



Call for Participation | Pelion Summer Lab 2020 “Dead Bodies Matter”

We are happy to announce that this summer we will be hosting the 4th **Pelion Summer Lab for Cultural Theory and Experimental Humanities (PSL)**, 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, with the support of the Netherlands Institute of Athens.

The aim of this 10-day program (**June 29-July 9, 2020**) is to convene young researchers and cultural producers from fields such as anthropology, history, sociology, arts, political philosophy, gender studies, literature, cultural studies, and new media studies for a period of intensive exchange regarding the pressing questions of our research and our worlds.

This year’s theme - ***Dead Bodies Matter*** - will address the materialities, spatialities, temporalities, technologies and modes of (re)presentation through which the contested dead remain, haunt and impact critical contemporary debates over citizenship, race, kinship, gender, sexuality, national/religious identity, multifarious forms of violence (postcolonial, gendered, species-based, environmental), the place of affect in politics, and many other subjects.

Who: Our distinguished faculty include sociologist **Margaret Gibson** (Griffith), anthropologist of science **Amade M’charek** (U of Amsterdam), philosopher **Olga Cielemeńska** (U of Turku), artist **Penny Siopis** (U of Cape Town), photographer **Juan Orrantia**, anthropologist **Pamila Gupta** (U of Witwatersrand) and anthropologist **Penelope Papailias** (U of Thessaly).

What: Faculty seminars, an international symposium (held the weekend prior to the lab) and an experimental methodological workshop (a “death cafe” designed and hosted by the cohort in a public event); plus screenings, local performances, hikes and other special events.

Where: The conference center of the village of **Makrinitza**, in Pelion, Greece, located in the historic building of the former primary school.

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

Application: Applications submitted online [here](#). Deadline **May 1st (early app March 26th)**.

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

Living expenses: 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 a hotel or hostel.

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

The organizing committee,

Penelope Papailias (Director), Petros Petridis, Pantelis Probonas, Christina Mitsopoulou, George Mantzios, Alexandros Papageorgiou