



## ‘FORTHHistory 1983-2023’: The Project

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### ABSTRACT

The *FORTHHistory 1983-2023* research project explores FORTH’s historical, institutional and scientific trajectories during the last forty years in Greece and abroad. It is conducted by a team of scholars collaborating with the Department of the History of Technology of the Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS-FORTH); it is headed by the Director of IMS-FORTH, Professor Gelina Harlaftis and directed by Dr Spyros Tzokas. In order to achieve the two-years’ research goal (2021-2023) that will lead to the publication of an anniversary volume, IMS-FORTH maintains an extensive collaboration with experts and researchers in History of Modern/Contemporary Science, Technology, Medicine (post-doctoral, doctoral and post-graduate fellows) of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science of the National Kapodistrian University of Athens and has the institutional academic support of the Department of History of the University of Crete.

The study of FORTH, from the establishment of the Research Center of Crete (on a regional scale) in 1983, to the Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas (on a national scale with international range) in 2022, is a privileged field. It not only examines the historical transition of the institutional character of FORTH *per se*, but also investigates the varieties of the state policies for research, technology and education in Greece, as they have developed both with the persistent scientific cooperative endeavors and the administrative choices of individuals and teams. The 40year FORTH history is based on a multifarious archival material, within the framework of the various socio-political, economic, cultural aspects of the rapid and the radical changes that have taken place in the Greek and the international environment during the period under examination. On an increasing and inseparable, nexus of the multifaced relations between Science-Technology-Society, FORTHHistory researchers are confronted with this complexity. What is more, they take this anniversary as opportunity in order to methodically create an archival/historical infrastructure: the IMS-FORTH contribution for the FORTH’s future histories!