

“through a woman came forth...the better things” routes to the archival sources

Review of the event

The General State Archives of Greece (G.S.A.) in the framework of the organization Athens 2018 World Book Capital, in collaboration with the Municipality of Filothei-Psychiko, the General Secretariat for Gender Equality, the Bank of Greece, ERT and the Greek Directors Guild organized on Wednesday 6th of March 2019 the event *“through a woman came forth... the better things” – routes to the archival sources* at the G.S.A. Central Service.

The speaker of the event, Ms. Maria Efthymiou, Associate Professor of the History and Archaeology Department of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, highlighted the struggle for women’s emancipation as a basic foundation of a democratic society and as a factor of Greek history through the archival sources. Also, Mr. Pericles Moscholidakis, actor-director and Ms. Magda Katsipanou, actress, participated at the event giving a rendition of excerpts from the theatrical play *“Angelica Nikli Solomou the Transparent”*.

Representatives of the political leadership and parties of the Hellenic Parliament honoured the event with their presence. Initially, the Deputy Minister, Ms. Meropi Tzoufi extended greetings and made reference to the new law draft of the G.S.A., which is in public consultation and will be voted by the Parliament in the near future. Ms. Panagiota Kozomboli, representative of the President of the Hellenic Parliament and MP of the Prefecture of Messinia, Ms. Maria Antoniou, representative of the President of New Democracy, Deputy Head of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and MP of the Prefecture of Kastoria, Ms. Popi Xekalaki and Stavroula Mpouta, members of the Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Greece for the “Equality of Women”, Mr. Panos Bitsaxis, representative of the political party “To Potami”, extended their greetings and referred to the celebration of the world women’s day and women’s movement. On behalf of the co-organizers, the event was inaugurated by Mr. Tony Lykouressis, Secretary General of the Greek Directors Guild, Ms. Fotini Kouvela, Secretary General for Gender Equality, Mr. Nikos Karapidakis, President of the G.S.A. Supervisory Council, and Ms. Marietta Minotos, Director of the G.S.A. Central Service, who gave speeches. In addition, representatives of archival and cultural bodies, artists, researchers and scholars were present. Finally, the Vice-Mayor of Filothei – Psychiko, Ms. Aikaterini Petritsi –Mourad attended the event.

An exhibition of archival material completed the event, a guided tour of which was provided before the start of the event by the curators of the exhibition, Mr. Yannis Glavinas, Ms. Eleni Theodoropoulou and Ms. Eleni Mamma. The exhibition was presented by Ms. Theodoropoulou, closing the event. Also, the documentary *“Περισκόπιο (Periscope) – Greek feminist publication”* from the ERT Archive was screened.

The main speech of Professor Maria Efthymiou was video recorded by BLOD (Bodossaki Lectures on Demand) and is available at:

<https://www.blod.gr/lectures/ek-gynaikos-pigazei-ta-kreitto-diadromes-stis-arheiakes-piges/>



Guided tour in the exhibition of archival material before the beginning of the event



Views of the room



The central speaker, Ms. Maria Efthymiou

Rendition of abstracts from the theatrical play "*Angelica Nikli Solomou The Transparent*".