

## FOREWORD

The International Conference on Modern Greek Dialects and Linguistic Theory (MGDLT) began in 2000, in Patras, Greece to respond to the emerging need of study in Modern Greek Dialects in the light of Modern Linguistic Theories. MGDLT has since been held as a biennial gathering of Greek Linguists. This online proceedings is the collection of the papers presented at MGDLT 5 which was held at the Royal academy of Dutch language and Literature in Ghent, Belgium (September 20–22, 2012).

The papers in these proceedings reflect various interests of the experts working on both linguistics and the dialects of Modern Greek, in a wide variety of topics and orientations. A far ranging amount of data from Modern Greek dialects has been presented during the conference: Data from the dialects of Southern Italy, Cyprus and Asia Minor (Pontus, Cappadocia, Lesvos), Crete, Corfu, Tsakonia, Samothrace and of various regions of the mainland Greece are crucial to various papers, although quite a notable number of papers of typological orientation present cross-dialectal data. It is also noteworthy that formal approaches are applied to historical Modern Greek dialectal data in a number of papers and language contact, mainly with Italian, Turkish and Albanian has constituted a crucial point for many papers included in the proceedings. The papers offer claims and proposal in phonology, morphology, syntax, language acquisition as well as lexicography. They are arranged alphabetically.

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