



**The War Archive is delighted to invite you on  
Saturday 14 April 2018 at 19.30  
at presentation by Eleni Kyramargiou on  
«Battles and baricades in Drapetsona, December 1944»**  
The presentation will be in Greek

#### **An introduction**

The battle of Athens during December 1944, mostly between the British forces and the those of EAM-ELAS, took place in various neighborhoods and locations. In sharp contrast to October 1944, when the crowds were welcoming the liberating British troops, the situation changed quickly to one of bitter fighting.

Drapetsona, a poor neighborhood in Piraeus, populated mostly by refugees as a result of the Asia Minor campaign in 1919-1922, had traditionally a strong left wing population. Once the conflict with the British troops started, Drapetsona's geographic position, holding the keys to main roads leading from the port to Piraeus and central Athens itself, guaranteed that it would be bitterly fought over.

The presentation focuses on a «neighborhood» aspect of the December events and analyzes not only the trajectory of the fighting, but also the social and geographical structure of the place and its wider role to the battle of Athens as well as the participation of its inhabitants in a battle which held important strategic prizes.

#### **The presenter Eleni Kyramargiou**

She works as a postdoctoral researcher at the Institute of Mediterranean Studies. She received her Ph.D in October 2015 from the Department of Social Anthropology of the Aegian University on the theme of the social structure of Drapetsona during 1922-1967.

She has participated in various research projects at the Institute of Historical Research of the National Research Institute focusing on refugee settlements and the industrial history of the wider Piraeus area.

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