

ESST Research Workshop at IMS, Rethymno, Crete, 11-12 May 2026

A two-day workshop organized in the context of the Spring 2026 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the [European Inter-University on Society, Science and Technology \(ESST\)](#) at Rethymno, Crete, hosted by the [Department of History of Technology, Institute of Mediterranean Studies \(IMS\)](#), [The Foundation for Research and Technology \(FORTH\)](#) and co-organized by the NKUA [Laboratory of Philosophy, Ethics, Policy and Communication of Science and Technology \[PhEPoC-ST\(Lab\)\]](#) and the graduate course ‘Special Topics in Science, Technology, Society: History of Technology’, [NKUA Interdepartmental Graduate Program ‘Science, Technology, Society—Science and Technology Studies \(STS\)’](#).

Organizers:

- Marinos Sariyannis, Director of IMS
- Aristotle Tympas, Member of the IMS Department of the History of Technology, ESST Vice-Chair for Research, Professor & Director of the STS Graduate Program, NKUA

Monday, 11 May 2026, 15:00-17:00, Place: Room of Kalos Ontas, IMS

Between History of Technology and Mediterranean Studies: Institutions, Projects, Challenges

Presentations on the historiographical challenges faced by projects aiming at writing histories of:

- search for oil in the region & engineering education in Greece, **Christos Karampatsos**, postdoctoral researcher IMS & NKUA PhEPoC-ST(S)S(Lab)
- aspects of the history of technology in Crete/Greece, **Amanda Katz**, assistant professor, Department of History and Archeology, Utah State University, IMS Fullbright Fellow
- the emergence of AI ethics/philosophy in Greece, **Manolis Simos**, assistant professor of philosophy of technology, University of Crete, affiliated faculty, PhEPoC-ST(S)S(Lab)
- environment/sustainability related-research in Greece, **Giorgos Velegrakis**, assistant professor of environmental sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Crete, affiliated faculty, PhEPoC-ST(S)S(Lab)

Coordinator: **Katerina Vlantoni**, assistant professor of the history of biomedical science and technology, NKUA, PhEPoC-ST(S)S(Lab) faculty member

Tuesday, 12 May 2026, 15:00-17:00, Place: Room of Kalos Ontas, IMS

History of Science, STS, and Existential Threats: Research Challenges

Presentations on:

- existential threats, comments on articles by Matthias Dörries, **Elli Danae Vartziotis**, **Iason Spiliotis** and **Konstantinos Sioumalas**, researchers at the PhEPoC-ST(S)S(Lab) and the NKUA Observatory for Research on Existential Threats
- a research project on risks in the Aegean region, **Christos Kouroutzas**, assistant professor of sociology of risk and uncertainty, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean, affiliated faculty, PhEPoC-ST(S)S(Lab), **Nikolaos Nagopoulos**, professor of sociology of knowledge, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean and **Dimitris Paraskevopoulos**, assistant professor of sociology of emotions, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean.
- perspectives from critical technology governance and public engagement with technology, **Dani Shanley**, assistant professor, Philosophy Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University

Coordinator: **Jessica Mesman**, professor, chair in ‘complexity and epistemic diversity’ Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University, ESST director of studies

Zoom for online attendance:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86003468724?pwd=RzJxb2RYUmRrc2JIY2VIRkpkJGZz09>