

HELLENIC EXECUTIVE PROGRAM



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Greek America: Past, Present, and Future

Professor Alexander Kitroeff

SPECIAL SESSION ON GREEK CANADIANS

Featuring Dr. Sakis Gekas (York University)

OVERVIEW

This seminar delves into the dynamic evolution of the **Greek diaspora** identity in North America and its relationship with Greece.

For over a century, Greeks in North America have represented the largest and most influential Greek diaspora worldwide, significantly shaping the cultural and political landscape through remittances, lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C., and frequent visits to the homeland.

However, with **Greek mass emigration** to the continent having ceased fifty years ago, the community is experiencing a demographic shift. Successive generations born in the **U.S. and in Canada** are becoming increasingly "**Americanized**," raising questions about the future of the Greek identity in the region and its connection to Greece.

What is the future of Greek America? Where is it headed? And do the past and the present provide any clues as to whether the relationship with Greece will be maintained?

This special seven-week course, taught by Professor Alexander Kitroeff, offers a wide-ranging analysis of the evolution of Greek identity in North America. It examines the institutions, leadership, and future of Greek America, **including a special session on the Greek Canadian experience** presented by Dr. Sakis Gekas (York University).

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS - SESSIONS & TOPICS

Session 1: Americanization, Acceptance & Respectability

Session 2: Ethnic Revival & Ethnic Lobbying

Session 3: From Ethnicity to Heritage

Session 4: Greek American Culture and Society in the 21st Century

Session 5: Greek American Institutions in the 21st Century

Session 6: Greek Canadians: Identity, Institutions, & Continuities

Session 7: Does Greek America Have a Future?

LIVE ONLINE
zoom

DATES

3 May – 21 June 2025

**Every Saturday at 12 noon ET*

(no class on 24 May – Memorial Day Weekend)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

1 May 2025

FEE

\$300 USD paid in full by 2 May 2025

The program fee includes access to material on Moodle, a Zoom Registration Link, and a certificate of participation upon program completion.

CYA Executive Alumni receive a 10% discount.

INFORMATION

For more information, email executive-program@cyathens.org or [click here](#) to register for the program.

Save your seat!

Program attendance is limited

Program content, dates, schedule, fees, technology platforms, and faculty are subject to change.



The first sight of America for thousands of Greeks and other immigrants

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In partnership with HALC (Hellenic American Leadership Council), College Year in Athens has formed the **CYA Hellenic Executive Program (CYA HEP)**. Dedicated to bringing CYA's rigorous academic profile in an online format, CYA HEP offers online educational seminars to all interested and who desire to further their knowledge on all topics associated with Greece, from ancient civilization to modern-day development.

Each Seminar runs for six weeks. It meets once a week on Saturdays at 12 noon ET for one hour, followed by an exchange of views between participants and the professor. Sessions typically last sixty to ninety minutes and are held in a synchronous online teaching environment (via Zoom). Participants have access to material on Moodle and a Zoom Link. After each session, a recording of the lecture is available to participants.

The **CYA Hellenic Executive Program** has no formal education requirements, recognizing that participants come from diverse backgrounds and have varying experience in the subject of each Seminar; however, the seminars are rigorous and require academic work. A **Certificate of Participation** is issued upon completion of each Seminar.

FACULTY



Professor Alexander Kitroeff

D.Phil. (University of Oxford)
CYA Faculty
Professor Emeritus of History,
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Dr. Sakis Gekas

Associate Professor, York University
Hellenic Heritage Foundation Chair
of Modern Greek History

Alexander Kitroeff is the leading professor of CYA's Hellenic Education Program. Kitroeff, a Professor Emeritus of History at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, has also taught at several other institutions, including the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies at Queens College CUNY, the Onassis Center for Hellenic Studies at New York University, The American College of Greece, and College Year in Athens. He served on the Journal of the Hellenic Diaspora editorial board from 1980 through 2013, when the Journal ceased publication. His research focuses on identity in Greece and its diaspora in a broad range of topics he has published extensively. His most recent books are *The Greeks and the Making of Modern Egypt* (2019), published in Arabic and Greek, and *Greek Orthodoxy in America: A Modern History* (2020). This marks Professor Kitroeff's fifth time leading the Hellenic Executive Program.

Sakis Gekas is an Associate Professor in the Departments of History and Humanities at York University, where he holds the Hellenic Heritage Foundation Chair of Modern Greek History. He earned his BA from Ionian University in Corfu, followed by an MA and PhD from the University of Essex. His research focuses on modern Greek and Mediterranean history, British colonialism, economic and social history, and the Greek diaspora. Gekas has authored several publications, including *"Xenocracy: State, Class, and Colonialism in the Ionian Islands, 1815-1864"* and *"Απόμαχοι. Οι αγωνιστές της Επανάστασης του 1821 στο Οθωνικό Κράτος."* He also co-founded the Greek Canadian History Project and serves as the principal investigator for the HHF Greek Canadian Archives. In recognition of his contributions, he received York University's President's Research Award for Outstanding Knowledge Mobilization & Impact in 2022.

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Award Upon Completion	Certificate of Participation	