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The current issue of the Athens Journal of Mediterranean Studies (AJMS) is the fourth issue of the fifth volume (2019). The reader will notice some changes compared with the previous issues, which I hope is an improvement. An effort has been made to include papers which extent to different issues of Mediterranean studies. Two papers are related to history; one to economics and the other to architecture – urban planning.

Gregory T. Papanikos, President
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13th Annual International Conference on Mediterranean Studies
6-9 April 2020, Athens, Greece

The Center for European & Mediterranean Affairs organizes the 13th Annual International Conference on Mediterranean Studies, 6-9 April 2020, Athens, Greece sponsored by the Athens Journal of Mediterranean Studies. The aim of the conference is to bring together academics and researchers from all areas of Mediterranean Studies, such as history, arts, archaeology, philosophy, culture, sociology, politics, international relations, economics, business, sports, environment and ecology, etc. You may participate as stream leader, presenter of one paper, chair a session or observer. Please submit a proposal using the form available (https://www.atiner.gr/2020/FORM-MDT.doc).

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- Abstract Submission: 9 December 2019
- Acceptance of Abstract: 4 Weeks after Submission
- Submission of Paper: 9 March 2020

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- Abstract Submission: 11 November 2019
- Acceptance of Abstract: 4 Weeks after Submission
- Submission of Paper: 18 May 2020

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