The Committee of the Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section would like to thank you for registering to attend our conference in Thessaloniki, Greece. We are all looking forward to meeting you in Thessaloniki on June 13 for our reception. Before you depart, we thought it would be helpful for you to have the following information.

**Registration:**
We would like to remind all conference attendees and presenters to register for the conference. If you have not done so already, you must register before you arrive at our conference. Please contact Liz Fausett-Fuhrman (lfausett@isanet.org) to register. You can check the registration rate by clicking on the following link: [http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/CISS-Thessaloniki-2016/Register](http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/CISS-Thessaloniki-2016/Register). Please note that guests and spouses of attendees and presenters who wish to attend conference or special events must also register. Conference attendees who have registered should come to the registration desk upon arrival at the conference, in order to check in and pick up their ID badge. During and outside regular conference hours, you can send an email to ciss@isanet.org and/or isa_ciss2016@gmail.com with any questions you may have. There will also be a desk with staff during regular conference hours to assist you.

**Program:**
Please visit [http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/CISS-Thessaloniki-2016/Program](http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/CISS-Thessaloniki-2016/Program) to view the final conference program. We will have a limited number of hard copies, so we strongly advise printing it yourself and/or saving a digital version. As you will see, the number of panelists in each concurrent session varies slightly. Please note that you will need to limit your presentation to between 10 and 12 minutes depending on the number of presenters in your session (the same is true for those serving as discussants). Power Point capabilities are available in each conference room. Please bring your Power Point slides on a flash drive.

**Conference Site:**
The conference will be held at the American College of Thessaloniki, (ACT) located in Pylaia (Πυλαία), a suburb of Thessaloniki, which is about 30 minutes from the center of town (depending on traffic). The full address of the College is: Tzon Kennenti, Thessaloniki 555 10. You can access ACT’s website to learn more about the College: [http://www.act.edu/index.jsp?extLang=LG](http://www.act.edu/index.jsp?extLang=LG). By clicking from the home page “About ACT,” and selecting “About the Campus,” you can select “How to find us,” which has specific directions to the campus. The panels will be held in the New Building (lower campus) and Bissell Library.

To get to the College, you can either call a taxi from your hotel or take the public bus. If you are taking the public bus, the Public Bus is #60, Panorama, and the cost (last year) was 1 euro, .50 for students (with ID) purchasable at any kiosk. Please ask your hotel and/or kiosk what the current price is. Specific information about the schedule can be found on the Organization of Urban Transportation of Thessaloniki: [http://oasth.gr/](http://oasth.gr/) (there is an English tab on the upper right-hand side). Moreover, if you have a cell phone that works in Greece, you can get the Ο.Α.Σ.Θ. app on your phone and see the time schedules that way as well.

Participants from the Nepheli Hotel can find the bus spot 20 meters from the hotel entrance on the same side of the street. It’s a 5 to 7 minute downhill ride to ACT, and the stop to get off at is Anatolia: American College. From there you can walk through the upper campus and down to the lower campus (over a bridge) where ACT is located. Participants from the two downtown hotels need to walk to the Panorama Bus stop, and get off again at Anatolia: American College, or you can take a taxi. If you are taking a taxi to the campus, make sure you tell the taxi driver to take you to the lower campus, which is close to the ring road.
**Arrival:**
Taxis are available just outside the terminal of the Macedonia Airport. The following is the distance from the airport to the three hotels: Nepheli is about 15-20 minutes (11 km); Le Palace is about 25 minutes; and Grande Palace is 18.9 km. You can pre-book the taxi so that it picks you up from the airport at a fixed rate of €18. For relevant information, please contact the reception desk of your hotel.

**Currency Exchange:**
The monetary unit in Greece is the Euro. If you are bringing foreign currency to exchange for Euros for your time in Greece, you will probably find that the airport has the broadest and most convenient exchange options available. Money can be exchanged at the airport and at local banks.

**Services at the Three Hotels:**

*Nepheli*
- **Wireless Access** – Complimentary wireless internet access is available in guest rooms and public areas.
- **Copying and Printing** – The hotel’s Reception Desk can assist you in any copies or printouts you need. It is open 24 hours and the price is 0.15€ per page.

*Le Palace Hotel*
- **Wireless Access** – Complimentary wireless internet access is available in guest rooms and public areas.
- **Copying and Printing** – Located on the first floor of the hotel, where you can find a printer for a limited number of prints with no charge. For copies, there is a copy store nearby (2 minutes by walking). For more information, please contact with the front desk.

*Grand Hotel*
- **Wireless Access** – Complimentary wireless internet access is available in guest rooms and public areas.
- **Copying and Printing** – The hotel’s Reception Desk can assist you with any copies or printouts you need, free of charge. It is open 24 hours. For copier machine, please see the reception desk.

**Cell Phone Service:**
Please check with your carrier to determine whether you will be able to use your cell phone in Greece. Most carriers will charge an additional fee for international service.

**Special Events:**
CISS-ISA has planned a few events that you may find of interest. They include:
- **Monday, June 13th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Opening Reception at the Municipality of Thessaloniki.** The reception will be held in The Manolis Anagnostakis Hall (Lower Level of the Main Building), 1 V Georgiou Street. CISS-ISA will provide one bus that will start from Nepheli Hotel and go to the two downtown hotels. The bus will then arrive at the Municipality just in time for the reception. For participants staying at Nepheli, please stand outside the hotel at 6:00 pm sharp. After the reception, the bus will take everyone back to the three hotels.
- **Tuesday, June 14th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Private Tour of the Museum of Byzantine Culture** ([http://www.macedonian-heritage.gr/Museums/Archaeological_and_Byzantine/Arx_Byz_Thessalonikhs.html](http://www.macedonian-heritage.gr/Museums/Archaeological_and_Byzantine/Arx_Byz_Thessalonikhs.html)). It is located at 2, Stratou Av., GR 54013, Thessaloniki. **Please note that you must have registered beforehand via ISA in order to be admitted to the museum.**