

βυζαντινὴ χιτῶν (CONSTANTINOPOLIS)

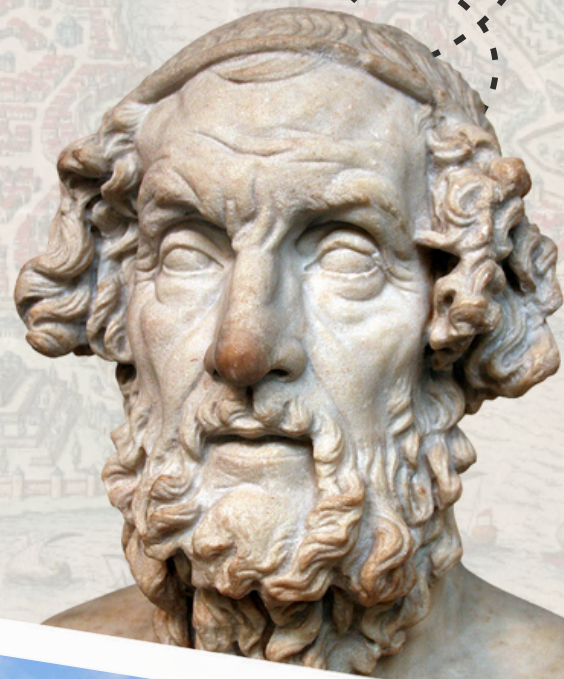
Ὁμηρος ἐν Βυζαντίῳ

ἀπὸ τῆς κγ' τοῦ Φεβρουαρίου

μέχρι τῆς α' τοῦ Μαρτίου

ἐν τῷ δισχιλιοστῷ πέμπτῳ καὶ εἰκοστῷ ἔτει

μετὰ τὴν ἐνσάρκωσιν



Ὅμηρος ἐν Βυζαντίῳ is a seminar in Ancient Greek dedicated to Homer and those who, in the Byzantine Middle Ages, applied their investigative sharpness to the Iliad and the Odyssey, or drew inspiration from these works to create new prose and poetry. Eustathius, Archbishop of Thessalonica, wrote a rich commentary on the Iliad and Odyssey in the 12th century. During the same period, Theodore Prodromus imagined a Homeric-themed dialogue set in the square of Constantinople, from which he created a Lucianic-style dialogue. In that same century, John Tzetzes wrote a work that reimagined the events leading up to the Trojan War.

With this series of lessons, which will take place in Istanbul from February 24th to March 1st, 2025, Rogerus Byzantinus and Schola Humanistica offer an immersive journey into the world of Homer and medieval Constantinople. This will create a play of mirrors and resonances that will allow participants to rediscover Homer through the perspective of 12th-century Hellenism and the Byzantine world as it took shape, through reflection on some of the most significant passages of ancient epic. We will follow Odysseus on his descent into the underworld, see the Achaean armies lined up on the plains of Ilium, attend the assemblies of Trojan princes, and witness the conversations between Hector and Andromache, as well as between Achilles and Priam—passages that philosophers like Weil and Bessaloff in the 20th century identified as archetypes of Homeric sublimity.

During the week, participants will have the opportunity to visit some of Istanbul's most significant sites: the Basilica Cistern, Hagia Sophia, Chora Church, the Hippodrome, the Archaeological Museum, and the Golden Gate. All visits will be conducted entirely in Ancient Greek, just like the rest of the program, and will be enriched by readings from writers who, over the centuries, wrote about the city and its monuments. The excursions will also include exercises to help students enhance their proficiency in the active use of Ancient Greek.



SCHEDULE

23th February	Arrival of participants and settling into the hotel
24th February	9:00- 9:30 Opening of the seminar 10:00-11:00 Lesson 11:30- 12:30 Lesson 16:00-18:00 Visit to the hippodrome
25th February	9:00- 10:30 Lesson 11:00-12:30 Lesson 16:00-18:00 Visit to the Archeological Museum
26th February	9:00- 10:30 Lesson 11:00-12:30 Lesson 16:00-18:00 Visit to Hagia Sophia
27th February	9:00- 10:30 Lesson 11:00-12:30 Lesson 16:00-18:00 Visit to Chora Church
28th February	9:00- 10:30 Lesson 11:00-12:30 Lesson 15:30-18:00 Visit to the Basilica Cistern
1st March	9:00-11:00 Visit to the Golden Gate 11:00-12:30 Itinerant lesson 13:00 Farewell lunch

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All lessons will be held at
the Swedish Research
Institute, ahkulu, stiklal
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