

# Body and Spirit: the dynamics of an antithesis

Onassis Cultural Center, Athens

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013

The purpose of the colloquium is to discuss issues preoccupying man throughout the centuries regarding the relationship between body and spirit and the expression of this complicated issue in history, philosophy, art & science.

The colloquium intends to focus on historical and modern concepts from a diachronic perspective covering ancient Greek thought, medieval developments and modern notions, where logic emerged as the predominant tool for the progress of science. 20<sup>th</sup> century is of particular interest, as consumerism focuses on the body and the spirit cut off from their spiritual dimension (either in the ancient Greek sense propounded in its philosophy or even in the sense of the medieval potential sanctification of matter).

Today, consumer society is faced with the international economic crisis; it is possible that we shall witness a new transition which will bring new approaches to concepts associated with matter and spirit.

10:00-10:30	Registration
10:30-12:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Session
<b>Ancient Philosophy</b>	
10:30-11:00	<b>Stelios Virvidakis</b> Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens  <i>The relations between body and mind as a philosophical problem</i>
11:00-11:30	<b>Andrei Lebedev</b> Associate Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Social Science, University of Crete  <i>The Platonic concept of the soul and its archaic roots</i>
11:30-12:00	<b>Pavlos Kalligas</b> Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens  <i>Body and soul relations in early Neoplatonism</i>
12:00-12:30	Coffee Break

12:30-14:00

2<sup>nd</sup> Session

## Matter as a way to spirit

12:30-13:00

**Andrew Louth**

Professor Emeritus of Patristic and Byzantine Studies, Durham University/Visiting Professor of Eastern Orthodox Theology, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

*The theology of the in-between, with reference of matter and spirit*

13:00-13:30

**Uroš T. Todorović**

Department of Modern Greek Studies, Sydney University, Australia; Department of Social Theology, School of Theology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

*Transcendental Byzantine body*

13:30-14:00

**George Papageorgiou**

Honorary Professor of Surgery

*Scientia versus sapientia: wisdom and knowledge in the age of the scientific-technological revolution*

14:00-15:30

Lunch

15:30-17:00

3<sup>rd</sup> Session

## The age of reason

15:30-16:00

**Algis Mickunas**

Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Ohio University

*The failure of reductionisms*

16:00-16:30

**Pavlos Kontos**

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Patras

*Corporeal self: a mind older than ourselves*

16:30-17:00

**Vasso Kindi**

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and  
History of Science, University of Athens

*Disembodied knowledge*

17:00-17:30

Coffee Break

17:30-19:00

4<sup>th</sup> Session

### **Modern times**

17:30-18:00

**Anastasios Ioannis Metaxas**

Emeritus Professor, University of Athens

*The rhetoric of the body: a questioning and  
questioned image*

18:00-18:30

**Stavroula Tsinorema**

Professor of Contemporary and Modern  
Philosophy, Bioethics, University of Crete

*The mind in the body. Reflections from science and  
ethics*

18:30-19:00

**Lina Nikolakopoulou**

Lyricist

*The being of existence*