ESST Research Workshop at IMS, Rethymno, Crete, 11-12 May 2026

A two-day workshop organized in the context of the Spring 2026 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the European Inter-University on Society, Science and Technology (ESST) at Rethymno, Crete, hosted by the Department of History of Technology, Institute of Mediterranean Studies (IMS), The Foundation for Research and Technology (FORTH) and co-organized by the NKUA Laboratory of Philosophy, Ethics, Policy and Communication of Science and Technology [PhEPoC-ST(Lab)] and the graduate course 'Special Topics in Science, Technology, Society: History of Technology', NKUA Interdepartmental Graduate Program 'Science, Technology, Society—Science and Technology Studies (STS).

Organizers:
-Marinos Sariyannis, Director of IMS
-Aristotle Tympas, Member of the IMS Department of the History of Technology, ESST Vice-Chair for Research, Professor & Director of the STS Graduate Program, NKUA

Monday, 11 May 2026, 15:00-17:00, Place: Room of Kalos Ontas, IMS
Between History of Technology and Mediterranean Studies: Institutions, Projects, Challenges
Presentations on the historiographical challenges faced by projects aiming at writing histories of:
-search for oil in the region & engineering education in Greece, **Christos Karampatsos**, postdoctoral researcher IMS & NKUA PhEPoC-STS(Lab)
- aspects of the history of technology in Crete/Greece, **Amanda Katz**, assistant professor, Department of History and Archeology, Utah State University, IMS Fullbright Fellow
-the emergence of AI ethics/philosophy in Greece, **Manolis Simos**, assistant professor of philosophy of technology, University of Crete, affiliated faculty, PhEPoC-STS(Lab)
-environment/sustainability related-research in Greece, **Giorgos Velegrakis**, assistant professor of environmental sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Crete, affiliated faculty, PhEPoC-STS(Lab)
Coordinator: **Katerina Vlantoni**, assistant professor of the history of biomedical science and technology, NKUA, PhEPoC-STS(Lab) faculty member

Tuesday, 12 May 2026, 15:00-17:00, Place: Room of Kalos Ontas, IMS
History of Science, STS, and Existential Threats: Research Challenges
Presentations on:
-existential threats, comments on articles by Matthias, **Elli Danae Vartziotis**, **Iason Spilios** and **Konstantinos Sioumalas**, researchers at the PHEPoC-STS(Lab) and the NKUA Observatory for Research on Existential Threats
-a research project on risks in the Aegean region, **Christos Kouroutzas**, assistant professor of sociology of risk and uncertainty, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean, affiliated faculty, PhEPoC-STS(Lab), **Nikolaos Nagopoulos**, professor of sociology of knowledge, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean and **Dimitris Paraskevopoulos**, assistant professor of sociology of emotions, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean.
-perspectives from critical technology governance and public engagement with technology, **Dani Shanley**, assistant professor, Philosophy Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University
Coordinator: **Jessica Mesman**, professor, chair in 'complexity and epistemic diversity' Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University, ESST director of studies

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