

Events in Foreign Languages

5th Chania Book Festival | 22-28 June 2026

Monday, 22 June

Language	Time	Venue	Event
English	18:00–19:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	Philosophy of Western Music: A Contemporary Introduction Speaker: Andrew Kania. Introduced and interviewed by Christina Zisi. Co-organized by: Ekkremes Publishing.
Spanish	18:00–19:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Travelling to Leonardo Padura's Havana Speaker: Leonardo Padura. Co-organized by: LEA Festival / Kastaniotis Publishing.
English	19:30–21:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Official Opening Ceremony of the 5th Chania Book Festival Honoured Figure 2026: Stefanos Trachanas. Co-organized by: Municipality of Chania & Region of Crete.

Tuesday, 23 June

Language	Time	Venue	Event
Serbian	19:00–20:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	Human Geography and Historical Destinies Between the Balkans and Central Europe Speaker: Dragan Velikić. In conversation with Anastasia Grigoriadou. Co-organized by: Kastaniotis Publishing.
English	20:00–21:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	The Persistent Past: The Photographs of the Execution of the 200 Communists at Kaisariani Speakers: Petros Katsakos, Menelaos Charalambidis
English	21:00–22:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Social Change and Identity Tensions Through Queer Literature Speaker: Alan Hollinghurst In conversation with Grigoris Bekos and Kyriaki Beioglou Co-organized by: Kastaniotis Publishing.

Wednesday, 24 June

Language	Time	Venue	Event
French	18:00–19:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	The Farewell of the Minotaur – Nyima Marin. Co-organized by: Photoxenia / Hellenic-French Association of Chania.
French	19:00–20:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Caryl Férey – The Beauty of the World Under Threat. Co-organized by: Agra Publishing.

French	20:00–21:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	Alex... and Now You Can Leave Me – Didier Aubourg. Co-organized by: En Athinais Bookshop.
English	20:00–21:00	MULaR	Meet the Author: A Conversation on the Work of Julianne Pachico Speaker: Julianne Pachico In conversation with Panagiotis Kechagias Held in English with interpretation. Co-organized by: British Council Greece
Italian	21:00–22:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Perfection Speaker: Vincenzo Latronico. In conversation with Danae Sioziou. Co-organized by: Loggia Publishing.

Thursday, 25 June

Language	Time	Venue	Event
English	17:00–19:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre – Hall 2	Writing for the Conflict Creative Writing Workshop. With Alexandra Büchler, Ghayath Almadhoun and Richard Gwyn. Conducted in English. Co-organized by: Literature Across Frontiers / Arts Council of Wales.
Spanish	18:00–19:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Aspects of Violence in the Family and Society Speakers: Alejandro Palomas, Rodrigo Rey Rosa. Co-organized by: LEA Festival / Kastaniotis Publishing / Opera Publishing.
Spanish	19:00–20:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	Supersaurus Speaker: Meryem El Mehdati. Co-organized by: Carnivora Publishing.
English	19:00–20:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Between Personal and Collective Terror Speaker: Hari Kunzru In conversation with Pavlina Marvin. Co-organized by: Doma Publishing.
English	20:00–21:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	When National Minotaurs Cross the Sea: Smyrna, Wales and Crete Speakers: Christiana Lamprinidi, Richard Gwyn. Moderator: Pavlina Marvin. Co-organized by: Hestia Publishing / Literature Across Frontiers / Arts Council of Wales.
English	20:00–21:00	MULaR	Meet the Author: A Conversation with Abi Daré Speaker: Abi Daré. In conversation with Danae Sioziou. Co-organized by: British Council Greece.
English	20:00–21:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Faha: The Small Village at the Edge of the Great World Speaker: Niall Williams. In conversation with Kyriaki Beioglou. Co-organized by: Doma Publishing.
English	21:00–22:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	Eccentric, Paradoxical, Sacred: The Meaning of Deviation Speakers: Frangiski Abatzopoulou, Nadia Argyropoulou, Giannis Palavos.

English	21:00–22:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Identity, Desire and Reinvention Speaker: Katie Kitamura. In conversation with Eleonora Orfanidou. Co-organized by: Dioptra Publishing / Hellenic American Union.
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Friday, 26 June

Language	Time	Venue	Event
English	12:00–13:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	Gender and Translation Participants: Efi Giannopoulou, Christiana Lamprinidi, Richard Gwyn. Moderator: Alexandra Büchler.
English / French	18:00–19:30	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Dimensions of the Far-Right's Footprint in Europe and the United States Participants: Yannis Hamilakis, Hari Kunzru, Maurice Attia. Moderator: Manolis Pimplis. Co-organized by: Doma Publishing / Polis Publishing.
English	19:30–21:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	How Will Democracies Breathe Again? Participants: Anna Karakatsouli, Giannis Pantelakis, Giorgos Siakantaris. Moderator: Natali Hatziantoniou.
German	20:00–21:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	Searching for Lost Homelands: Identity, Migration and Historical Memory Speaker: Laura Cwiertnia. In conversation with Krystalli Glyniadaki. Co-organized by: Loggia Publishing.
English	20:00–21:00	MULaR	On the Side of Poetry Speaker: Ghayath Almadhoun. With Lena Kallergi and Katerina Iliopoulou. Co-organized by: Literature Across Frontiers.
English	21:00–22:00	MULaR	I Want Everything Speaker: Dominic Amerena. In conversation with Panagiotis Kechagias. Co-organized by: Gennitria Publishing.
English	21:00–22:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Maria, the Woman of Coincidences Speaker: Jonathan Coe. In conversation with Xenia Kounalaki and Alkistis Trimperi. Co-organized by: Polis Publishing.

Saturday, 27 June

Language	Time	Venue	Event
English	17:30–18:30	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	Gaza Diaries Participants: Ghayath Almadhoun, Christos Georgalas, Catrin Ormestad. Moderator: Efi Giannopoulou. Co-organized by: Literature Across Frontiers / Topos Publishing.

English	19:30–21:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	The Anatomy of Conflict: From the Nakba and Yom Kippur to the Search for Co-existence Participants: Hanan Ashrawi (online), Gideon Levy. Moderator: Panos Charitos.
English	21:00–22:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	War, Information and Propaganda: Truth Under Siege Participants: Pavlos Tsimas, Xenia Kounalaki, Panos Charitos, Petros Katsakos. Moderator: Kyriaki Beioglou. (English interpretation available.)

Sunday, 28 June

Language	Time	Venue	Event
French	18:00–19:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	What I Know About You – Éric Chacour. Speaker: Éric Chacour. In conversation with Stella Zoumboulaki. Co-organized by: Metaichmio Publishing.
French	19:00–20:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	With Two Dads – Éric Mukendi Speaker: Éric Mukendi In conversation with Varvara Roussou and Zizi Saliba Co-organized by: Thines Publishing.
English / Danish	20:00–21:00	Grand Arsenal – Hall 2	Meeting Danish Author Martin Glaz Serup Speaker: Martin Glaz Serup. In conversation with Sotiris Souliotis. Co-organized by: Melani Publishing.
French	20:00–21:00	Mikis Theodorakis Theatre	The World of Maurice Attia. Speaker: Maurice Attia. In conversation with Manolis Pimplis. Co-organized by: Polis Publishing.