

# Norwegian Institute at Athens



*Activities 2022*



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### Introduction

NIA activities in 2022 picked up to a satisfactory level (see the metrics graphs in the last section of the document). Within the scope of the designated strategic plans, NIA's activities became more diverse and inclusive, involving numerous returning and new activities. The first part of this document reports the completed 2022 activities, while the second part delivers a list of canceled 2022 activities.

### I. List of completed 2022 activities (in chronological order)

1. Workshop; **Emergence, Life, and Demise of Autocratic Regimes (ELDAR)**

Responsible: Carl Henrik Knutsen, Department of Political Science, UiO

February 10 – 12

Participants: 12 (Norwegian and international scholars)

Info: <https://www.sv.uio.no/isv/english/research/projects/ELDAR/index.html>

2. Research Affiliate Program; a) **The affiliated researchers' program\*** launched in 2022 aims to further the role of the Norwegian Institute at Athens (NIA) as an internationally acclaimed research hub and bring under its academic roof researchers and projects that could benefit from its role as a liaison between Norway and Greece. <https://www.uib.no/en/nia/155776/research-affiliate-program>

\* NIA can now host Norwegian and Greek researchers researching projects related to NIA's agenda, scope, and research interests. We provide them with office space, access to the Nordic Library, and the possibility to transfer books from the Nordic Library to their NIA office. In return, affiliated researchers will have to promote their affiliation with NIA and deliver one public lecture on our premises.

b) **2022 Affiliated Researchers:** i) Aksel Teigen Breistrand (Athenaeum Scholarship Recipient), MA student, Department of Archaeology, History, Culture Studies and Religion, UiB; Researching on MA thesis titled "Forum Augustum: a walk through time and space presented by Augustus." March 2 – April 12  
ii) Dr. Alex Knodell (Associate Professor, Classics Department, Carleton University, US); Co-director of the Small Cycladic Islands Project (SCIP; 2019-present). Researching on data analysis and publication of SCIP's results (<https://www.uib.no/en/nia/157914/affiliated-researchers>). September 2022 – present.

3. Lecture (hybrid): Aksel Teigen Breistrand, Department of Archaeology, History, Culture Studies and Religion, UiB  
Lecture title: "**Ideology in Architecture: Past, Present, and Future in the Forum of Augustus.**"

March 17

Attendants: 8 in-person and 29 via Zoom

Info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6m7oEDtP40o>

4. PhD Workshop (hybrid): Dialogues with the Past - Nordic Graduate School in Archaeology, Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History, UiO  
Workshop title: "**Writing a Successful Article.**"

Responsible: Liv Nilsson Stutz (Linnaeus University), Julianne Rustad (UiO), Oliver Reiersen (UiO)

March 23 – 25

Participants: 16 in-person and 1 via zoom

Info: <https://www.hf.uio.no/iakh/english/research/dialogues-with-the-past/courses/writing-a-successful-article-2022.html>

5. **Annual Meeting**: Annual Open Meeting of the Norwegian Institute at Athens

Keynote speaker: Hallvard Fossheim (UiB)

Lecture title: "**Friendship and the Tyrant.**"

March 31

Attendants: over 50

Info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4ibbH4TXjo>

6. International Conference: Greece and Norway: European center, periphery or it's complicated?

Organizers: Research Centre for the Humanities (RCH) and NIA; endorsed by the Norwegian Embassy in Athens

April 11

Online event

Participants: 30

Info: <https://www.rchumanities.gr/en/greece-and-norway/>

7. Course: Community, Happiness, and Art: Philosophy in Ancient Athens

(FIL233/333); UiB; Department of Philosophy

Responsible: Hallvard Fossheim

April 19 – 30

Participants: 12 students (+ 1 graduate student)

Info: <https://www.uib.no/emne/FIL233>

8. Travelling exhibition: Greece Through the Eyes of the Travelers from the North

Organizers: The embassies and the institutes of the Nordic countries (Denmark Norway, Sweden, Finland)

