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## OPEN UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS (OUC)

**Is an extroverted international University, specialised in open and distance education, providing adult learners unrestricted access to quality online undergraduate, masters, PhD and lifelong learning programmes, as well as, short-duration executive and professional education courses.**

OUC's educational methodology is based on the use of digital teaching and learning technologies, and the integration of e-learning tools and applications, designed for flexibility and engagement, which offer students a seamless learning experience. It responds to the diverse needs of adult learners, and it allows everyone to study from their personal space and in their own time and pace to obtain a valuable and accredited degree.

International partnerships drive many of the OUC educational and research programmes. In the context of its internationalization strategy, OUC fosters strong and mutually beneficial partnerships with Universities and research centres across the world, aiming to achieve long-term cooperation in joint and/or double degrees, joint courses, MOOCs, research projects, and to promote the mobility of students and staff.

Through the excellent work of faculty and adjunct faculty, researchers and academic staff who are at the forefront in their fields, the Open University of Cyprus is reinforcing its position as a quality research institution, with a successful record of accomplishment of European and local research projects, national and international research teams, steadily increasing external research funding. Nurturing students' research skills and critical thinking is also an integral part of OUC postgraduate offering providing them valuable assets to success in further study or in the labour market.

The Open University of Cyprus:

- offers interdisciplinary, career-oriented, academically rigorous and creatively stimulating Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degree programmes in both 'classical' and 'cutting edge' scientific areas organized around its three Faculties (Humanities and Social Sciences, Pure and Applied Sciences, Economics and Management).
- develops wide-ranging research work in cutting edge scientific fields and participates in externally funded research projects.
- fosters strategic partnerships with universities, research centers and other stakeholders in Cyprus and abroad.
- promotes its internationalization and seeks its development as an internationally recognized University in research and innovation.
- organizes short-term training programmes to enhance career change or development.
- engages in public activities across a wide range of areas aiming at increasing its cultural contribution to society.



# VISION

The Open University of Cyprus aspires to be recognised as a modern, pioneering, people-centered and exemplary University which, based on its institutional values - i.e. the quality of education and research, extroversion and diverse cultural and social contribution - will contribute effectively towards achieving the country's objective to transform Cyprus into a regional hub for education, research and innovation.

# MISSION

In accordance with its founding Law, the mission of the Open University of Cyprus is:

“To provide equal opportunities to all in accessing tertiary education irrespective of age, place and pace of study, and to promote science, knowledge, education, research and lifelong learning with the method of open and distance education”.

The three pillars of the University's mission are the following:

01.

To generate and disseminate scientific knowledge through teaching and research.

02.

To raise the cultural standard of the civil society, through the promotion of active involvement in the preservation and dissemination of core cultural values.

03.

To engage with society, the economy and the State, aiming towards the sustainable development and progress of Cyprus.



## RESEARCH AT OUC

Research at the Open University of Cyprus is wideranging and interdisciplinary. It includes both individual projects of its academic and research staff as well as collaborative efforts that involve local and international Universities, research centres and institutions.

Research activities are financed by the University's state-funded budget or receive external funding from various national, European and international organisations and programmes, such as Horizon 2020, Erasmus+, COST, LIFE+, and Interreg.

Based on its internationalisation strategy, OUC develops strong and effective partnerships with foreign research teams, which provide opportunities for international collaboration and active involvement in multidisciplinary projects, covering emerging developments in various fields:

Arts, theatre, history and archaeology.

Business administration, management, and marketing.

Chemical engineering and engineering sustainability.

Communication, journalism and media literacy.

Economics, accounting, banking and finance.

Ecosystems management, ecology and climate change.

Educational leadership and policy, educational theory and curriculum studies, education for social justice, adult education.

Educational technology, eLearning.

Health sciences, public health, health economics and applied statistics.

Information and communication technologies, artificial intelligence, telecommunications and cybersecurity.

Literature and linguistics.

Social information systems, algorithmic transparency, human computer interaction.



## RESEARCH LABS

In addition to promoting independent research, OUC's six (6) research labs support collaborative research and engage faculty and students from across the University:

01.

**CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND  
ENGINEERING SUSTAINABILITY LAB**

02.

**COMPUTATIONAL COGNITION LAB**

03.

**CYBERSECURITY AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
RESEARCH LAB**

04.

**EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LAB**

05.

**TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS  
MANAGEMENT LAB**

06.

