Philhellenism played a major role in the success of the Greek War of Independence. But philhellenism was far more preoccupied with the Greek past than with its contemporary moment. This talk considers the tensions inherent in philhellenism, and discusses whether or not Philhellenism constituted a form of orientalism.

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