

11th Panhellenic Symposium of Epicurean Philosophy, February 20-21, 2021  
Athens, Greece  
Organized by Friends of Epicurean Philosophy Garden of Athens, Garden of  
Thessaloniki and Municipality of Pallini  
Under the Auspices of the Region of Attica  
Live streaming through Zoom/Youtube/Facebook – Information: [epicuros.gr](http://epicuros.gr)  
Free attendance

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**Saturday, February 20, 2021**

**Tribute to the 200 years of the Greek Revolution of Independence**  
**(1821-2021)**

16.00-16.30

Greetings from the Gardens of Athens, Thessaloniki, other cities of Greece,  
International Friends of Epicurus

16.30-18.00

**1. Epicurean influences on the pre-revolutionary Greek Enlightenment**

- Gassendi's influence on the Greek Enlightenment
- The Influence of the French Encyclopedists on the Greek Enlightenment
- The Epicurean philosophy in the works of Vikentios Damodos, Eugenios Voulgaris and Athanasios Psalidas
- Iosipos Moisiodax, the teacher of Rigas Velestinlis
- Rigas Velestinlis and Epicurean philosophy
- Epicurean elements in the "Greek Power of Law" of Anonymous Greek

18.00-18.15

Interval - Theatrical Reading: "The stone book of Epicurean Diogenes"  
(Excerpt from the theatrical play "A Happy Greek" by Christos Yapijakis)

18.15-19.00

**2. Epicurean influences on the Greek Revolution of Independence**

- Thomas Jefferson's advice to Adamantios Korais for the Greek Revolution ---
- Jeremy Bentham's advice to the Greek revolutionaries
- The Utilitarian principle of publicity and the Press of the Revolution

19.00-20.00

### **3 Epicurean influences on post-revolutionary Greece**

- The utilitarian judge Anastasios Polyzoidis who did not condemn Theodoros Kolokotronis
- The fighter of 1821 George Zalokostas and the "Epicurean Song" by Edward Bulwer-Lytton
- Epicurean perceptions of Iosipos Moisiidakas and Rigas Velestinlis and the impact of their pedagogical works
- The "Epicurean" of George Vizyinos

20.00-20.15

Interval - Poetry

Greek Enlightenment and Revolution of Independence

20.15-21.00

Discussion

**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

### **The Epicurean philosophy since ancient times until today**

11.00-13.00

#### **4. Epicurean philosophy and other philosophical schools of Antiquity**

- Interactions of Greek philosophical systems
- Ionian natural philosophers and Epicurus
- Sophists and Epicurus
- Democritus and Epicurus
- Socrates, Plato and Epicurus
- Aristotle and Epicurus
- Stoics and Epicurus

13.00-13.15

Interval – Epicurean Poetry

Philodemus, Palladas, Omar Khayyam

13.15-14.00

Discussion

17.30-19.45

### **5. Epicurean approaches of contemporary issues**

- The enlightened criticism of Karl Marx at “Saint Max” criticizing Epicurus
- Teaching of Epicurean philosophy to children through experiential didactic approaches
- The "R" in Epicurus
- The climate crisis and Epicurean philosophy
- The evolution of atomic theory from ancient philosophy to modern science
- Epicurean philosophy in the age of artificial intelligence

19.45-20.00

Interval – Poetry

“Parthenon” – unpublished poems by Giogia Siokou

20.00-20.30

Discussion