



Opening Remarks
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Our Story started here 5th Century BCE



Parthenon on the Acropolis Hill of the Polis of Athens



Pericles on Athens (431 BCE)

Our city is open to the world, we never expel a foreigner from learning or seeing

τήν τε γὰρ πόλιν κοινὴν παρέχομεν, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὅτε ξενηλασίαις ἀπείργομέν τινὰ ἢ μαθήματος ἢ θεάματος”

Thucydides (431 BCE), Pericles' Funeral Oration, The Peloponnesian War



by Philipp Foltz (1852)



ATINER's Mission

ATINER is a *World Association of Academics and Researchers* based in Athens with a **Mission** to become a forum where Academics and Researchers from all over the world and from different disciplines can convene in Athens in small groups like in ancient Athenian symposiums, exchange ideas on their research and discuss future developments in their disciplines, **as well as engage with professionals from other fields.**

ATINER invites Educators and Researchers from the Academic Ecumene, to come to Athens and to engage in academic discussions on research topics in various disciplines in very small parallel groups of academics similar to the symposiums in Ancient Athens such as Plato's symposium of 416 BCE. The organization of academic gatherings in Athens, remains ATINER's first and foremost priority.



Chart 1. Bring Disciplines Together

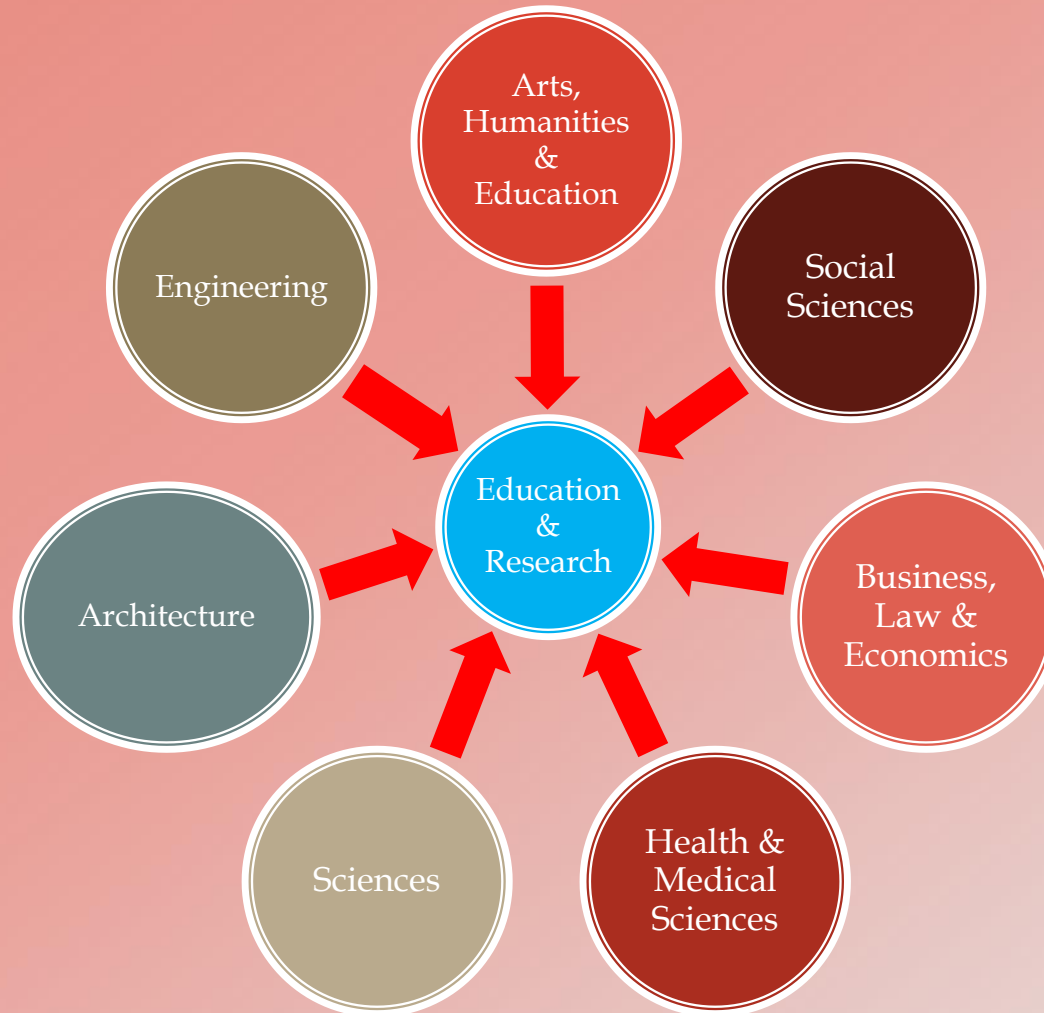
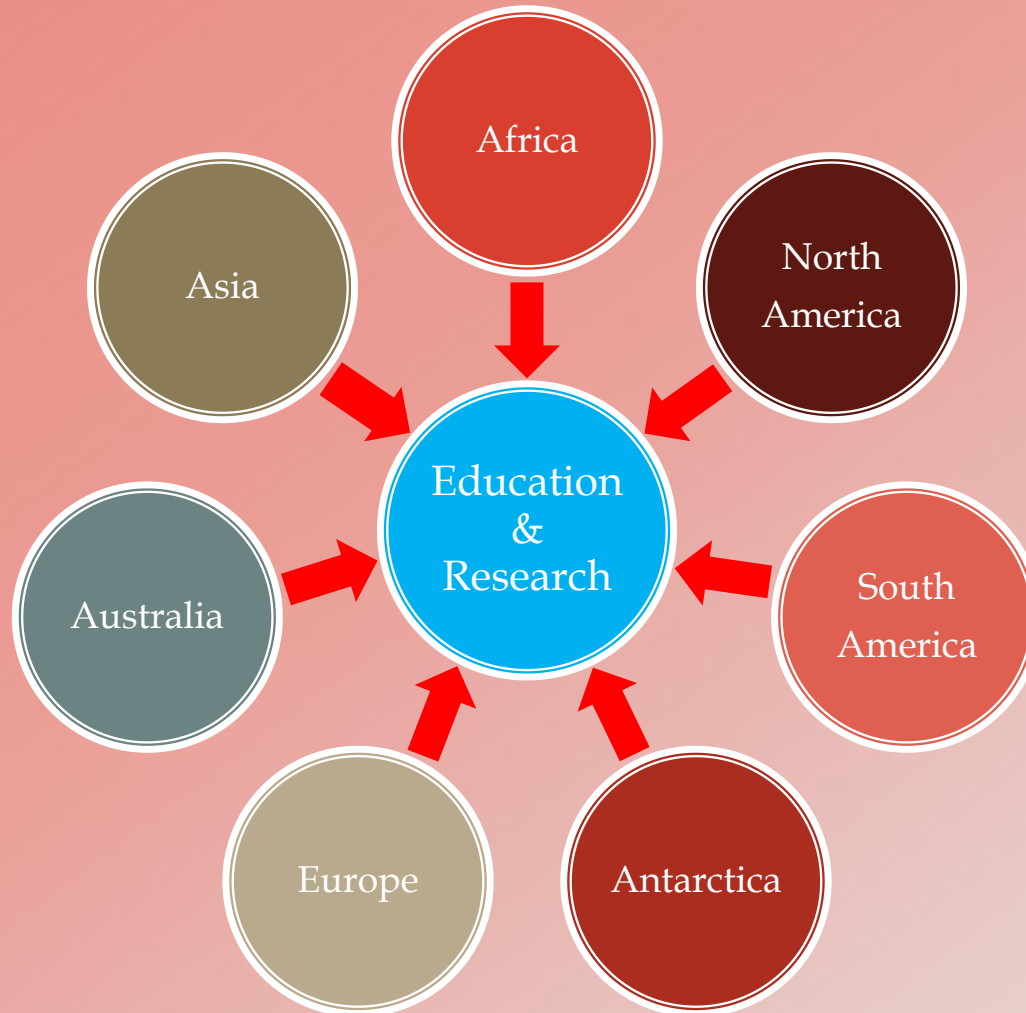




