



Call for Papers

Conference:

Alexander and the East: The Indian Encounter and Its Western Echoes

International Conference — 22 and 23 May 2026.

University of Cyprus, Nicosia

Overview

The **University of Cyprus, and the International Centre for Studies of Arts and Humanities** invites paper proposals for the international conference **“Alexander and the East: The Indian Encounter and Its Western Echoes,”** to be held on **22 and 23 May 2026 (or 22/23)** in Nicosia, Cyprus.

This conference seeks to explore the historical and cultural significance of Alexander the Great’s expedition to India and the enduring impact of that encounter on Western imagination, identity, and intellectual traditions. By bridging the worlds of Greece and India, Alexander’s campaign generated narratives of conquest, curiosity, and cultural dialogue that have shaped Western perceptions of the East for more than two millennia.

We invite scholars to re-examine these encounters, real and imagined, through fresh historical, literary, philosophical, and artistic perspectives, and to trace their reverberations in later Western thought and representation.

Topics of Interest

We welcome proposals addressing, but not limited to, the following themes:

Ancient narratives and historiography of Alexander’s Indian campaign

Greek–Indian philosophical and religious exchanges in the Hellenistic era

Cultural transmission, science, and myth across East–West boundaries

The image of India in Hellenistic and Roman thought

Alexander as a symbol of empire, exploration, and transformation

Visual and literary representations of Alexander's encounter with the East

The reception of Alexander's Indian journey in early modern and modern Europe

Postcolonial and global perspectives on Alexander's legacy

Interdisciplinary approaches, combining history, archaeology, literature, art history, philosophy, religious studies, and cultural theory, are especially encouraged.

Submission Guidelines

Abstract length: 250–300 words

Paper duration: 20 minutes (followed by discussion)

Language: English, French, Italian and Greek.

Deadline for submission: 15 January 2026

Notification of acceptance: 15 February 2026

Submission email: icsahcy1@gmail.com

Please include in your submission:

Title of your paper

Author's name and institutional affiliation

Short biographical note (up to 100 words)

Contact email address

Publication: A selection of papers will be considered for publication in an edited volume issue following the conference.

Organizing Committee

Assistant Professor Christakis Christofi, University of Cyprus (Chair)

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Venue

University of Cyprus, Nicosia

15 May 2026