**CYPRUS CENTER FOR ALGORITHMIC  
TRANSPARENCY**

## CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING SUSTAINABILITY LAB

The Laboratory combines new scientific areas of Sustainable Development, Environmental Management and Engineering as well as Chemical Engineering. Its main research areas are the following:

Cities Metabolism, Smart Cities, Strategic Development Plans, Sustainable Development Programmes, Circular Economy and Industrial Co-habitation Strategy, etc.

Development of Strategies and field research to implement Waste Prevention practices and Development of Sustainability Indicators (Economic, Social, Environmental) and implementation of environmental management systems in various sectors, zero waste generation programmes, etc.

Environmental Impact Studies and Environmental Analysis / Risk Assessment / Multi-criteria and Life Cycle Analysis Models.

Development of Techniques - Technologies for the treatment of solid and liquid waste, bio-systems, hazardous waste, composting, etc.

**LAB DIRECTOR:**  
Associate Professor Antonis Zorpas

## COMPUTATIONAL COGNITION LAB

[cognition.ouc.ac.cy](http://cognition.ouc.ac.cy)

Research carried out at the Computational Cognition Lab seeks to understand cognitive processes often associated with individual or collective intelligence - such as learning, reasoning, sensing, communication, cooperation - and how these are employed by humans and other organisms in everyday life. Emphasis is placed on the development of formal computational models for various aspects of cognitive processes and the analysis of the formal implications that such models have.

**LAB DIRECTOR:**  
Professor Loizos Michael

## CYBERSECURITY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH LAB

The mission of the Cybersecurity and Telecommunications Research Laboratory (CTRL) is to investigate cutting-edge research areas in cybersecurity and telecommunications, and support teaching activities at OUC. CTRL's researchers have extensive expertise in areas related to cybersecurity, critical infrastructures, wireless communications and networks, and localization of wireless systems.

**LAB DIRECTOR:**  
Professor Stavros Stavrou

## EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LAB

The OUC Laboratory for Educational Technology conducts research and publishing in the areas of open and distance learning methodologies, technology enhanced learning, internet safety, mobile and adaptive learning, human-machine interaction, geoinformatics, and ICT utilisation in school education.

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## TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT LAB (TEMLAB)

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Work in TemLab is based on traditional approaches to ecosystem management coupled with landscape ecology principles, namely the importance of spatial configuration of ecological processes and the emphasis on larger spatial extents. TemLab research revolves around three pillars that intertwine:

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Mediterranean Ecosystems with emphasis on islands and mountains

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Landscape-based approach to conservation

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Spatial Analysis for species and habitats modeling and ecosystem services

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**LAB DIRECTOR:**  
Professon Ioannis Vogiatzakis

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## THE CYPRUS CENTRE FOR ALGORITHMIC TRANSPARENCY (CYCAT)

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The Cyprus Centre for Algorithmic Transparency was established in 2018 and is hosted at the OUC, which received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Twinning Programme. CyCAT's international partners are The University of Sheffield and The University of Edinburgh (UK), The University of Haifa (Israel) and The University of Trento (Italy). CyCAT offers significant added value to the research capacity of Cyprus, and its goals are to cultivate a culture of innovation, to promote digital literacy and to conduct interdisciplinary research to understand the nature of social and cultural prejudices (algorithmic biases) in information access systems. The Centre's research team holds key expertise in the algorithmic processes involved in information access, user interactions with algorithmic systems, user-system interaction, as well as the social and cultural implications of algorithmic processes.

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**LAB DIRECTOR:**  
Associate Professor Jahna Otterbacher

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## OUC & CYENS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

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CYENS aims to undertake world-class research in order to drive innovation across multiple industrial sectors creating social and economic benefit. In CYENS's approach, this will move beyond research driven purely by technical challenges, and consider the central role of humans within technology development, deployment and adoption along with the societal challenges and impact of technology innovation. CYENS is a joint venture of the Municipality of Nicosia and the three state universities of the Republic of Cyprus, i.e. Open University of Cyprus, University of Cyprus, Cyprus University of Technology, and two international partners (Max Planck Institute of Germany and University College London in the United Kingdom). CYENS' Fairness and Ethics in AI - Human Interaction Multidisciplinary Research Group (MRG) is led by Associate Professor Jahna Otterbacher, head of the Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency, while the Socially-Competent Robotic and Agent Technologies MRG is led by Professor Loizos Michael, head of the OUC Computational Cognition Lab.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND MOBILITY

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### RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND LIAISON SERVICES

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The Research, Innovation and Liaison Services provide administrative support and management for the University's research projects. The Unit also supports faculty in identifying sources of external funding and assists with proposals and the requisite application procedures, while it provides administrative support for research programmes funded from the University's budget. The objectives of the Unit focus on three main areas: information and networking; support and training; and dissemination of research results.

