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**From Displacement
Testimonies to
Critical
Pedagogical Praxis**



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Conference Program

**ARGYRIADIS AMPHITHEATRE
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Keynote Speakers

Prof. Michelle Fine

Prof. Shahram Khosravi



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Friday

21 November 2025

16.30 – 17.00

Opening speeches

Welcome speech from the Dean of Humanities School, Prof. Vassilis Tsafos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Greeting from the President of Early Childhood Education Department, Associate Prof. Evdoxia Deropoulou-Derou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

17.00 – 18.30

Why testimony matters: VOLARE's Conception and Design

Chair: Effie Prexousaki

Listening to the voices of VOLARE: Motivation, aims, logic of the project

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Team Alexandra Androusou, Anna Apostolidou, Despoina Apostolidou, Nelli Askouni, Eirini Koumparouli, Matoula Papadimitriou, Christos Stefanou, Vassilis Tsafos, Elina Tsiroga

Paris 8 University Team Del Aram Bidabad, Pierre Johan Laffitte
Sofia University

St. Kliment Ohridski Team Niren Hasanova, Ilia Iliev, Dafina Pandin

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Cooperative Team Kalliopi Karlou, Antonis Faras

18.30 – 19.00 Coffee break

19.00 – 20.00

Keynote Speech

Chair: Anna Apostolidou, Ionian University

Shahram Khosravi

Professor of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University

Who needs migration studies?

Saturday

22 November 2025

9.30 – 10.30

From the archive to the repository I: VOLARE's Interdisciplinarity

Chair: Lina Ventoura, Panteion University

Vangelis Karamanolakis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Evthymios Papataxiarchis, University of the Aegean

10.30 – 11.30

From the archive to the repository II: Digital architecture of testimony

Chair: Matoula Papadimitriou

Delaram Bidabad, Eirini Koubarouli, Nadiana Koutiva, Grigoris Tsardanidis

Discussants: Stathis Pavlopoulos & Anna Apostolidou

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.00

Keynote Speech

Chair: Pierre Johan Laffitte, Université Paris 8

Michelle Fine

Distinguished Professor of Critical Psychology and Urban Education

The Graduate Center, The City University of New York

Visiting Scholar at the University of South Africa

Critical Participatory Action Research in times of rising fascisms:

Thoughts across borders and disciplines

13.00 – 14.00 Light Lunch

Saturday

22 November 2025

14.00 – 15.00

Workshop: Contesting Xenophobic Narratives & Humanizing Immigrant Experiences Through Participatory Storytelling

Discussant: Ilia Iliev, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Moderator: Samuel Finesurrey, Assistant Professor of History,
Guttman Community College, The City University of New York

Workshop Participant: Bashir Juwara, Prospective M.Phil. student
in Development Studies, University of Cambridge

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00

Educational, political and social stakes in pedagogical praxis

*Chair: Alexandra Androusou & Petros Charavitsidis,
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

Thaleia Dragona, Professor Emerita of Social Psychology, National and
Kapodistrian University of Athens

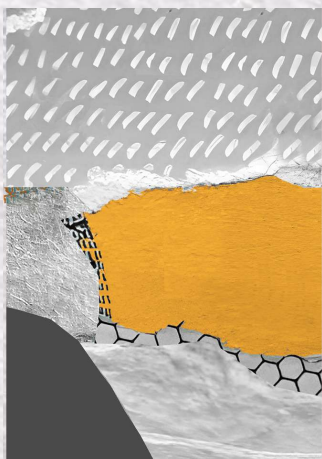
Nelli Askouni, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Vassilis Tsafos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

17.00 – 17.30

Closing: Live Music

Despoina Apostolidou (voice) and Dimitris Mikelis (oud)



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Conference participants

Alexandra Androussou, Professor of Teaching Methodology and Educational Material Development, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Anna Apostolidou, Assistant Professor of Social Anthropology, Ionian University

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Bashir Juwara, Master's Candidate in Development Studies, University of Cambridge

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Dimitris Mikelis, Musician, oud and jazz piano

Dimitris Mytakis, Software Engineer, Graduate of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Technical University of Crete

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Stathis Pavlopoulos, Historian, Coordinator of Planning and Research Activities, Archives of Contemporary Social History

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Christos Stefanou, Film Director, PhD candidate, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Educator

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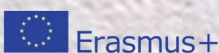
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