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**Fourth MESEA Conference**  
**“Ethnic Communities in Democratic Societies”**

**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**  
**Thessaloniki, Greece**  
**May 20 – 23, 2004**

**Wednesday, May 19:**

*Afternoon:*

- 16:00 – 17:00 **Registration**  
AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy  
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- 20:30 **“Getting-to-Know-You” Dinner**  
Electra Palace Hotel, Aristotle Square

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As has become a good tradition at our MESEA conferences, the **“Getting-To-Know-You” Dinner** serves not only the purpose of meeting the other participants in general, but also and especially as our MESEA way of having our panels meet for the first time “non-electronically” for a hopefully lively academic and non-academic exchange. If tables in the restaurant and individual arrival times permit, we would like to urge panel members and chairs to sign up for this dinner and sit together.

# Thursday, May 20:

## *Morning:*

8:00 – 10:00 Executive/Advisory Board Business Meeting

10:30 – 12:00 **Registration**

AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy  
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

## *Afternoon:*

14:00 – 14:30 **Welcome**

AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy  
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### **Alfred Hornung**

President, MESEA  
Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany

### **Rector**

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

### **Yiorgos Kalogeras**

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece  
Head, Local Organizing Committee

14:30 – 15:30 **Plenary Session 1**

AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy  
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

### **Sidonie Smith**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA  
“Narrated Lives and the Contemporary Regime of Human Rights:  
Mobilizing Stories, Campaigns, Ethnicities”

Introduction:

### **Alfred Hornung**

Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 18:00 **Panel Session (1.1. – 1.2.)**

Old Building  
School of Philosophy

19:00

**Reception** – The Greek Ministry of National Education and Religions  
Garden, School of Philosophy

## Friday, May 21:

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration**  
AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy

9:00 – 10:00 **Plenary Session 2**  
AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy

**David Trotman**  
York University, Canada  
“Performing Caribbean Identity in Multicultural Canada”

Introduction:  
**Dorothea Fischer-Hornung**  
University of Heidelberg, Germany

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 – 12:30 **Panel Session (2.1. – 2.4.)**  
School of Philosophy

12:30 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**  
(Lunch Meeting on Toni Morrison’s *Love*  
Meeting Point: Routledge Book Display  
Moderator: Cathy Waegner)

14:30 – 16:30 **Panel Session (3.1. – 3.3.)**  
School of Philosophy

16:30 – 17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00 – 19:00 **Panel Session (4.1. – 4.4.)**  
School of Philosophy

19:00 – 20:30 **Dinner Break**

20:30 – 22:00 **Writers’ Night**  
AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy

**Marie-Hélène Laforest**  
**Cleopatra Mathis**

Chair:  
**Ekaterini Douka-Kabitoğlu**  
Vice Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

## **Saturday, May 22:**

8:45 – 10:45 **Panel Session (5.1. – 5.6.)**  
School of Philosophy

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 13:00 **Panel Session (6.1. – 6.5.)**  
School of Philosophy

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30 – 16:30 **Panel Session (7.1. – 7.6.)**  
School of Philosophy

16:30 – 16:45 **Coffee Break**

16:45 – 17:30 **Roundtable**  
*Atlantic Studies*

Chairs:  
William Boelhower  
Dorothea Fischer-Hornung  
(Editorial Board, *Atlantic Studies*)

AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy

17:30 – 19:00 **MESEA General Membership Meeting**  
AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy

20:30 **Banquet**  
Restaurant Palataki  
Plateia Morihovou, Ladadika

## Sunday, May 23:

8:45 – 10:45 **Panel Session (8.1. – 8.4.)**  
School of Philosophy

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:00 **Plenary Session 3**  
AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy

**Gary Okihiro**  
Columbia University, USA  
“Toward a Pacific Civilization”

Introduction:  
**Rocio G. Davis**  
University of Navarra, Spain

12:00 **Farewell by MESEA President**  
AULA (Old Building)  
School of Philosophy

13:00 **“See-You-Again” Lunch**  
Restaurant Agora  
Kapodistriou Street

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**Lunch Meeting on Toni Morrison’s *Love*:** Cathy Waegner (University of Siegen, Germany) has offered to moderate an informal discussion of Toni Morrison’s new novel, *Love*. For those who are interested, meet with her on Friday at 12:30 at the Routledge book display.