



**CENTRE FOR ASIA MINOR STUDIES**

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<b>Institution Details</b>	Centre for Asia Minor Studies, Athens, Greece <a href="http://en.kms.org.gr/">http://en.kms.org.gr/</a>
<b>Institution type</b>	Research, Academic, Non-Profit
<b>Research fields</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Refugee Studies</li> <li>▪ Minorities</li> <li>▪ Forced Migration</li> <li>▪ Oral History</li> <li>▪ Nationalism</li> <li>▪ Ethnicity</li> <li>▪ History of Greek-Turkish Relations</li> <li>▪ History of Humanitarianism</li> </ul>
<b>Short description of the institution</b>	The Centre for Asia Minor Studies is a private, independent non-profit research institute involved since 1930 in the collection, study and documentation of material (oral and written historical testimonies) related to the Greek ethnic communities of Asia Minor and the publication of relevant scholarly studies, monographs as well as an academic journal.
<b>Short description of the research topic(s) - Resources</b>	<p>The Centre will support any topic within the context of the aforementioned research fields.</p> <p>The Centre’s available resources are:</p> <p><u>Archives</u></p> <p><b>Oral Tradition Archive</b></p> <p>The oral accounts of 5,000 first generation refugees from all parts of Asia Minor were collected, 1,375 settlements were investigated and more than 100 researchers were employed in this endeavour. The</p>

testimonies constitute the Oral Tradition Archive, which is composed of 300,000 handwritten transcripts. This material provides valuable information on the peaceful pre-1922 period and describes the complete life cycle of the Greek Orthodox populations of Asia Minor in their homelands; the exodus of 1922/1924 and the Greek-Turkish compulsory population exchange; and the experience of the refugees during their settlement in Greece. Research for each settlement covers a wide range of subjects including: language, geography, economy, social and religious life, education, local history.

### **Community registers and codices of parishes**

Community registers and codices of the parishes of Asia Minor brought to Greece by the refugees during the Exodus, have been donated to CAMS. The codices record the life of the communities: births, marriages, deaths, schools, churches, local events. The archive includes 18 codices written in Greek, 18 in Karamanli, 6 mixed (Greek and Karamanli) and one in Ottoman.

### **Documents**

The refugees brought with them documents dating back to the 19th century until the beginning of the 20th century. These were issued by ecclesiastical or public authorities and include birth and marriage certificates as well as title deeds, firmans, documents of schools and hospitals etc.

### **Photographic Archive**

Approximately 7,000 photos depict the history of the Greek Orthodox populations of Asia Minor. The material is classified as follows:

- life in Asia Minor settlements before the expatriation of 1922
- photographs from the Asia Minor campaign (1919 - 1922)
- pictures after 1922/1924 depicting the refugees' settlement in Greece
- photographs of CAMS researchers during their missions for the collection of material

in Asia Minor and Greece

- photographs of CAMS informants along with their CVs

### **Musical Folklore Archives**

The Musical Folklore Archives contain valuable and unique material for the systematic study of traditional music:

- unpublished manuscripts and documents
- record collection
- instrument collection
- library
- publications

### **Archive of maps & cartographic sketches**

The Archive includes an important number of maps of Asia Minor either drawn by the Cartographic Service of the Centre or from other sources.

### **Melpo and Octave Merlier Archives**

The legacy of the founders of CAMS, Melpo Logotheti-Merlier (1890-1979) and Octave Merlier (1897 - 1976) constitutes a valuable private archive, which covers an extensive period of time - from the 1910's until the 1970's - reflecting the intellectual course of modern Greece during the 20th century.

### Collections

#### **Library**

The CAMS Library holds 15,000 titles of books and periodical editions (in Greek, Turkish and other languages) and is the only library in Greece specializing in Asia Minor studies.

#### **Special collections**

##### 1. Manuscripts Collection

The collection includes 504 manuscripts by first generation refugees of Asia Minor. It also includes

	<p>40 manuscripts dating before 1922, some of which were written in the 19th century by Asia Minor scholars and local historians.</p> <p>2. Rare books collections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The collection of Karamanli books (printed in Turkish using the Greek alphabet), published by Orthodox Turkish-speaking people of Asia Minor and printed at the big printing houses of Venice, Smyrna (Izmir) and Constantinople (Istanbul) is composed of 320 titles and constitutes one of the most important collections of this type of books on an international level</li> <li>▪ The Athanassios D. Hatzidimou Collection consisting of editions of the 19th c. published in Smyrna</li> <li>▪ The Chr. I. Christidis Collection including Greek and foreign language publications published in or related to Istanbul, as well as an important number of Turkish books and journals</li> <li>▪ Approximately 500 statutes of associations and organizations from Istanbul and Asia Minor</li> </ul>
<p><b>Qualifications of the applicant</b></p>	<p>Applicants must have a PhD in any branch belonging to the Humanities and Social Sciences.</p>
<p><b>Application procedure</b></p>	<p>Applicants should submit a cover letter expressing their interest in joining the Centre for Asia Minor Studies and an up to date CV with full list of publications and with the names of three referees. The deadline of receipt of the expressions of interest is <u>Monday, 18 July 2016</u></p>
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