Chart 2. Bring Continents/Countries Together

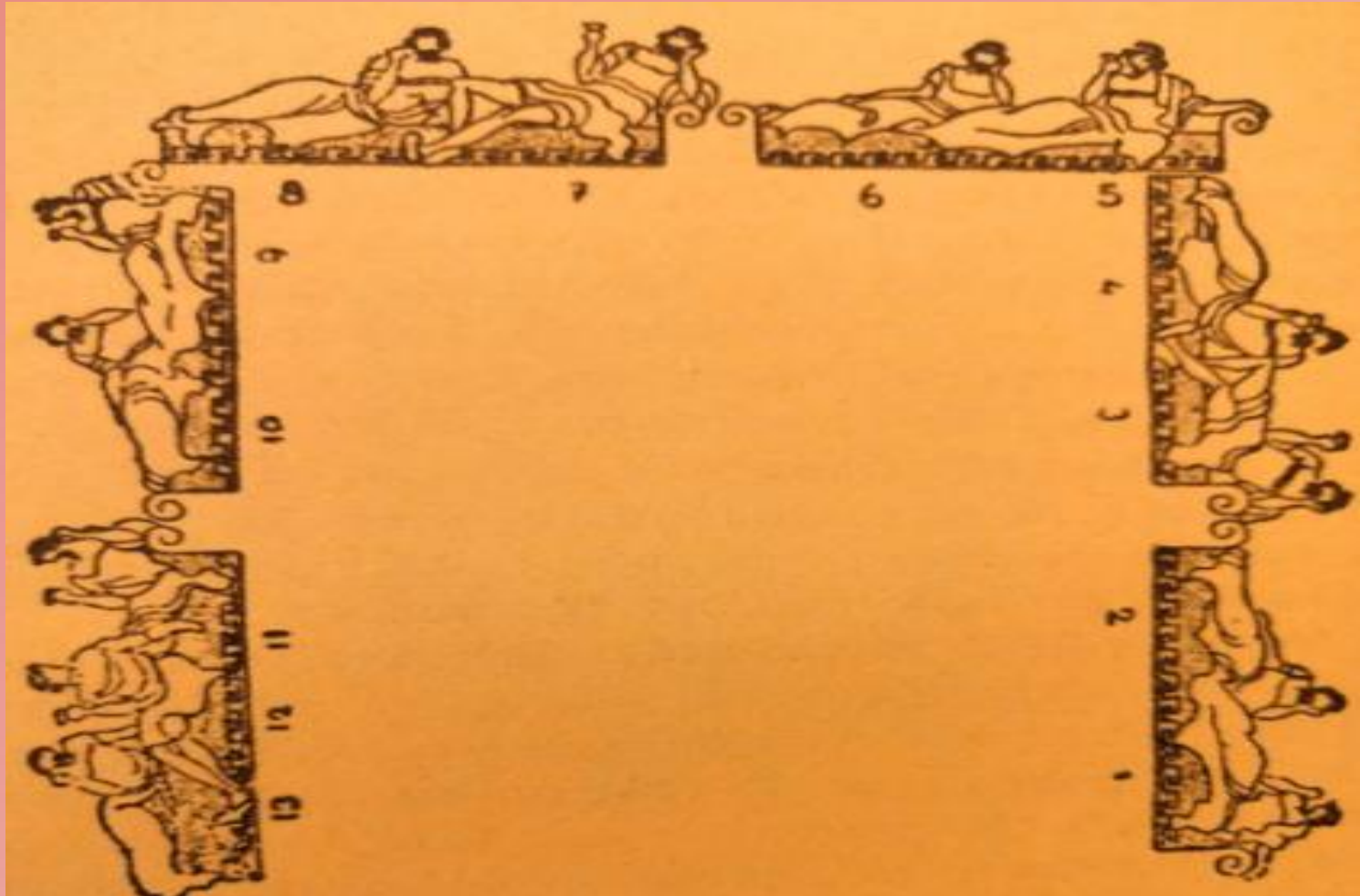


The Logistics of Agathon's Symposium of 416 BCE as Appeared in the Proceedings Edited by Plato

	Selected Papers by Plato (editor) published as Symposium	Profession	Suggested Title	Time in minutes	Notes
1	Phaedrus of <u>Myrrhinus</u> , son of Pythocles	Philosopher (?)	Eros Causes Heroic Actions	5:00	He was chairing the symposium.
2	Pausanias of <u>Kerameis</u>	Philosopher (?)	The Two Natures of Eros	10:47	Low quality presentation but he was selected because of nepotism (erotophilia).
3	Eryximachus of <u>Athens</u> , son of Acumenus	Physician from a well-known family of Ancient Physicians	A Scientific Approach to Eros with an Emphasis on Medicine	11:36	It was Aristophanes turn but he was not able to speak because of a temporary hiccup.
4	Aristophanes of Cydatheneum, son of Philippus	Playwriter	The Original Three Sexes of the Anthropic Existence	11:55	A good but not persuasive myth.
5	Agathon of <u>Athens</u> , son of Tisamenus	Playwriter	The Four Parts of Eros: Justice, Prudence, Prowess and Wisdom	08:13	An Eloquent Speech but with Weak Arguments
6	Socrates of <u>Alopece</u> , son of Sophroniscus	Philosopher	Eros Cannot be Beautiful	12:18	
7	Diotima of <u>Mantineia / Socrates in a Dialogue</u>	Philosopher	A Holistic Method to Study Eros	2 x 15:50	Her paper was read by Socrates. Actually a Dialogue between Her and Socrates
<u>Total Time of Presentations in Minutes</u>				90:28	It does not include the time lost between presentations.
The Symposium was Interrupted by the Violent Invasion of Intoxicated Athenian Youth Led by Alcibiades – a student of Socrates. A practice which is still followed today by Greek University Students; usually to demonstrate political demands. After the demand of many he spoke. His intervention was the last and not in the program. He spoke under the heavy influence of alcohol and who knows what else. ATINER does this many times for latecomers but not for the uninvited.					
8	Alcibiades of <u>Scambonidae</u> , son of Clinias		Socrates, My Lover, is a Super Star.	36:00	



