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The Center for Hellenic Studies

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To Make a New Thermopylae: Liberating Antiquity

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Philhellenism played a major role in the success of the Greek War of Independence (1821) but was far more preoccupied with the Greek past than with its contemporary moment. This talk considers the tensions inherent in philhellenism, and discusses whether or not it constituted a form of orientalism.



Katherine E. Fleming was named Provost of NYU in April of 2016. A historian, she joined the NYU faculty in 1998, where she is the Alexander S. Onassis Professor of Hellenic Culture and Civilization. She also served for many years as the Associate Director and then Director of the Remarque Institute.

Beyond NYU, Dr. Fleming has been a longstanding associate member of the History Department of the École Normale Supérieure, Paris, and also served as the president of the Board of the University of Piraeus. A specialist on modern Greece, the Balkans, and the Mediterranean, she is most recently author of *Greece: A Jewish History*, which won several prizes, among them the National Jewish Book Award and the Runciman Award. She holds a doctorate in history from the University of California, Berkeley, and an M.A. (Chicago) and B.A. (Barnard/Columbia) in comparative religion.

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4:30pm

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