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## ***Tractatus on the sixth fame and reflections on the Greek brain drain and its diaspora***

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According to bibliometric data, 3% of the top-cited scientists have Greek names, but 97% of the most-cited work of these scientists has not been done in Greece and only 13% of these scientists are living in Greece currently. Greece in the last decade has undergone a new wave of diaspora, with particular concentration among highly educated people. The economic crisis and the accompanying crisis of values has set a number of challenges and opportunities. The talk will discuss these issues in the context of my latest book, the *Tractatus on the sixth fame* (*Tractatus για την έκτη φήμη*, Κέδρος 2016), a text of experimental writing that includes four types of texts: 166 Paralogues (poems, narratives and poetic prose with intrusions of the bizarre), 21 Constructions (using data and information, as in the case of the catalogue of the 714 most-cited Greek scientists), 32 Obituaries of Scientists (those among the 714 who have passed away), and 21 Rapes of Persephone (texts with an interface of love, violence, abduction and death, modern sequels of the ancient Greek myth).



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**4:00-5:00pm**

**Poetry Center, Humanities Building**

**(2nd floor)**

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