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The Industry Liaison Office (ILO) at the Open University of Cyprus acts as a communication channel between the student community and the industry sector while developing and establishing a structured network of contacts to benefit both.

The ILO assists in the placement process of students in businesses, intending to acquire a first contact with the professional world or broaden their horizons and improve their working skills. It is also committed to networking with businesses to strengthen training, research and consultancy, the utilisation of research findings, curriculum development, and support for university programmes to improve production and stimulate economic growth.

Given the aforementioned, the Industry Liaison Office provides valuable synergies to the market as it promotes knowledge sharing between the corporate and academic world, while also improving employment opportunities for the OUC students and alumni.

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### MOBILITY OFFICE

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The OUC Mobility Office, operating under the Rectorate, is responsible for the organization and management of the Erasmus+ mobility activities. OUC's main aim is to strengthen cooperation with other universities and organizations that participate in the Erasmus+ Programme as a means to provide opportunities and possibilities for the mobility of its students and staff, and additionally to attract incoming foreign students and staff to study, teach or receive training at OUC.

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## ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

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Faculty of the Open University of Cyprus consists of Lecturers, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and Professors. Besides their educational and research work, faculty members offer expert services related to their specialization and position by participating in councils of public or private sector organizations and committees in Cyprus and/or abroad. Their appointment or election to these positions signifies substantial recognition of their work and of the Open University of Cyprus in general. Additionally, faculty members significantly contribute their knowledge and expertise to the successful completion of various committees' work, such as editorial boards of scientific journals, scientific and organizational committees of conferences, etc.

## FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Applied Econometrics

Time Series (Modelling and Forecasting)

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Christou holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Cyprus (2002), a Ph.D. in Physics and Mathematics (1991), and a M.Sc. degree (1987) from the Lomonosov Moscow University, Russia.

Her research interests mainly focus on the fields of Applied Econometrics and Time Series Analysis (Modeling and Forecasting), with applications in Finance, International Macroeconomics, Environmental and Energy Economics.

She has published extensively in academic journals, such as *Econometric Theory*, *Economics Letters*, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, *Journal of International Financial Markets Institutions and Money*, *International Journal of Finance and Economics*, *Journal of Forecasting*, *Empirical Economics*, *Review of International Economics*, *Economic Modelling*, *Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews*, *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resources Economics*, *The North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, *International Journal of Finance, Economics and Finance Research*, *Journal of Applied Statistics*, etc.

Dr. Christou is a referee in academic journals, and she has supervised a number of PhD dissertations and a large number of postgraduate and undergraduate theses. She is also member of the Programme and Organisation Committees of various international conferences, such as the World Finance Conference and the International Atlantic Economic Conference.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Christou, C., Naraidoo, R., Gupta, R., Hassapis, C., (2022), "Monetary Policy Reaction to Uncertainty in Japan: Evidence from a Quantile-on-Quantile Interest Rate Rule", *International Journal of Finance and Economics*, 27, 2041-2-53.
- Christou, C., Gupta, R., Jawadi, F. (2021), "Does Inequality Help in Forecasting Equity Premium in a Panel of G7 Countries?", *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*.
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- Christou, C., Pittis, N. (2002), "Kernel and Bandwidth Selection, Prewhitening, and the Performance of the Fully Modified Least Squares Estimation Method", *Econometric Theory*, 18, pp. 948-961.
- Christou, C., Pittis, N. (1999), "Forward versus Reverse Regression and Cointegration", *Economic Letters*, 65, pp. 157-163.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Economics" (2017-).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Master of Business Administration" (2016-2021).
- Member of the Academic Council of the Joint Postgraduate Programme in "Enterprise Risk Management" offered by OUC and the Hellenic Open University (2016-2021).
- Member of the OUC Senate Committee on Library, Educational Material and Informatics (2020-2021).
- Member of the OUC Research Committee (2017-2020).
- Chairwoman of the OUC Student Disciplinary Committee (2016-2018).
- Member of the Academic Council of the OUC Undergraduate Programme in "Business Administration" (2026-2017).
- Associate Editor of "The Journal of Economic Asymmetries" (Elsevier, 2022-).
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the conference "Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance" (2021-2022).
- Member of the Editorial Board of the "Asian Journal of Economics and Finance" (2019-present).



