



*On the occasion of the bicentennial anniversary of the **Greek Revolution***

*the **Embassy of Greece in Stockholm** and the*

***Svenska Atheninstitutets Vänner***

*co-organise a Webinar Lecture:*

***Ioannis Capodistrias (1776-1831):  
Corfiot Aristocrat, European Diplomat,  
Governor of Greece***

Date: **February 3rd, 2021** - Time: **18:00-19:30**

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The year 2021 marks the 200th anniversary of the 1821 Greek Revolution which led to the founding of the modern Greek state. This lecture will examine aspects of the life and work of Count Ioannis Capodistrias (1776-1831). Born in Corfu, educated in Italy, he took his first steps in public life as Minister of the Septinsular Republic of the Ionian Islands and continued with a spectacular career as a diplomat in the court of Tsar Alexander I. From his position in the Russian Foreign Ministry he greatly and benignly influenced developments in Europe, among other in regard to the constitutional makeup of the Swiss Confederacy. Following the success of the Greek Revolution of 1821, he was called upon to serve as the first Governor of modern Greece. Against the backdrop of the ideas put forth by the French Revolution, the upheaval brought on by the Napoleonic conquests, the subsequent efforts for a lasting peace on the continent and the aspirations for freedom in a period now termed “the Age of Revolutions”, we shall attempt to trace Capodistrias as a man whose life and actions transcended borders to make him a truly European personality.

## Panelists

Welcome Addresses:

**Andreas Frygas** Ambassador of Greece in Sweden

**Dag Mattsson** Chairman of the Friends' Association of the Swedish Institute at Athens. He is Justice of the Supreme Court. Apart from Law he studied History and Philosophy at the University of Lund.

Keynote speaker:

**Eleni Stambogli** She was born in Athens in 1964 and studied history at the London School of Economics. She received her Master's degree in Byzantine History from King's College, London.

In 1996 she co-founded Kaleidoscope Publications, a publishing house specialising in children's books. She wrote the first volume in the series *Journeys through Byzantium*, a thematic approach to Byzantine everyday life for children. She has also written a biography of Panayis Heriotis, a 19th century scholar based on the island of Aegina.

She is a member of the governing board of the Research Centre for the Humanities (RCH-rchumanities.gr) and a member of the scientific committee for The 1821 Digital Archive, a collaborative research project run by the RCH. Since 2017 she has served as president of the Society of Friends of the Capodistrias Museum of Corfu.

Moderator:

**Despina Poulou** Coordinator for the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Greek Revolution at the Embassy of Greece