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THE DANISH INSTITUTE AT ATHENS

The Danish Institute at Athens
is pleased to invite you to a lecture in English by

Grethe Rostboell

" Lord Byron and Greece "

Wednesday the 10th of February at 19.00
in the auditorium of the Institute, Herefondos 14A, Plaka, Athens



In 1816 Byron left his native country forever, bound for Italy and Greece where he died in Messolonghi 1824. He gave his life to the war of independence in a battle at Messolonghi. The lecture at the Danish Institute will be about his extraordinary life and about his active engagement in Greek matters for many years. There will be readings from his poems in English.

Lord Byron and his friends, Shelley and others, were deeply involved in the fight for freedom, be it freedom of expression or freedom for individuals and countries. In his important works, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* and *Don Juan*, Byron tells the story of the development after the Ottomans and after Napoleon. Byron was on his first tour in Greece in 1809-11 staying at Athens in a convent near the Acropolis. In his writings he quotes sentences about Marathon, Sounion, and "The Maids of Athens".

Grethe Rostboell is the author of *Lord Byron, a European Hero of Freedom*. She also published several books on the works of the Danish writer Karen Blixen, Isak Dinesen. Grethe Rostboell was Danish Minister of Culture in the 1990'ies when she published several books on political science.

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