to the public.

For more information about the Conference and the program: https://www.auth.gr/conferences/diethnes-synedrio-gia-ton-polyfoniko-t/

We attach the Conference poster.

We kindly ask you to publish or broadcast this announcement and to cover the event.