



Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Shipping during Globalization, 1850s-1920s'

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ABSTRACT

The European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant 2016 project entitled “*Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Shipping during Globalization, 1850s-1920s*” (SeaLiT), is directed by Dr. Apostolos Delis (IMS/FORTH) in partnership with the Universities of Barcelona, Genoa and Aix-Marseilles and will last from 2017 to 2021. The project explores the transition from sail to steam navigation and the effects of this technological innovation on seafaring populations in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, between the 1850s and the 1920s, whose lives were drastically changed by the advent of the steam. The project addresses the changes through the actors, seafarers, ship-owners and their families, focusing on the adjustment of seafaring lives to a novel socio-economic reality. It investigates the maritime Labour market, the evolving relations among shipowner, captain, crew and their local societies, life on board and ashore, as well as the development of new business strategies, trade routes and navigation patterns. In the project in total participate 15 researchers from Italy, France, Spain, Ukraine and Greece, among them experts in maritime history as well as young post doc scholars, whereas five Ph.D. dissertations will be carried out in the Universities of Barcelona, Genoa and Crete. Last but not least, the Centre for Cultural Informatics (CCI) of the Institute of Computer Science (ICS/FORTH) is engaged for the development and management of information systems of the project.