Internationally Recognized Anthropologist Nadia Seremetakis to Speak at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The program in Modern Greek Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is proud to welcome Professor C. Nadia Seremetakis, an innovative and widely published/translated author and professor of cultural anthropology.

Best known for her books *The Last Word* and *The Senses Still* both published by The University of Chicago Press, she is also the author of several books in Greek including a book of poetry, and of numerous articles in scientific journals and newspapers (her most recent article in AE is “Divination, Media and the Networked Body of Modernity”).

She has taught and lectured in major universities in the US and Europe and served as Advisor to the Minister of Public Health in Greece, advisor to the World Health Organization, director of the Dept. of Cultural Studies of the Organization for Cultural Development, local administration of Messinia (S. Peloponnese), and editor of the anthropology section of the journal *New Sociology* (Greek). She has organized and chaired numerous international interdisciplinary symposia in both USA and Greece and several multimedia public events in the S. Peloponnese. She has received a V. Turner award for ethnographic writing for her first ethnography, an honorary plaque for her work by the local authorities of the S. Peloponnese, and she has been the subject of a documentary film on Greek national public television. Since 2008 she has been teaching at the newly created University of Peloponnese (School of Humanities and Cultural Studies).

Professor Seremetakis will be visiting to lecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in early April 2010. Her lecture will take place on April 8, at 8 p.m. in the Lincoln Room of the I-Hotel in Urbana, IL. It will be based on her field research and publications that have promoted and sustained an innovative dialogue between the methodology of cultural anthropology and core theoretical issues of modern Greek Studies for over 20 years. The event aims at highlighting her cutting edge synthesis of historical, archaeological, and anthropological perspectives on the Southern Peloponnese as well as her intellectual contribution to the Greek Diaspora in general.

For more information, visit: [www.seremetakis.com](http://www.seremetakis.com), [www.moderngreek.illinois.edu](http://www.moderngreek.illinois.edu). For details about the lecture, please contact Prof. Dimitrios C. Kyritsis, at +1-217-333-7794 or kyritsis@illinois.edu.

**About the program on Modern Greek studies in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:**

The mission of the program is to foster the study of Greek Language, history, and culture and to explore past and current perspectives on Hellenism. In creating this program our University is joining a growing trend among leading U.S. Universities offering programs in Modern Greek Studies. We are also furthering an educational tradition initiated by the Greek-American community of Chicago, one of the largest in the U.S. and historically the first to take active interest in Greek-speaking education.