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**21 & 22 NOVEMBER 2025**

# **DiGITAL MULTiMODAL NARRATiVES**



**From Displacement  
Testimonies to  
Critical  
Pedagogical Praxis**



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## **Conference Program**

**ARGYRIADIS AMPHITHEATRE  
MAIN BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS  
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**Keynote Speakers**

**Prof. Michelle Fine**

**Prof. Shahram Khosravi**



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**Friday**

**21 November 2025**

**16.30 – 17.00**

### **Opening speeches**

Welcome speech from the Dean of Humanities School, Prof. Vassilis Tsafos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Greeting from the President of Early Childhood Education Department, Associate Prof. Evdoxia Deropoulou-Derou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

**17.00 – 18.30**

### **Why testimony matters: VOLARE's Conception and Design**

*Chair: Effie Prexousaki*

#### ***Listening to the voices of VOLARE: Motivation, aims, logic of the project***

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Team** Alexandra Androusou, Anna Apostolidou, Despoina Apostolidou, Nelli Askouni, Eirini Koumparouli, Matoula Papadimitriou, Christos Stefanou, Vassilis Tsafos, Elina Tsiroga

**Paris 8 University Team** Del Aram Bidabad, Pierre Johan Laffitte

**Sofia University**

**St. Kliment Ohridski Team** Niren Hasanova, Ilia Iliev, Dafina Lazarova

**Sociality Technological**

**Cooperative Team** Kalliopi Karlou, Antonis Faras

**18.30 – 19.00 Coffee break**

**19.00 – 20.00**

### **Keynote Speech**

*Chair: Anna Apostolidou, Ionian University*

**Shahram Khosravi**

Professor of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University

**Who needs migration studies?**

**Saturday**

**22 November 2025**

**9.30 – 10.30**

**From the archive to the repository I: VOLARE's Interdisciplinarity**

*Chair: Lina Ventoura, Panteion University*

Vangelis Karamanolakis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Evthymios Papataxiarchis, University of the Aegean

**10.30 – 11.30**

**From the archive to the repository II: Digital architecture of testimony**

*Chair: Matoula Papadimitriou*

Delaram Bidabad, Eirini Koubarouli, Nadiana Koutiva, Grigoris Tsardanidis

*Discussants: Stathis Pavlopoulos & Anna Apostolidou*

**11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break**

**12.00 – 13.00**

**Keynote Speech**

*Chair: Pierre Johan Laffitte, Université Paris 8*

**Michelle Fine**

Distinguished Professor of Critical Psychology and Urban Education

The Graduate Center, The City University of New York

Visiting Scholar at the University of South Africa

**Critical Participatory Action Research in times of rising fascisms:**

**Thoughts across borders and disciplines**

**13.00 – 14.00 Light Lunch**

**Saturday**

**22 November 2025**

**14.00 – 15.00**

**Workshop: Contesting Xenophobic Narratives & Humanizing Immigrant Experiences Through Participatory Storytelling**

*Discussant: Ilia Iliev, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski*

Moderator: Samuel Finesurrey, Assistant Professor of History,  
Guttman Community College, The City University of New York

Workshop Participant: Bashir Juwara, Prospective M.Phil. student  
in Development Studies, University of Cambridge

**15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break**

**15.30 – 17.00**

**Educational, political and social stakes in pedagogical praxis**

*Chair: Alexandra Androusou & Petros Charavitsidis,  
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

Thaleia Dragona, Professor Emerita of Social Psychology, National and  
Kapodistrian University of Athens

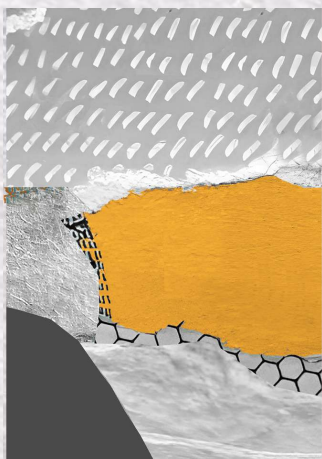
Nelli Askouni, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Vassilis Tsafos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

**17.00 – 17.30**

**Closing: Live Music**

Despoina Apostolidou (voice) and Dimitris Mikelis (oud)



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## Conference participants

**Alexandra Androussou**, Professor of Teaching Methodology and Educational Material Development, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

**Anna Apostolidou**, Assistant Professor of Social Anthropology, Ionian University

**Despoina Apostolidou**, Singer and musician specializing in Eastern Mediterranean music

**Nelly Askouni**, Professor of Sociology of Education, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

**Lina Ventoura**, Professor of History of Migration, Panteion University

**Del Aram Bidabad**, PhD candidate, Paris 8 Université des créations

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**Michelle Fine**, Distinguished Professor of Critical Psychology and Urban Education, The Graduate Center, The City University of New York, Visiting Scholar at the University of South Africa

**Samuel Finesurrey**, Assistant Professor of History, Humanities and Social Sciences, Guttman Community College, The City University of New York

**Niren Hasanova**, PhD candidate, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Chief Expert at the Center for Educational Integration of Children from Ethnic Minorities of the Ministry of Education

**Iliia Iliev**, Associate Professor of Ethnology, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

**Bashir Juwara**, Master's Candidate in Development Studies, University of Cambridge

**Vangelis Karamanolakis**, Professor of Theory and History of Historiography, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

**Kalliopi Karlou**, M.Eng., Department of Rehabilitation Engineering, Dresden University of Technology

**Irini Koubarouli**, Architect, Postdoctoral Researcher, School of Architecture, National Technical University of Athens

**Nantiana Koutiva**, Project Manager, Sociality Technological Cooperative

**Pierre Johan Laffitte**, Professor of Critical Philosophy of Education, Paris 8 Université des créations

**Dimitris Mikelis**, Musician, oud and jazz piano

**Dimitris Mytakis**, Software Engineer, Graduate of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Technical University of Crete

**Dafina Pandin**, PhD in Ethnology, Sofia University, School psychologist, Educational consultant and kindergarten teacher

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**Matoula Papadimitriou**, Communications Specialist, MA in Education and Human Rights, Expert associate at the Greek Ombudsman

**Evthymios Papataxiarchis**, Professor Emeritus of Social Anthropology, University of the Aegean

**Stathis Pavlopoulos**, Historian, Coordinator of Planning and Research Activities, Archives of Contemporary Social History

**Effie Plexousaki**, Associate Professor of Social Anthropology, University of the Aegean

**Christos Stefanou**, Film Director, PhD candidate, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Educator

**Grigoris Tsardanidis**, Researcher, Digital Applications Architect and Programmer, MSc Human Centered Multimedia, University of Amsterdam

**Vassilis Tsafos**, Professor of Pedagogical Theory and Curricula, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

**Elina Tsiroga**, PhD candidate, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Educator

**Antonis Faras**, PhD candidate, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

**Petros Charavitsidis**, Assistant Professor of Critical Theory, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens



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