



The Archive of History and Art-War Archive is proud to invite you in a presentation on

24 September 2022 at 19.30 by the eminent Greek poet

Iosif Ventura entitled

Contractions of Memory : "Tanais" and the life of the Cretan Jews during 1900-1950

See the ZOOM details above. The presentation will be in Greek

Ventura's poetic and other work is extensive and covers 7 books on poetry, three translated works and his own book on the title of the presentation. His poetic works have been translated in 8 languages and have been published abroad in anthologies and collections.

Tanais refers to a Greek freighter, confiscated by the Germans, which was transporting Cretan Jews, members of the local resistance as well as Italian POWs from Crete to Piraeus. The boat was torpedoed by British submarines, and sank killing all aboard. Ventura's family had already escaped from Crete and thus survived.

These tragic events impacted Ventura's poetry and have appeared repeatedly in his works, pointing to some answers to T. Adorno's question whether it is possible for art to survive and exist after Auschwitz.

