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HESTIA INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

21 September 2026 | 17:00
Ceremony Hall, Panteion University, Athens

We are delighted to invite you to the inaugural conference of the
Hellenic Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences
(HESTIA),

marking the launch of a new international scholarly community in Athens.

With a regional focus on the **Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean**, HESTIA
brings together research, interdisciplinary exchange and international
collaboration across the humanities and social sciences.

A New Initiative in Athens

HESTIA is founded by four leading universities and research institutions in Athens:

French School at Athens (EFA)
National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF)
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)
Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (PUSPS)

Programme Highlights

Keynote Lecture

Professor Diana Mishkova, Director of the Centre for Advanced Study in Sofia

Introduction by **Professor Christina Koulouri**, Rector of Panteion University

Round Table

**New Directions in the Social Sciences and Humanities
in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean**

Join us for the launch of HESTIA

**and the beginning of a new chapter of international scholarly collaboration in
Athens!**
