



Dr. Arthur G. Nikelly Annual Lecture

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**"State and Economy in the 19th-Century
Mediterranean: The Case of Greece"**

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 2-3:30 p.m.

Room 1027, Lincoln Hall, 702 S. Wright St., Urbana



Abstract: What is a national economy, how did it emerge in the case of Greece in the nineteenth century and how did it perform? The lecture will compare and contrast the political economy of the Ionian State and the Greek Kingdom, the two Greek states that co-existed until the 1864 unification of the Ionian Islands with Greece. Political and economic institutions are crucial for generating economic success and political and social stability; the lecture will show how the relationship between state and economy developed in the case of the British semi-colonial rule in the Ionian Islands until 1864 and in the case of Greece following the unification of the two regions. The lecture will also draw some conclusions about the relationship between new states, old empires and their economies in the nineteenth-century Mediterranean.

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