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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Economic inequality

Income mobility

Labor Economics

Labor market institutions and policies

Economic growth and development

The research of Dr. Duval Hernández centers on the interrelationship between income mobility and the evolution of economic inequality, both from a theoretical and an empirical point of view. He has also studied labor supply decisions both in developing and developed countries. He is currently studying segmentation in informal labor markets in developing countries using new data and econometric methods. In particular, in a project funded by the Ford Foundation he conducts a large-scale Discrete Choice Experiment to elucidate informal workers' preferences for formal employment and their valuation for specific characteristics of formal jobs.

## SHORT VITA

Previous to joining the Open University of Cyprus in June 2018, Dr. Duval Hernández worked at the Economics Research Centre at the University of Cyprus in the project "Employment in Europe (EUROEMP)", funded by the European Research Council, under the direction of Professor Christopher Pissarides.

He has also been an Assistant Professor in Economics at CIDE, Mexico, a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UCSD, and a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Cyprus. In addition, Assistant Professor Duval Hernández has been a consultant at The World Bank, as well as for research projects at the Inter-American Development Bank, the Mexican Government, and for the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research, UNU-WIDER.

He currently is an IZA Research Fellow (Germany) and an External Affiliate at CIDE (Mexico).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Duval-Hernández, R., Fang, L., and Rachel Ngai, L. (2023), "Taxes, subsidies and gender gaps in hours and wages", *Economica*, 90(358), 373-408.
- Duval-Hernández, R. (2023), "Informal work in urban Mexico. Characteristics, dynamics, and workers' preferences" Chapter 9 in *The Job Ladder: Transforming Informal Work and Livelihoods in Developing Countries*, Fields G.S., Gindling, T.H., Sen, K., Danquah, M., and Schotte, S. (eds.), UNU-WIDER Studies in Development Economics, Oxford University Press, 200-225.
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- Duval-Hernández, R., Fields G.S., Freije, S., Sánchez -Puerta, M.L. (2015), "Earnings mobility, inequality, and economic growth in Argentina, Mexico, and Venezuela", *The Journal of Economic Inequality*, 13:103-128. (published as Chapter 14 In: Fields, G. (author), Pieters, J. (ed.) (2019), *Employment and Development: How Work Can Lead From and Into Poverty* (IZA Prize in Labor Economics), Oxford University Press.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme in "Management, Technology and Quality" (2018-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Banking and Finance" (07/2022-present).
- Research Fellow at the IZA Institute of Labor Economics (Germany).
- External Affiliate at Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, CIDE (Mexico).



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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

School leadership and crisis

School leaders' digital capacity

Inclusive school leadership

School leaders' personal value systems

Successful school leadership

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Antonios Kafa is an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at the Open University of Cyprus and Academic Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programme "Educational Leadership and Policy".

In 2016, he obtained a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy from the Open University of Cyprus. His doctoral thesis was awarded the International Doctoral Thesis Research Award "Highly Commended Award Winner"—Emerald/EFMD Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards 2016 (Educational Leadership and Strategy) by the Emerald Publishing Company. Previously, he obtained a Master's Degree (MA) in Educational Leadership from the European University of Cyprus and a BA in Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology from the University of Athens.

His research interests primarily revolve around the practice of successful school leadership, school leaders' personal value systems, authentic leadership, and, most recently, school leaders' capacity building during crises and times of uncertainty. Dr. Kafa has published his research work in various international scientific journals, written chapters for books, and participated in various international and European conferences.

Previously, Dr. Kafa had worked as a researcher and research associate at various universities and research centers. Additionally, during the period 2016–2019, he worked as a member of the collaborating teaching staff at Frederick University, while during the period 2019–2022, he worked as a Lecturer in Educational Leadership and Management at Frederick University, where he coordinated and taught in the Master's Programme "Educational Leadership and Management".

Currently, Dr. Kafa is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Educational Administration Society, a visiting lecturer at the Cyprus Police Academy, a reviewer in various international scientific journals, and a member of the research team at the International Successful School Principalship Project (ISSPP), conducting research on topics related to school leadership in the context of Cyprus. In 2023, Dr. Kafa was elected as the incoming Link Convenor of the Educational Leadership Network (N26. Educational Leadership) of the European Educational Research Association (EERA - European Educational Research Association).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Kafa, A. (2023). Teachers' perceptions of school principals' role in tackling the pandemic crisis. *International Journal of Educational Management*, 37(2), pp. 350–360.
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Educational Leadership and Policy".
- Elected president of the Educational Leadership Network (N26. Educational Leadership) of the European Educational Research Association (EERA - European Educational Research Association) (2023–2027).
- Member of the International Successful School Principalship Project (ISSPP) research team.
- Elected member of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Educational Administration Group (2022–2026).



