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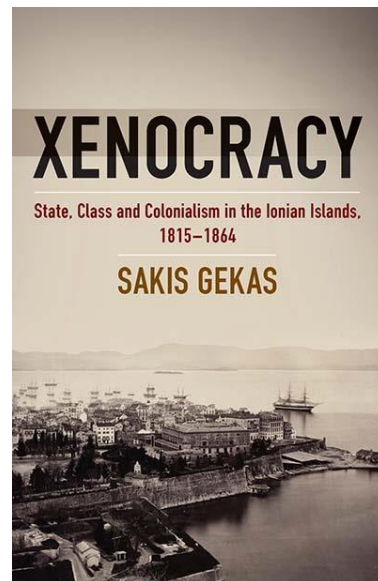
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Book Launch – Dr. Sakis Gekas

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Xenocracy: State, Class and Colonialism in the Ionian Islands, 1815-1864

Of the many European territorial reconfigurations that followed the wars of the early nineteenth century, the Ionian State remains among the least understood. *Xenocracy* offers a much-needed account of the region during its half-century as a Protectorate of Great Britain – a period that embodied all of the contradictions of British colonialism. A middle class of merchants, lawyers and state officials embraced and promoted a liberal modernization project. Yet despite the improvements experienced by many Ionians, the deterioration of state finances led to divisions along class lines and presented a significant threat to social stability. As the author shows, the ordeal engendered dependency upon and ambivalence toward Western Europe, anticipating the “neocolonial” condition with which the Greek nation struggles even today. The two presenters will offer their thoughts on Dr. Gekas’ new book.



Date: **Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

Time: **7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: University of Toronto, Teefy Hall, Room 102, located at 57 Queen’s Park Crescent East, St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto. (Parking opposite Carr Hall, St. Joseph Street).

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