

# **The Institution of the Dowry in Modern Greece: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives**



Lecture by

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As a form of marriage payment with a long history dating back to ancient, Roman and Byzantine Greece, the institution of the dowry or *proika* played a critical role in the Greek world from the late eighteenth century onward. Focusing on some key moments of its modern history, this talk examines the role of the dowry as a complex legal institution that left its mark on Greek society, economy and culture, while defining gender roles and shaping family relations.