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Professor

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Business Administration

Business Ethics

Corporate Sustainability & Responsibility (CSR)

International Marketing

Marketing Communications

Services Marketing

His main research and teaching interests focus on corporate sustainability and responsibility, business ethics, international marketing, marketing communications, and services marketing. His research has appeared in many journals of international repute, such as *Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science*, *Journal of Business Ethics*, *Journal of Business Research*, *Journal of International Marketing*, *Journal of World Business*, and *Tourism Management* among others.

He is Associate Editor of *Journal of Business Research* and serves on the Editorial Review Board of *Journal of International Marketing*. He also reviews for many other academic journals in the field and is a member of the Directors' Board of the American Marketing Association's Global Marketing Special Interest Group.

## SHORT VITA

Professor Constantinos Leonidou has a Ph.D. in Marketing and Strategy from the University of Leeds (2009), an MBA from Cardiff University (2006), and a BA (Hons) in Business Administration from Middlesex University (2004).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Najafi-Tavani, Z., Zantidou, E., Leonidou, C. N., & Zeriti, A. (2023), "Business model innovation and export performance", *Journal of International Business Studies*, pp. 1-23.
- Olabode, O. E., Boso, N., Hultman, M. & Leonidou, C. N. (2022), "Big data analytics capability and market performance: The roles of disruptive business models and competitive intensity", *Journal of Business Research*, 139, pp. 1218-1230.
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programmes "Business Administration (MBA)" offered in both Greek and English (2021-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Business Administration" (2021-present).
- Member of the OUC Council (2021-present).
- Chair of the OUC Marketing and Competition Committee (2021-present).
- Member of the OUC Research Committee (2021-present).
- Member of the Directors' Board of the American Marketing Association's Global Marketing Special Interest Group.
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Green Finance

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## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Andreou, P.C., Lambertides, N. and Magidou, M. (2023). A critique of the agency theory viewpoint of stock price crash risk: The opacity and overinvestment channels. *British Journal of Management*, 34(4), pp.2158-2185.

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International Economic Law- WTO.

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Banking and Financial crisis in Europe and challenges to the institutional framework: Cyprus bail-in, critique of judicial decisions. Central Bank instrumental role in Bail-in /reckless supervision.

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## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Police Studies" (2018-present).
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Educational Development and Planning

Effective Educational Leadership for Effective Schools

Decision Making Process

Educational Program and Staff Evaluation

Edupreneurial Leadership

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Dr. Pashiardis is a Professor of Educational Leadership, and the Rector of the Open University of Cyprus. He worked as Visiting Professor in a number of universities in USA (University of Texas), Europe (i.e. Lincoln University, University of Thessaly, University of Münster and Africa), (i.e. University of Stellenbosch, University of Pretoria). During 2013-2014 he was a Visiting Professor at the Center of Development of Education Leaders at Umeå University, Sweden.

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He published more than 100 scientific papers in USA, British and Greek peer reviewed scientific journals and is the author of a number of books published in both Greek and English. While employed at the University of Cyprus he was responsible for developing the first Master's and Doctoral degree programmes in Educational Leadership in the Greek-speaking world in 1997. Subsequently, as Academic Head of the Programme of Educational Studies at the OUC, he was responsible for creating a strategic plan for the new Master's and Doctoral programmes, the coordination of distance learning course development and offerings, as well as producing teaching material for distance learning courses and teaching some of them.

For more than 20 years, he has acted as a Consultant to the Ministries of Education of Cyprus and Greece, the Police Academy of Cyprus, the EU, the OECD and the Commonwealth Secretariat, in various projects, which aimed to provide strategic direction to Education For All (EFA) and Women in Leadership around the Commonwealth.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Kemethofer, D., Weber, C., Brauckmann-Sajkiewicz, S. & Pashiardis, P. (2023), "Examining the Trident: How Data from the PISA Study can be used to identify Associations among Context, School Leadership, and Student Outcome", *Journal of Educational Administration*, 61(2), 162-177.
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Rector of the Open University of Cyprus (10/2020-present).
- Dean of the OUC Faculty of Economics and Management (06/2017-01/2019, 09/2019- 10/2020).
- Chair (2011-2013) and Deputy Chair (2010-2011) of the OUC Research Committee.
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- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Educational Studies" (2007-2009, 2011-2013, 2016-2017), and of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Police Studies" (04/2015-01/2019).
- Chair of the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management (2004-2008).
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Corporate governance

Resource-based theories

Top management teams' strategic decisions

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## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Co-Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programmes "Business Administration (MBA)" offered in both Greek and English (2023–present).
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Chronic diseases (CVD, Cancer, Obesity)

Infectious diseases

Health and Safety in Occupational Settings

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He has published more than 110 scientific articles in international medical and scientific journals including articles in one of the best medical journals, the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM). He also has published several books one of which is focused on tobacco control.

