

Philhellenism before Messolonghi

An evening of Swedish – Greek connections in the 18th and 19th centuries

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Programme

- 19:00 **Welcome words**
Jenny Wallensten, Swedish Institute at Athens
- 19:05 **Greetings**
Ioannis Loverdos, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece
- 19:15 **Introduction**
Håkan Emsgård, Ambassador of Sweden to Greece
- 19:25 **Philhellenism in the North:**
New insights into old themes from the perspective of Sweden and Finland
Petra Pakkanen, Finnish Institute at Athens
- 20:00 **Travel, Hellenism, and the Origins of Philhellenism:**
Swedish travellers in Greece from the 17th to early 19th century
Vassilis Sabatakakis, University of Lund
- 20:15 **Discussion**
- 20:30 **Reception**

Event and discussion moderator: Håkan Emsgård

