

## Greesis # 9

**Maria Topali**

### **"At the Tavern of the Greek"**

#### **A German story of our time**

Space, language and gesture in a contemporary german-speaking narrative for the experience of immigration and intercultural identity, based on the book by Alexandros Stefanidis, «Beim Griechen-  
*Wie mein Vater in unserer Taverne Geschichte schrieb*», Fischer Taschenbuch Verlag, 2010

Tuesday 13 December 2011

Time: 9.00

Lecture Hall, Department of Architecture, Pedion Areos, Volos

Dinner will follow at the Meat Tavern 'Yannis'

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### CV

Maria Topali was born in Thessaloniki (1964). She has graduated from the German School of Thessaloniki while later she studied law in Athens and Frankfurt (with scholarship from the Daimler Benz Stiftung). She completed her doctoral studies on international and comparative environmental law in Frankfurt.

She has been working at the Greek National Foundation for Social Research since 1996 and has directed the greek department of the social democratic foundation Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (1998-2001) and OPEK in Greece (2002-2003).

She has taught poetry translation at the german department of the European Translation Centre and has coordinated greek-german workshops on the same subject. She has also taught the course 'Space and Poetics' at the Department of Architecture of the University of Thessaly.

She has lectured on the subjects of translation and poetry at the Departments of Modern Greek Studies of the Universities of Munich, Berlin and Oxford and at the Department of Architecture of the University of Thessaly (2007).

She publishes works and critics on poetry, translation and literature for children.

Her poems have been published in Italian and German.