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## AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE VENIZELOU METRO STATION, THESSALONIKI

**Sunday, September 26** 9:00 AM (PST) / 12:00 PM (EST) / 7:00 PM (Greece)

The uncovering of unique Late Roman and Byzantine remains in the course of excavations for a new metro system in Thessaloniki has called into question how a country comes to terms with the treatment and display of its material past. This international forum aims to present factual information about the significance of the finds, review decisions made by the Ministry of Culture and the Central Archaeological Council concerning the Venizelou Station remains, summarize past and ongoing litigation in Greek courts, and discuss the practical solutions offered by engineers. Following brief presentations by four speakers, listeners will be able to ask questions about the remains, the solutions to the technical challenges that their preservation on site presents, and their significance for the city's future.

## Speakers:

- Angelos Chaniotes, Professor of Ancient History and Classics, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
- Costa Carras, Founder of ELLINIKI ETAIRIA-Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage / EUROPA NOSTRA Council member
- Vlasis Koumousis, Professor Emeritus of Structural Engineering, School of Civil Engineering, National Technical University of Athens
- Maria Mavroudi, Professor of History and Classics, University of California, Berkeley

Moderator: **Sharon Gerstel**, Professor of Byzantine Art and Archaeology, UCLA