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## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Healthcare Management" (2021-2023).
- Member of the OUC Internal Quality Assurance Committee.
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Statistical methods for Health Management

Statistics for Management

Decision Making under Uncertainty

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Research Methodology for Social and Health Sciences

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## SHORT VITA

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His research interests fall into the broad area of Statistical Methods of Health Research and Healthcare Management, Public Health and Health Economics. He is committed to advancing the newly statistical developed methodology to large and complex databases to address critical questions in Health Management and to impact policy.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Stoumpos, A.I., Kitsios, F. and Talias, M.A. (2023), "Digital Transformation in Healthcare: Technology Acceptance and Its Applications", *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 20(4).
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

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He has been a research fellow at the Center for International and European Economic Law in Thessaloniki and a national expert for the European Commission in Greece and Cyprus.

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## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Tsadiras, A. (2019), "The European Ombudsman", In Craig, P. (ed.), *EU Administrative Law*, Oxford University Press (pp. 739-761).
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- Tsadiras, A. (2008), "Unravelling Ariadne's thread: The European Ombudsman's investigative powers", *Common Market Law Review*, 45, pp. 757-770.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "European Union Law" (2013-present).
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On 2023, he was appointed a Commonwealth of Learning Chair for the period 2023-2026.

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- Bozalek, V. & Zembylas, M. (2023). *Responsibility, privileged irresponsibility and response-ability. Higher education, coloniality and ecological damage*. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan.
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- Zembylas, M. (2023). "Moving beyond the epistemology of conspiracy: Ethical and political implications of addressing conspiracy theories in the classroom". *Pedagogy, Culture and Society*, 31(4), pp. 741-756.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Dean of the OUC Faculty of Economics and Management (10/2020-).
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- Research Fellow, Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, University of the Free State, South Africa (2014-).
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He has published numerous articles in the areas of archeology, Greek epigraphy, social and economic history of the Late Roman and Byzantine world. Dr. Deligiannakis' first monograph is titled *"The Dodecanese and East Aegean Islands in Late Antiquity, AD 300-700"*, published by Oxford University Press in 2016. His new monograph titled *"A Cultural History of Late Roman Cyprus"* came out in 2022.

He has held various research Fellowships (Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin; Program in Hellenic Studies, Princeton University; Sterling Dow Fellow, Ohio State University). He has taught also at the Department of Philology, University of Patras and the Department of History and Cultures, University of Bologna. Since 2020, he is head of the Open University of Cyprus excavation in Ancient Messene (OUC Basilica Excavation Project).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Deligiannakis, G. (2022). *A Cultural History of Late Roman Cyprus*. Nicosia.
- Deligiannakis, G. (2020) (ed.). *What is Late Antiquity? Selected Readings for the study of the Late Roman World*. Athens: Herodotos Publishing (in Greek).
- Deligiannakis, G. (2020). "From paganism to Christianity in Late Antique Athens: A Re-Evaluation". In Tanaseanu-Döbler, I. and von Alvensleben, L. (eds.). *Athens II: Athens in Late Antiquity*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, pp. 137-152.
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- Deligiannakis, G., Karabatsos, V. (2017). "Palatia of Saria, a Late Antique Nesopolis of Provincia Insularum. A Topographical Survey". In Rizos, E. and Ricci, A. (eds.). *New Cities in Late Antiquity. Documents and Archaeology (BAT)*. Turnhout, pp. 263-276.
- Deligiannakis, G. (2016). *The Dodecanese and the Aegean Islands in Late Antiquity, AD 300-700*. Oxford Monographs in Classical Archaeology, Oxford University Press.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Senior Visiting Researcher, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung (2017-2019, 2023).
- Chair of the OUC Committee on Library, Educational Material and Informatics (2023-).
- Member of the Centre for Studies on Late Antique Housing in the Mediterranean (2021-).
- Member of the Advisory Committee for the future Deputy Ministry of Culture, Cyprus Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth (2020-2022).
- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-2019, 2022-2023).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" (2012-2014, 2020-2022).
- Member of various OUC Committees, such as Studies Committee, Research Committee, International Relations Committee, and several others.
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, The Cyprus Institute, STARC (2013-2016).
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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Byzantine Literature

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Historical Geography

Among the research projects, which he either coordinated or participated as a partner were: The Correspondence of Ignatios the Deacon (together with Cyril Mango, 1993-1997); The Hagiography of the Palaiologan Period (National Research Foundation of Greece, 2005-2008); A literary reading of the Theophylaktos Simokattes' Ecumenical History (OUC, 2008-2010), The Social History of Hagia Sophia of Constantinople (OUC, 2011-2013), and Readings of Aristotle.

