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Research Workshop



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## Mediterranean Wildfires Workshop

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

09:30-11:45 and 12:45-15:00 (GMT+1, UK)

11:30-13:45 and 14:45-17:00 (GMT +3, Greece)

**Hybrid: MS Teams Virtual Meeting /Technical University of Crete, Room K2.A1**

The purpose of this workshop is to bring together scientists from various disciplines working on topics related to Mediterranean wildfires within the Leverhulme Centre for Wildfires, Environment and Society. Additionally, it will bring to the discussion the perspectives of key invited stakeholders working on this area. The aim is to advance the discussion on this topic and catalyse further research that will elevate our understanding of Mediterranean fires.

If you are not a member of the Centre (or an Affiliated Organisation), but would like to join the workshop, please email [wildfire@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:wildfire@imperial.ac.uk) to receive the joining link or to express interest in being present in person.

# Agenda

*Please arrive/ sign in a few minutes early to allow for a prompt start*

<b>Morning session 11:30-13:45 (09:30-11:45)</b>		
Time		Speaker/Title
Greece	UK	
11:30-11:45	09:30-09:45	Welcome addresses
11:45-12:00	09:45-10:00	<b>Xenofontas Tsilimigakis</b> ( <i>Fire Service Chief of Chania Prefecture, Crete</i> )
12:00-12:15	10:00-10:15	<b>Marc Castellnou</b> (Corps of Firefighters of Catalonia/Pau Costa Foundation) - <i>Mediterranean fires, ongoing changes and future challenges: Spain and Portugal lessons</i> (virtual)
12:15-12:30	10:15-10:30	<b>Maria Maniadaki</b> (Chania Bar Association) - <i>Forest arson in Greece: overview of the legal framework</i>
12:30-12:45	10:30-10:45	<b>Viktor Kouloumpis</b> (Technical University of Crete) - <i>DRYADS project overview and the pilot case of Samaria Gorge</i>
12:45-13:00	10:45-11:00	<b>Nikos Kalogeropoulos</b> (Imperial College London) - <i>A future of wildfire planning: Precisely Calculated Evacuation Decisions</i> (virtual)
13:00-13:15	11:00-11:15	<b>Simona Dossi</b> (Imperial College London) - <i>Building Damage at the Wildland-Urban Interface in Southern Europe</i> (virtual)
13:15-13:30	11:15-11:30	<b>Haleema Misal</b> (Imperial College London) - <i>Public preferences for wildfire management in Crete, Greece</i>
13:30-13:45	11:30-11:45	<i>Discussion</i>
Lunch 13:45-14:45 (11.45-12:45)		
<b>Afternoon session 14:45-16:15 (12:45-14:15)</b>		
14:45-15:00	12:45-13:00	<b>Vassiliki Kotroni</b> (National Observatory of Athens) - <i>Early warning system for forest fires in Greece</i>
15:00-15:15	13:00-13:15	<b>Anastasios Rovithakis</b> (Technical University of Crete) - <i>Climate change, wildfires and air pollution over Greece</i>
15:15-15:30	13:15-13:30	<b>Manolis Grillakis</b> (Technical University of Crete) - <i>Studying wildfire-climate linkages at the CLIMATE.TUC Lab</i>
15:30-15:45	13:30-13:45	<b>Theo Keeping</b> (University of Reading) - <i>Nowcasting fire risk and implications for Mediterranean wildfire prediction</i>
15:45-16:00	13:45-14:00	<b>Luke Sweeney</b> (University of Reading) - <i>Assessing anthropogenic influence on fire history during the Holocene in the Iberian Peninsula</i> (virtual)
16:00-16:15	14:00-14:15	<b>Yicheng Shen</b> (University of Reading) - <i>Relationship between fire properties and resprouting in Europe and Australia</i> (virtual)
Coffee Break 16:15-16:30 (14:15-14:30)		
16:30-17:00	14:30-15:00	<b>Discussion</b> - <i>The future of wildfires in the Mediterranean: what are the greatest challenges and solutions</i>
17:00	15:00	<b>END</b>