

Call for Participation | Pelion Summer Lab 2019 “Data & Power”

We are happy to announce that this summer we will be hosting the 3rd **Pelion Summer Lab for Cultural Theory and Experimental Humanities** (PSL) (August 21-August 31, 2019), an initiative of the Department of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology and the Laboratory of Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly in Volos, Greece.

The aim of this 10-day program (**August 21-August 31, 2019**) is to convene an interdisciplinary group of young researchers and cultural producers from fields such as anthropology, history, sociology, arts, political philosophy, gender studies, literature, cultural studies, communication and new media studies for a period of intensive exchange regarding the pressing questions of our research and our worlds.

This year's theme - **Data & Power** - takes on the critical issue of how the production, mining, and manipulation of data through algorithmic procedures has emerged as an increasingly dominant mode of political regulation, capitalist exploitation, identity formation, cultural expression and knowledge generation.

Who: Our distinguished international faculty include **Mitsos Bilalis** (Thessaly), **Athina Karatzogianni** (Leicester), **Penelope Papailias** (Thessaly), **Petros Petridis** (Thessaly), **Sandra Robinson** (Carleton University), **Robert Seyfert** (Duisburg-Essen) and teaching fellow **George Mantzios** (Toronto).

What: Three jointly-taught, faculty-led seminars on **Virality and Memeification: Affective Networks in the Dataverse** (Bilalis, Papailias), **Platform Capitalism** (Karatzogianni, Petridis), **Algorithmic Sociality** (Seyfert, Robinson) and an experimental methodological workshop to create a **Serious Game** to be played in a public event on the last day of the lab; plus screenings, local performances, hikes and other special events.

Where: The conference center of the village of **Makrinitza**, in **Pelion, Greece**.

Eligibility: MA students, doctoral candidates, recent PhDs, early career scholars and, in special cases, advanced undergraduate students in relevant fields

Application: Applications are submitted online [here](#). The deadline is **Monday June 17, 2019**.

Fees: No tuition. There is a **100E** administrative fee, payable to UTH Research Committee.

Costs: Participants are responsible for expenses related to travel, food and lodging. The PSL hosts a welcome dinner and farewell dinner/party. Discounted rates are available to PSL participants at the [Melanthe Mansion](#) (10 nights + breakfast, 250E, payable directly to the hotel).

Information: For more details, please visit the [PSL website](#) or contact the organizing committee at pelionsummerlab@gmail.com.

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