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## PROGRAM FOR UCLA SYMPOSIUM ON "THE PAST IN MEDIEVAL AND MODERN GREEK CULTURE"

The fourth international symposium sponsored by the Modern Greek Studies Association will be held in Los Angeles from October 31st to November 2nd in cooperation with the Gustave E. von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies at the University of California at Los Angeles. All sessions will be held in the Faculty Center of the University of California, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles.

The program, consisting of five sessions running from Friday morning through Sunday noon, is divided into two parts: The Problem of the Historical Past in Medieval Times, and The Problem of the Historical Past in Modern Times. Each session will include time for discussion at its conclusion. There will also be ample opportunity to get to know the speakers personally at the Saturday luncheon and at the banquet that evening.

MGSA owes a great debt of thanks to Speros Vryonis who has carried the burden of organizing the symposium virtually single-handed. Also to be thanked are Lily Macrakis and John Petropoulos for their coordinating efforts on the East Coast. The fact that MGSA is able to draw such important scholars to a fourth symposium, and that said symposium will be held on the West Coast, is another proof that the goals of the Association in maintaining nationwide status continue to be a stimulus toward achievement.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Welcoming Address 9:30 AM

PART I-The Problem of the Historical Past  
in Medieval Times

### MORNING SESSION 10 - AM - 12 NOON

- W. GOLDSCHMIDT, University of California at Los Angeles  
"Byzantine Political Theory and its Classical Precedents"

### AFTERNOON SESSION 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

- G. KUSTAS, State University of New York, Buffalo  
"The Role of the Historical Past in Byzantine Literature"
- K. WEITZMANN, Princeton University  
"Byzantine Art and the Classical Tradition"
- P. CHARANIS, Rutgers University  
"Byzantine Ethnography"

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

### MORNING SESSION 9 AM - 12 NOON

- R. BROWNING, Birbeck College, The University of London  
"The Byzantine Greek Language"

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- D. CONSTANTELOS, Stockton State College  
"Byzantine Religiosity and Ancient Greek Religion"

PART II - The Problem of the Historical Past  
in Modern Times

- D. SKIOTIS, Harvard University  
"The Nature of the Modern Greek Nation"

LUNCHEON, UCLA Faculty Center (Admission by ticket)

AFTERNOON SESSION 2:00 - 5:00 PM

- J. PETROPULOS, Amherst College  
"The Nature of the Modern Greek State"
- L. VRANOUSIS, Medieval Archives, Academy of Athens  
"The Meghali Idea"
- T. DOULIS, Portland State University  
"Disaster and Fiction: the Role of the Historical Past in Modern Greek Literature"

EVENING BANQUET - 7:00 PM, UCLA Ackerman  
Union Men's Lounge (Admission by ticket)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

MORNING SESSION 9 AM - 12 NOON

- E. PETROUNIAS, University of California at

Los Angeles  
"The Modern Greek Language and Diglossia"

(One paper to be announced, perhaps on the theme of folklore)

- S. VRYONIS, University of California at Los Angeles

"Questions of Historical Continuity in Modern Scholarship"

Closing remarks by John Petropulos, President, Modern Greek Studies Association.

NOTE: A formal notice of the Symposium will shortly be mailed out to MGSA members. This will include names of the nearest hotel accommodations, as well as appropriate check-boxes for members to signify whether they will attend the luncheon and banquet. These forms should be returned to the Gustave E. von Grunebaum Center no later than October 1, 1975.

Editor's Note. The regular June issue of the *MGSA Bulletin* has been delayed until the end of August because it was felt that members should receive the program for the UCLA Symposium.

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