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The Danish Institute at Athens
is pleased to invite you to a the launch of Det Græske Institut

Introduction by Trine Stauning Willert, Chairman of Det Græske Institut

Det Græske Institut was founded as a voluntary organisation in 2018 to strengthen cultural exchange and cooperation between Greece, Cyprus and Denmark and the Nordic countries. From a base in Copenhagen, and through public and private funding, the Institute organises academic and cultural public events about Modern Greek literature, language, history, society, and art. A further mission is to maintain the Modern Greek Library of the now closed Modern Greek Department of the University of Copenhagen. The success of Det Græske Institut depends on its integration into existing and new networks. Therefore, it is greatly appreciated that The Danish Institute at Athens will host its launch in Greece.

The introduction will be followed by a lecture in English

“Belonging, Emplacement and the Welfare State: Greek and Greek Cypriot Immigrants in Denmark” by Yiannis Papadakis, Professor of Social Anthropology, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus

Tuesday 3rd of April at 19.00
in the auditorium of the Institute, Herefondos 14A, Plaka, Athens



The welfare state is experienced by the Greeks and Greek Cypriots who immigrated there as a powerful mechanism of emplacement by tying them literally and metaphorically to the ground they walk and, often, cycle upon. Instead of metaphorical roots, this is accomplished by creating a sense of a shared common ground through belonging to an imagined contributory community. Drawing a contrast between two different kinds of wealth, wealth as private ownership (in Greece and Cyprus) and wealth as public provisions (in Denmark), the immigrants noted how the latter was largely immovable and could only be enjoyed *in situ* in the form of good pavements, public transport, recreation facilities, hospitals etc. Crucial to this sense of belonging was the issue of security with the welfare state providing stability in a world of uncertainty. This talk seeks to contribute to recent debates on belonging and emplacement in migration studies. Such debates need to be themselves ‘emplaced’ by paying closer attention to specific regime contexts. Belonging, it emerges, is not just about a place where someone feels they belong to, as it is usually discussed. It is as importantly about the feeling that a certain place (or state) *belongs to* someone, i.e. a sense of ownership.

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