

An Irish-Hellenic Society event

**‘Talking about Greece and Poetry in Dublin’**

presentation by  
**Yiorgos Chouliaras**

followed by discussion

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 8.00pm**

**The United Arts Club**  
3 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2

Yiorgos Chouliaras is a Greek poet and essayist who works as Director of the Press & Communication Office and Press Counsellor at the Embassy of Greece. He has previously served at the Greek Embassies in Washington, D.C. and in Ottawa, Canada, in Boston, in Athens during the Olympic Games, and at the Greek Permanent Representation Press & Communication Office at the United Nations.

Born in Thessaloniki and educated at Anatolia College, Reed College, and The Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, he lived for many years in New York, where he also worked as a university lecturer, advisor to cultural institutions, and correspondent.

He is the author of Roads of Ink and five previous volumes of poetry in Greek as well as numerous essays – in Greek and in English – on literature, cultural history, and international relations. Reviews of and translations from his work have been published in leading periodicals, including *Agenda*, *Grand Street*, *Harvard Review*, *Modern Poetry in Translation*, *Ploughshares*, *Poetry*, and *World Literature Today*. An excerpt from his memoir *America Is No Longer Here* is included in Greece: A Traveler’s Literary Companion.

A founding editor of the influential Greek literary & arts reviews *Tram* and *Hartis* and an editor of literary and scholarly periodicals in the United States, he was the third writer from Greece, after Odysseus Elytis and George Savidis, to serve on the jury of the Neustadt International Prize for Literature. An Emeritus Member of the Board of the Ottawa International Writers Festival, he was elected and served on the Executive Board of the Hellenic Authors’ Society as Vice President for international relations.

Translations from his work are accessible at [www.poetica.net.com](http://www.poetica.net.com) and elsewhere, while a 2005 interview in English is also accessible online and attached here for convenience. (A recent interview in Greek, “Modern Greece is an outcome of poetry,” is accessible at <http://icp-forum.gr/wp/?p=1460>)

The lecturer may be contacted at

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Other upcoming **Irish-Hellenic Society** events

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 8.00pm

*'Cyrene – a Greek City in North Africa'*

A lecture by Professor Andrew Smith, Classics Department, UCD

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 1.00pm

Christmas lunch at the Greek and Cypriot Restaurant *Cape Greko* in Malahide, Co. Dublin. As places are limited early booking is advisable. Please direct payment to the Society Treasurer, Mrs. Pamela O'Neill, not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Dates for 2010: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010. A further Bulletin will issue early in the New Year with details of all events.

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