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Efthymiadis studied Law at the University of Athens and Greek Literature at the University of Crete, Greece. He then specialised in Byzantine Philology through his PhD thesis at the University of Oxford, UK. In his thesis, he dealt with the hagiography produced during the period of Iconoclasm, especially the Life of Patriarch St Tarasios (1998). He has published numerous articles on Byzantine hagiography, prosopography and historiography. He was the editor of a two-volumes book entitled *Ashgate Research Companion to Byzantine Hagiography* (2011, 2014). Sixteen of his articles were reprinted at the distinguished series of *Variorum Reprints*. He also worked on the area of South Italy, Phocaea in Asia Minor, and Lesbos. Together with Anthony Kaldellis he published the *Byzantine Prosopography of Lesbos*.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Efthymiadis, S. (2020). *The Byzantine Hagiography of Cyprus: Saints, Authors and Texts* (Fourth-Thirteenth Centuries). Centre of Scientific Research – Sources and Studies of the History of Cyprus LXXXV, Nicosia (in Greek).
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- Efthymiadis, S. (2018). "Les premières traductions grecques: la Passion anonyme (BHG 554) et la Passion de Méthode (554d), Écrire pour saint Denis". In Guyotjeannin, O. and Helvétius, A.M. (eds.), *Bibliothèque de l'École des Chartes*, 172 (2014), Paris, pp. 101-114.
- Efthymiadis, S. (2018). "Singles in Early Byzantine Literature", In Laes, C. and Hübner, S. (eds.), *Singles and the Single Life in the Roman and Later Roman Worlds*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 309-319.
- Efthymiadis, S. (2018). "The Cult of Saints in Early Byzantine Cyprus as Mirrored in Church Building and Epigraphy". In Horster, M., Nicolaou, D., Rogge, S. (eds.), *Church Building in Cyprus (Fourth to Seventh Centuries) – a Mirror of Intercultural Contacts in the Eastern Mediterranean*, Schriften der interdisziplinäre Zypern-Studien 12, Münster-New York, pp. 99-115.
- Efthymiadis, S. (2015). "Diegeseis on Hagia Sophia from Late Antiquity to Tenth-Century Byzantium" (2015). *Byzantinoslavica*, 73, pp. 7-22.
- Efthymiadis, S. (2014). *The Ashgate Research Companion to Byzantine Hagiography, vol. II: Genres and Contexts*. Ashgate.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Dean of the OUC Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2010-2011, 2012-2015).
- Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2016-2017, 2022-2023).
- Member of the OUC Governing Board (2014-2018).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" (2007-2009, 2015-2017, 2022-2023).
- Member of the Advisory Committee for the future Deputy Ministry of Culture of the Cyprus Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth (2020-2022).
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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Political history and theory

The Indo-European problem and the reception of the past in modern Greece

The Aegean Bronze Age

Aspects of epistemology, social anthropology and cultural identity of past and present societies

## SHORT VITA

Theodoros G. Giannopoulos is Assistant Professor of Political History and Theory (Interdisciplinary Approaches) and Academic Coordinator of the Master's Programme "PNYX: Political History, Theory and Practice" in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Open University of Cyprus. He graduated from the Department of History, Archaeology and History of Art of the University of Athens (2000) and received his PhD in Prehistory and Protohistory from the University of Heidelberg (2007). His PhD thesis entitled *The Last Elite of the Mycenaean World: Achaea in the Mycenaean Age and the Phenomenon of Warrior Burials in the 12th-11th Century B.C.* was published in 2008 in German (Dr. Rudolf Habelt, Bonn).

Upon completion of his PhD, he turned to a post-doctoral research, which resulted in the monograph "The Greeks: Whence and When?": The Mainstream Scientific Responses and the Present State of Research on the First Beginning of the Greek Civilization (Crete University Press, Herakleion 2012, 2013 Award of the Greek Academy of Sciences). The book was very positively received by the scientific community, the broader readership and the Greek media. He has also translated in Greek the book Johnson, M. 2010. *Archaeological Theory. An Introduction*, 2nd edition, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford (Crete University Press, Herakleion, 2018) and he was the editor of the interdisciplinary collective volume "The Mystery of Our Future": Greece and Cyprus in the Third Century after the Greek Revolution of 1821 (Liberal Books, Athens, 2022). His research interests include the Aegean Bronze Age, the Indo-European problem and the reception of the past in modern Greece as well as aspects of epistemology, social anthropology and cultural identity of past and present societies.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Giannopoulos, Th. G. (2022). "The Sea Peoples' 'sepulchral Medinet Habu'? The LH IIIc warrior burials of the north-western Peloponnese and the origins of Achaian ethnicity". *Aegean Studies*, 1, pp. 127-195.
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