The Seating in a Symposium (1/5)





The Seating in a Symposium (2/5)





Some Facts about ATINER

- Today, ATINER has 2,601 members from 117 countries organized in 7 Divisions, 37 Units, and 8 Centers. Each one organizes its own annual events.
- 6,000 academics from 150 countries have volunteered their services to help with reviewing.
- Every year (in the pre-Covid years) about 2,000 researchers present their papers to one of ATINER's conferences and other events.
- In total, more than 30,000 researchers have presented their research work to one or more academic events organized by ATINER since 1995.



Basic Activities

- ▶ International conferences and symposiums, academic dialogues, public speeches, and roundtable discussions
- ▶ Publications
- ▶ Hosting courses in Athens accredited by international universities (e.g., University of Maryland, State University of Georgia, Sam Houston University, University of Ottawa, Nanyang University of Singapore etc.)
- ▶ Research (external funding based on members initiative).
- ▶ Hosting visiting researchers, fellows, etc. (self-funded)
- ▶ Consulting public and private (business) organizations



Publications

1. Abstract Books (a few weeks after the conference)
2. ATINER's Conference Presentation Series (based on submission)
3. Online Paper Series (based on submission and reviewing)
4. Books: Collection of Papers from various conferences [200 books have been published by ATINER by 865 authors/editors]
5. 16 e-Journals in English and one in Greek. In 2022, the overall acceptance rate was less than 35%, BUT ... the denominator needs better papers for some of the journals.



Collaborations

- ▶ **Institute of Education, University College London, UK (EPPI Centre)**
- ▶ **Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore**
- ▶ **University of Maryland, USA**
- ▶ **University of Glasgow, UK**
- ▶ **The Centre for Research in Brand Marketing at University of Birmingham, UK**
- ▶ **University of Ottawa, Canada**
- ▶ **University of Stirling, UK**
- ▶ **Georgia State University, USA**
- ▶ **University of Oklahoma, USA**
- ▶ **Sam Houston State University, USA**
- ▶ **MLC Management and Law College, Ljubljana, Slovenia**
- ▶ **UASTRO - International University Association for Science and Technology, Romania**
- ▶ **Istanbul Aydin University, Turkey**
- ▶ **Polytechnic in Pozega, Croatia**
- ▶ **Sebelas Maret University of Indonesia, Indonesia**



Get involved

- ▶ Become a member
- ▶ Do your research in Athens. If you are a student, more than welcome to do research for a thesis in Athens under the co-supervision of an ATINER academic member
- ▶ Organize a conference-symposium-stream- panel-session conferences
- ▶ Review and/or submit papers for publication
- ▶ Organize a summer/visiting course
- ▶ Suggest something else, pending you have the resources (money and time) to implement it



Logistics of this Conference

- ▶ In total, 87 researchers will present their work from 23 different countries: Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, France, Germany, Greece, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan-China, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, Turkiye, UK, USA & Vietnam
- ▶ The program is organized along time slots and not according to common theme. At the end of each time slot, questions and discussions will follow.
- ▶ You may serve as a moderator if a need arises. Please let the administrators know.
- ▶ Online and onsite.
- ▶ Ask only the administration for information and Please read carefully the activities page.



Paper Presentations

- ▶ Each paper is allowed certain time. Rhetoricians (paper presenters) can use less time if they so wish.
- ▶ Questions and discussion after all papers have been presented and not after each paper.
- ▶ Chairpersons will use *3 minute* and *1 minute* reminder cards because we follow a suggestion made by Hippias in Plato's Protagoras: "... elect a judge (ῥαβδοῦχον) or a foreperson (ἐπιστάτην) or a chairperson (πρύτανιν) so you keep the length of each one's speech short (ὅς ὑμῖν φυλάξει τὸ μέτριον μῆκος τῶν λόγων ἐκατέρου).
- ▶ For technical assistance, please contact an administrator before the session commences.



... more than paper presentations

Additional Pedagogical Events

- ❑ Athenian Early Evening Symposium (includes in order of appearance: continuous academic discussions, dinner, wine/water, music and dance)
- ❑ Ancient Athenian Dinner (includes in order of appearance: continuous academic discussions, dinner with recipes from ancient Athens, wine/water)
- ❑ Various educational tours

(See and trust ONLY the page of the
Social Program Information)

Thank you for your attention!!!

