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The Danish Institute at Athens  
is pleased to invite you to the launch of Det Græske Institut

### **Introduction by Trine Stauning Willert, Chairman of Det Græske Institut**

Det Græske Institut was founded as a voluntary organisation in 2018 to strengthen cultural exchange and cooperation between Greece, Cyprus and Denmark and the Nordic countries. From a base in Copenhagen, and through public and private funding, the Institute organises academic and cultural public events about Modern Greek literature, language, history, society, and art. A further mission is to maintain the Modern Greek Library of the now closed Modern Greek Department of the University of Copenhagen. The success of Det Græske Institut depends on its integration into existing and new networks. Therefore, it is greatly appreciated that The Danish Institute at Athens will host its launch in Greece.

The introduction will be followed by a lecture in English

### **“Greek and Greek Cypriot Immigrants in Denmark: Belonging, Emplacement and the Welfare State” by Yiannis Papadakis, Professor of Social Anthropology, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus**

Wednesday 3rd of April at 19.00  
in the auditorium of the Institute, Herefondos 14A, Plaka, Athens



The welfare state is experienced by Greeks and Greek Cypriots who immigrated there as a powerful mechanism of emplacement by tying them literally and metaphorically to the ground they walk and, often, cycle upon. Instead of metaphorical roots, this is accomplished through creating a sense of belonging to an imagined contributory community. Drawing a contrast between two different kinds of wealth, wealth as private ownership located ‘within the house’ (in Greece and Cyprus) and wealth as public provisions located ‘outside the house’ (in Denmark), they suggested that the latter was part of a shared common ground. This talk seeks to contribute to recent debates on belonging and emplacement in migration studies. Belonging, it emerges, is not just about a place where someone feels they *belong to*, as it is usually discussed. It is as importantly about the feeling that a certain place (or state) *belongs to* someone, i.e. a sense of ownership.

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