Location: National Gallery - Al. Soutsos Museum - Nafplion Annex

Duration: May 4 - June 30, 2022

Attendants: 310

9. Seminar/Meeting: **Kulturhistorisk museum; UiO**

Responsible: Håkon Glørstad

Meeting with the Director of the Byzantine and Christian Museum\*

May 11 – 14

Participants: 9

\* Following a relevant request, we have set up a meeting of KHM representatives with the director of the Byzantine and Christian Museum on May 13. The goal was to discuss a collaboration plan between the two museums, which, among others, will include the exchange of antiquities for exhibition purposes and a one-day conference on the exhibition topic (2024).

10. Lecture: NIA-logues\* V1: Lecture title: "**The Consumption of Hellenistic Ceramics amid Local and Global Identities.**"

Speakers: Søren Handberg (UiO) and Alexandros Laftsidis (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

May 20

Location: NIA

In-person event

Attendants: 14

Info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOjfdWy41Xk&t=802s>

\* NIA-logues is a series of discussion-based lectures which aspire to bring together scholars from Norwegian and Greek institutions working on similar fields, disciplines, and topics. Experimenting on our role as liaisons between the Norwegian and Greek academic communities, we aim to establish an alternative pathway of communication and cooperation among the two parts by creating an environment of direct and less mediated contact.

11. Lecture: **The ships of the Vikings - tools of transport, tools of faith.**

Speaker: **Jan Bill**, Department of Archaeology, UiO; curator of the Viking Ship Collection at the Museum of Cultural History

May 26

Location: NIA

In-person event

Attendants: 13

Info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQsNke45IrM&t=12s>

12. Archaeological Project: **Gourimadi Archaeological Project (GAP)**, Karystos  
Independent project permit: Responsible: Zarko Tankosic (UiB), P. Zafeiriadis  
(NIA/UiB), and F. Mavridis (Ephorate of Paleoanthropology and Speleology)  
May 30 – June 24

Participants: 42

Info: <https://www.uib.no/en/nia/135146/active-projects>

13. Course/workshop: **MA Curatorial practice**; UiB/Victoria Square Project  
Responsible: Anne Szefer-Karlsen; The Art Academy – Department of  
Contemporary Art; Faculty of Fine Art, Music, and Design; UiB  
June 10 – 11

Location: Partially at NIA

Participants: N/A

Info: <https://www.victoriasquareproject.gr>

14. Archaeological Project: **Small Cycladic Islands Project (SCIP)**, Kythnos, Syros,  
Serifos, Sifnos

Collaboration project permit: Responsible: Dimitris Athanasoulis (Ephorate  
Cyclades), Zarko Tankosic (UiB), Alex Knodell (Carleton)

June 13 – July 30

Participants: 35

Info: <https://smallcycladicislandsproject.org>

15. Archaeological Project: **Apidima Cave Excavation**, Laconia

Independent project permit: Responsible: Katerina Harvati (UiB/University of  
Tübingen) and Vaggelis Tourloukis (University of Tübingen)

August 16 – September 4

Participants: 15

16. Workshop: **Perception in Games and Virtual Worlds**

Responsible: Anita Leirfall (UiB/ Department of Philosophy) and John R. Sageng  
(Game Philosophy Network)

September 1 – 2

Participants: 20

Info: <https://www.gamephilosophy.org/2022/05/call-for-presentations-perception-in-games-and-virtual-worlds/>

17. Workshop: **Populist Challenges to Constitutional Democracy**; The Civic  
Constellation Project; UiO and University of Malaga

Responsible: José María Rosales, Universidad de Málaga, Philosophy Department  
September 20 – 21

Participants: 20

Info: [https://www.uma.es/civicconstellation/info/38529/international-partners/?set\\_language=en](https://www.uma.es/civicconstellation/info/38529/international-partners/?set_language=en)

18. Conference: **Human Body and Identity in Greek Philosophy and Culture**

Responsible: Thomas Kjeller Johansen; dept. of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art, and Ideas; UiO

