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## The Greek Revolution of 1821 and its Multiple Anniversaries

Prof. Gonda Van Steen, King's College, London

Sunday, May 23, 2021

2 p.m.

Since the outbreak of the Greek War of Independence in 1821, the Greek people have celebrated three major anniversaries: the 50th, 100th, and 150th anniversary date of the inception of this revolutionary war that led to sovereign statehood after nearly four centuries of Ottoman rule. These three jubilees, each with their own legacies, have come to represent three different ways of celebrating Greek statehood that have, nonetheless, much in common. They posited a linear progression from Greek antiquity through postclassical, Byzantine, and post-Byzantine (Ottoman) times. The lecture will explore in what ways the celebrations and re-enactments, with their commemorative events and symbolic images, acquired a prescriptive character, and to what extent the present 200th anniversary celebrations differ from the three earlier ones.



**Professor Gonda Van Steen** holds the Koraes Chair in the Centre for Hellenic Studies and the Department of Classics at King's College London. She is the author of five books: *Venom in Verse: Aristophanes in Modern Greece* (2000); *Liberating Hellenism from the Ottoman Empire* (2010); *Theatre of the Condemned: Classical Tragedy on Greek Prison Islands* (2011); and *Stage of Emergency: Theater and Public Performance under the Greek Military Dictatorship of 1967-1974* (2015). Her latest book, *Adoption, Memory, and Cold War Greece: Kid pro quo?* (University of Michigan Press, 2019), takes the reader into the new, uncharted terrain of Greek adoption stories that become paradigmatic of Cold War politics and history.

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