



INVITATION
Saturday 28 March 2015 at 7.30 pm

The War Archive is delighted to invite you in a presentation on

The Asia Minor Disaster: Its political and social causes

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A presentation in Greek

Presenter :

Konstantinos Katranis

Greece's expedition to Asian Minor in 1919-22, and the subsequent defeat and expulsion of the Greek Army as well as nearly 2 million Greeks from Turkey, is a seminal event in modern Greek history. It marks the end of Greece's expansion as the Ottoman Empire collapsed, and also it marks a huge demographic and social change in the composition and structure of the Greek society which resonates even today.

The impact of this momentous event in the collective memory of modern Greece, with the passage of time, has faded and has focused on the issue of the refugees. It is worth repeating that Greece entered Turkey not as an occupying force but under strict and limited conditions. It is one of the aims of this presentation to show what caused Greece's plans to be derailed and diverted and thus to end with a disastrous defeat for the Greek army and the start of a forcible exchange of populations (a kind of benign and non lethal ethnic cleansing) between Greece and Turkey.

Konstantinos Katranis is not a professional historian but is someone who has turned his educated eye, and an eye for fascinating detail, on this period of Greek history and has come up with a concise presentation of facts and details which have long been forgotten or, at least, marginalized.

The War Archive has, and will continue to have its doors open not just to professional historians but also to all those who are not historians but who wish to share with our friends and supporters (the majority of whom are not professional historians either...) their thoughts and experiences on all aspects of history and modern Greek history in particular.

At the end of the presentation, the Archion will play an excerpt of an interview with Panagiotis Angelakis, an uncle of Andrew Freris, who as a medical officer in the Greek Army escaped with the skin of his teeth from the destruction of Smyrna in 1922. The Archive will also distribute a copy of the presentation of Mr Katranis.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Arheion!

Andrew and Anabella Freris

The Presenter: Konstantinos Katranis

EDUCATION

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS)-Greek Branch	Member of ICS (MICS).	2012- 2013
Cass Business School, London, UK	MSc in Supply Chain, Trade and Finance.	2009-2010
Athens University of Economic and Business	BSc in International European Economic Studies	2005-2009

Professional experience

1. 2012-to date ING Insurance Greece.
Insurance and investment advisor
2. 2011-12. Greek Army Military Service, 7th Engineering Company,
Turkish border.
3. 2007-8. Car representation and sales, "Sfynarolakis –
Ilion" Computing and accounting services

The Arheion is looking very much forward to your presence in this event.

We ask you however to let us know whether you will be coming either by replying to this email at afreris@wararchivegr.org and/or by contacting Maka Dokhnadze at the phone of the Arheion, 210-8676390 ,or mobile phone 69-98088220 by latest Thursday 26 March. Please do note that space is limited.