October 6 – 7

Participants: 11

Info: <https://www.uib.no/en/nia/157007/human-body-and-identity-greek-philosophy-and-culture>

19. Exhibition: **MY ARCTIC LIFE - MULTIMEDIA (MALM)**

Responsible: Daniela Toma; TVIBIT

November 10 – 17

Location: NIA

Attendants: ca. 40

Info: <https://tvibit.net/my-arctic-life>

20. Workshop: **Archaic 'Elian Style' Pottery in western Greece**

Responsible: Signe Barfoed; dept. of Archaeology, Conservation and History, UiO

November 18

Participants: 13

21. Publication: **Theory of museology / Main schools of thought 1960-2000**

Responsible: Delia Tzortzaki and Stefanos Keramidas (editors)

Series: Papers and Monographs from the Norwegian Institute at Athens; Volume 14

22. Networking Research: **Setting up the Papyrology study room\***

\* Converting the director's office into a papyrology study room will allow the proper use of the most significant genre of books of the Triantaphyllopoulos collection. NIA is privileged to have one of the most complete and informed (up to the early 90s) collections of papyrology books. With the support of the Nordic Library, we will fill in any gaps in the relevant bibliography. The goal is to make our papyrology collection available to international scholars. NIA can become a hub for this academic topic. The room will still serve as an office space.

23. Connecting Norwegian students with the local academic community and ministry services:

In 2022 we had the pleasure of hosting and supporting three Norwegian MA students\* researching their thesis. Our support included: a) applications to the ministry of culture and other foreign institutes on their behalf to access archaeological material, b) provision of free entrance cards to archaeological sites and museums, c) networking with scholars from other archaeological institutes, and d) occasionally office space at NIA

Bringing Norwegian MA and graduate students into contact with the bustling archaeological community of the foreign archaeological schools in Athens is one of our strong points. We need to find ways to advertise this capacity better.

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i) Aksel Teigen Breistrand (Athenaeum Scholarship Recipient), MA student, Department of Archaeology, History, Culture Studies and Religion, UiB; Researching on MA thesis titled "Forum Augustum: a walk through time and space presented by Augustus." (Office space, networking, and hosted lecture)

ii) Josephine Elders, MA student, Department of Archaeology, Conservation, and History, UiO. Researching on MA thesis titled "Death; the start of a new life." (Access to archaeological material from Kerameikos cemetery and brought her into contact with scholars from the German Archaeological Institute at Athens, which directs the relevant excavations)

iii) Mads Sondre Stryger Prøitz, MA student, Department of Archaeology, Conservation, and History, UiO. Researching on MA thesis titled "The Greek and Roman Victory Trophy - Adoption and Continuity." (Access to archaeological material from different Boeotian sites)

## II. List of canceled 2022 activities (in chronological order)

### 1. Seminar; **Det matematisk-naturvitenskapelige fakultet**

UiO

February 16 – 18

### 2. Seminar; **Interdisciplinary Research School on Authoritative Texts (ATTR)**,

The faculty of Theology, UiO

March 14 – 18

Info: <https://www.tf.uio.no/english/research/phd/research-schools/attr/>

### 3. Workshop/meeting: **HYBRIDA: Regulating Organoid Research**; UiO and NTUA

Project Leader: Jan Helge Solbakk; Faculty of Medicine; Institute of Health and Society

May 9-10

Info: <https://www.med.uio.no/helsam/english/research/projects/hybrida-regulating-organoid-research/index.html>

### 4. PhD Course: **Dialogues with the Past** - Nordic Graduate School in Archaeology,

Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History, UiO

Responsible: Julianne Rustad (UiO), Oliver Reiersen (UiO)

October 24 – 27

### 5. Seminar: Hybrid Event; **Echoing EU**

Responsible: Alexandra Angeletaki; Senior Research Librarian: NTNU

June 27 – July 1

Location: NIA

Hybrid event

Participants: N/A

Info: <https://echoing.eu>



### III. 2022 activities: Metrics



