

Call for Papers and Art

two-day symposium (21-22 June 2013)

Art and Interculturality in the Mediterranean Region

departing from antiquity – staring at the future

The Department of Audio and Visual Arts at Ionian University in Corfu is organizing within the 7th Audiovisual Arts Festival (19-30 June 2013) a two-day symposium with papers and art presentations. Submissions are welcome from theoretical scientific fields related with audiovisual arts and from different means of artistic expression related to new media, with emphasis on contemporaneous intercultural exchanges.

Since antiquity its geopolitical position, climate and history have formed the Mediterranean Basin as a cradle of multicultural diversity, which contributed significantly to the European culture. The Mediterranean region has functioned as a crossroads connecting East and West, and thus it has been the theater of violent clashes on the one hand and the melting pot of diverse cultural dynamics on the other. At the current juncture, the Mediterranean Basin could serve as an example of the conflicts and divisions dominating in the contemporary world, and at the same time it could provide a case study of the ways new media could help people to surpass them through art and communication

Proposals for papers are invited on any of the following themes:

- Representations of the Mediterranean Basin: places, sites, topoi, cultural characteristics, national, gender and ideological identities
- Singularity, multiculturalism and interculturality
- History, memory and experience of multiculturalism and/ or interculturality
- Transnational transfers and material or immaterial mobility
- Education: projects in audio-visual media aiming at intercultural exchange in the Mediterranean
- Presentation of a work of art (by single artists or groups)

Researchers and artists interested to contribute to the symposium are invited to send, **by May, 1, 2013**, an abstract of max. 300 words, including title, name, affiliation, contact information, and 5 keywords, to the selection committee at the address av-fest@ionio.gr, for the two-day symposium *Art and Interculturality in the Mediterranean Region*. The official languages of the symposium are Greek and English. Contributions should not exceed the 20

minutes, allowing for 10 minutes for questions and comments at the end. The Ionian University, in collaboration with local hotels and restaurants, provides special prices for the speakers.

Abstract submission deadline: May 1, 2013

Acceptance or rejection notification to authors by: May 15, 2013

Venue: Ionian Academy, 1 Kapoditriou st., located in the center of Corfu city, June, 21-22 2013.

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