



SWEDISH
INSTITUTE
at ATHENS



A Retracing Connections online research dialogue between speaker **Fotini Kondyli** (Virginia/Athens) and moderator **Milan Vukasinovic** (Uppsala)

Layers of Urban History: From Modern to Byzantine Athens through the Athenian Agora Excavations Archives

ABSTRACT

Can modern urban experiences shape the way we understand Byzantine cities? In this talk, I will discuss the impact of modern urban experiences on the interpretation of Byzantine Athens, drawing from archaeological records and contemporary socio-economic phenomena. In doing so I follow two distinct story lines. Through an examination of the Athenian Agora Excavations Archives, I discuss how the excavation and recording of the Byzantine layers at the Agora informed narratives about Athens' post-classical life and urban development. I then turn to contemporary experiences such as Greece's economic crisis and Athen's bottom-up urban projects in the crisis aftermath to highlight the relevance of contemporary experiences in enriching our understanding of Byzantine Athens' spatial configuration and urban dynamics.

The Dialogue takes place **online** via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 18.00 (Athens)**.

To register, please visit:

<https://www.sia.gr/en/events.php?eid=411#ParticipationForm>