



Call for Participation | Pelion Summer Lab 2026 “The Planet in the Port” June 26- July 6, 2026

This summer we will be hosting the 7th Pelion Summer Lab (PSL) for Cultural Theory and Experimental Humanities in Neochori, Mt. Pelion, Greece.

This year’s lab *The Planet in the Port: Infrastructures & Undercurrents* explores ports as flashpoints in conflicts over war, energy, labor, consumption, tourism, migration and ecological survival, as well as recurring sites of protest and transnational solidarity. Interfacing decolonial ecology, amphibious anthropology, Black Marxism, critical logistics, mobility studies and artistic practice with maritime histories of South Pelion’s microports, we ask how the port might be reimagined beyond a zone of control as a space of refuge and more-than-human coastal worlds.

Who: Some of this year’s confirmed guest contributors include: **Sharad Chari** (Berkeley), **Andreas Makris** (St. Andrew’s), **Tom Western** (University College London), **Chloe Howe Haralambous** (Princeton), **José Nivoi**, **Aspassia Kouzoupi**, **Ioulia Pentazou** (U. of Thessaly) & local artists.

Based at the **Dept. of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology, University of Thessaly**, directed by Associate Professor **Penelope Papailias**, co-organized with **George Mantzios** (Mount Royal University), **Pantelis Probonas**, **Penny Paspali**, **Dimitra Morosou**, **Conor Smith**, **Antonis Petras**.

What: Ten days of collective readings and seminar discussion alongside artistic workshops, film screenings and sonic performances, dispatches from activists and site-responsive experiments at ports of varying scales along the Aegean sea and Pagasetic gulf coasts. PSL will culminate in an **experimental anti-cruise** designed by the cohort: a site-responsive, multimodal navigation through Neochori exploring ports as sites of struggle, memory and inter-action.

Where: Neochori in South Pelion, with field trips to Volos, Platania, Kalamaki and local beaches.

Eligibility: MA students, doctoral candidates, recent PhDs, independent researchers, artists, early career scholars and, in special cases, advanced undergraduate students.

Costs: A 200€ administrative fee. Participants are responsible for expenses related to their travel to/from and stay in Neochori. Accommodations/food is arranged at discounted rates at local restaurants and hotels. **Needs-based scholarships** will be available, pending funding.

Applications due [here](#) by April 27th. More info at [PSL website](#) or pelionsummerlab@gmail.com.