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Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Shipping and the Challenge of Globalization, 1850s-1920s



Seafaring Lives in Transition

Research Subject and Questions I

The *transition* from sail to steam navigation and its effects on seafaring populations in the Mediterranean and Black Sea (1850s - 1920s).

- **adjustment of *seafaring lives* to a novel socio-economic reality** from sailing ship to steamer.
- **adaptation of individuals and human societies to technological change.**
- revolutionizing effects of steam power in **industrialization** and **globalization.**



Research Subject and Questions II

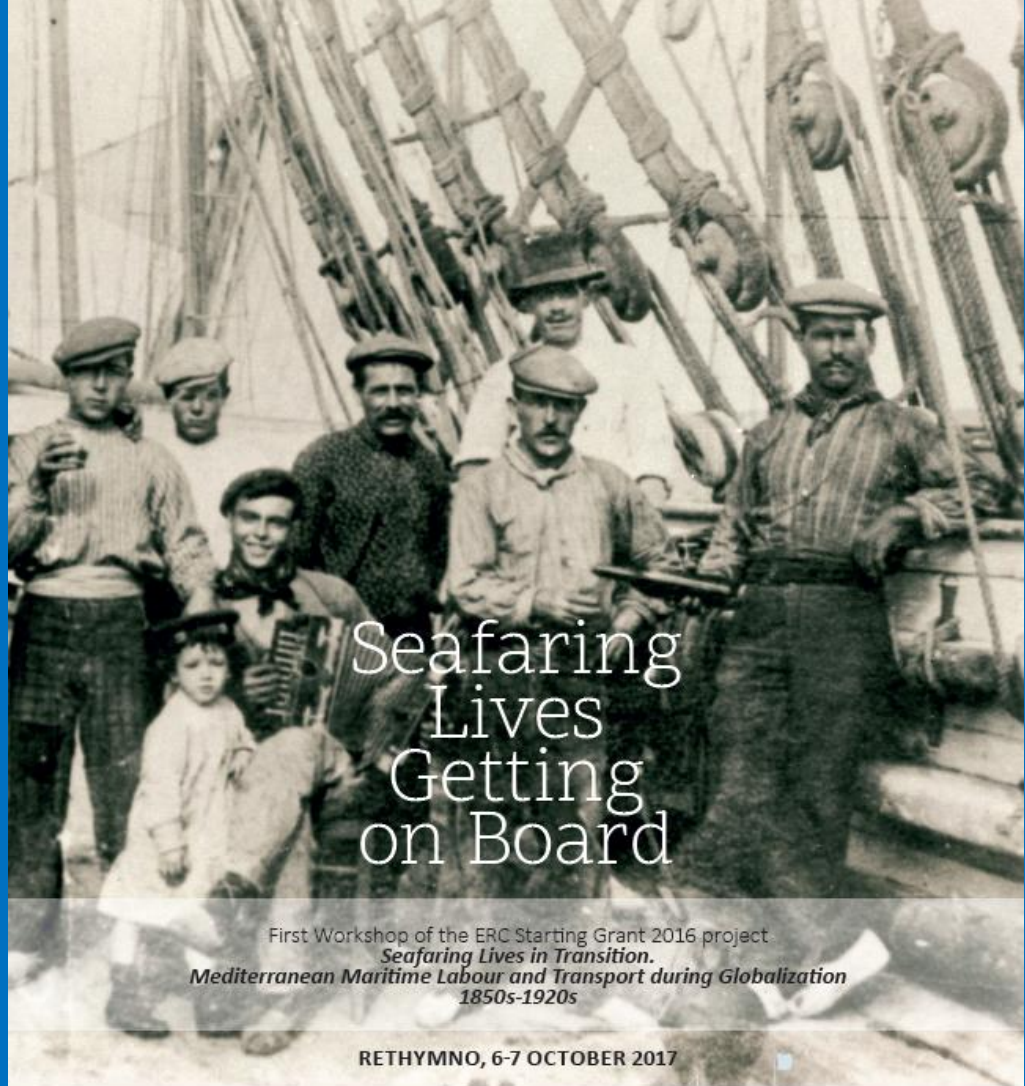
- It analyses the *transition* through the actors:
 - seafarers
 - shipowners
 - port based workers
 - their families
- It investigates:
 - the maritime labour market.
 - work and life conditions on board and ashore.
 - changes in gender relations and family life.
 - development of new business strategies, trade routes and navigation patterns.



Innovative Elements of the Project

- It addresses both aspects of seafaring life, at *sea* and *ashore*.
- It explores two understudied themes in maritime historiography:
 - the *transition* from sail to steam.
 - integration of the 'Inner Sea' to global economy.
- It connects the Eastern and Western Mediterranean, thus far studied almost independently of each other.





Seafaring Lives Getting on Board

First Workshop of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project
Seafaring Lives in Transition.
Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Transport during Globalization
1850s-1920s

RETHYMNO, 6-7 OCTOBER 2017



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Open Access Deliverables and Dissemination I

- A **collective volume** in English.
- **Articles** in peer reviewed international journals.
- Five **Ph.D. dissertations**
 - Three in the University of Crete
(one in association with Aix-Marseille University)
 - One in the University of Barcelona
 - One in the University of Genoa
- Four **workshops**
 - October 2017, Rethymno
 - June 2018, Barcelona
 - June 2019, Genoa
 - June 2020 Aix-Marseille
- A final **international conference**
 - September 2021, Rethymno



Open Access Deliverables and Dissemination II

- **A website:**
 - An open-access **electronic database** containing data series (seamen's wages, crew lists, manning ratios etc.)
 - An open access **archival and bibliographical corpus**
 - **Digital Seafaring :**
 - Mapping the ship's routes (Sailing ships and Steamers)
 - Mapping the port's infrastructures (e.g. Odessa)
 - Mapping the shipping networks (e.g. Ship chandlers)
 - Digital Seafaring educational game