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Teaching and Learning of Adults

Organisation of Adult Education Programmes

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## SHORT VITA

Dr Maria Gravani is an Associate Professor in Continuing/Adult Education at the Open University of Cyprus, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Academic Coordinator (at the OUC) for the MA in Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning' & the 'International Masters in Adult Education for Social Change' (IMAESC-Erasmus Mundus).

She is an elected member of the ESREA (European Society for the Research in the Education of Adults) Presidium, since 2017; Co-Convenor of the ESREA Research Network for Adult Educators, Trainers and their Professionalisation (ReNADET), and Member of the Editorial Advisory Board and Reviewer of the European Journal for Research on the Education and Learning of Adults (RELA), Studies in Adult Education and Learning, Journal of Educational Sciences, Malta Review of Educational Research.

She holds a PhD in Continuing Education (2003) (State Scholarships Foundation Scholar), an MEd in Educational Management, Administration & Policy (1999), both from the Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol, UK, and a B.A. (Honours) in Greek Philology (specialized in Classical Studies) from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (1997).

Her more recent research projects include the following: "Women in adult education in academia: a biographical study" (2021-present); "Exchanging Good Practices for people/adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and their caregivers" (2018-2021) (Erasmus+); "Exploring European Cultural Heritage for fostering academic teaching and social responsibility in Higher Education" (2018-2021) (Erasmus+); "Learner-Centred education as a tool for social change in adult education programmes for migrants: a European comparative study" (2016-2018) (OUC).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Piliri, A., & Gravani, M. N. (2023). "Older adults' and young educators' experiences and perceptions of Intergenerational Learning (IGL) in non-formal education: A case study from the Adult Education Centres in Cyprus". *Journal of Theories and Research in Education* (open access).
- Gravani, M. N., Slade, B., Brown, M., Jogi, L., & Borg, C. (2023). "From Learner-Centered Education (LCE) to Emancipatory Learner-Centered Education (ELCE): A comparative case study of language education for adult migrants in four European countries". *Prospects* (open access).
- Brown, M., Gravani, M. N., & Borg, C. (2022). "Adult migrant education as a mediator of democratic citizenship in postcolonial contexts: Inferences from adult migrant language learning programs in Malta and Cyprus". In Hoggan, Ch. & Hoggan Kloubert, T. (eds.), *Adult Learning in a Migration Society* (pp. 104-116). Routledge/American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Co-Publications Book Series.
- Barkoglou, G. & Gravani, M.N. (2022). "Exploring adult migrants' learning needs using an empowerment-critical approach: a biographical research". In Hoggan, Ch. & Hoggan Kloubert, T. (eds.), *Adult Learning in a Migration Society* (pp. 67-79). Routledge/American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Co-Publications Book Series.
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- Hatzopoulos P., Gravani M. N., Slade, B., Jogi, L. & Brown, M. (2021) "Learner-Centred Adult Education for Migrants: A Cross-Case Comparative Analysis". In Gravani, M. N. & Slade, B. (eds.), *Learner-Centred Education for Adult Migrants in Europe* (pp. 151-167). Leiden/Boston: Brill/Sense Publishers.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning" and of the "International Masters in Adult Education for Social Change" (Erasmus Mundus).
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- Chairwoman of the OUC Committee on Library, Educational Material and Informatics (2021-2023).
- Member of the Steering Committee of the European Society for Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA) (2017-).
- Co-coordinator of the ESREA Research Network for Adult Educators, Trainers and their Professionalisation (ReNADET).
- Member of the International Society for Comparative Adult Education.
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Art and Society

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Commemoration

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Karaiskou is Associate Professor of Art History in the "Cultural Policy and Development" postgraduate programme at the Open University of Cyprus.

She has taught in the BA programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" at the Open University of Cyprus, the BA programme "Studies in the European Civilization" at the Hellenic Open University, as well as at the University of Thessaly (departments of Architecture and Preschool Education) and University of Patras (department of Theater Studies).

Since 2022, she is the Director of the UNESCO Chair on "Visual Anticipation and Futures Literacy towards Visual Literacy". In 2014 she was Andrew J. Mellon Distinguished Visitor-in-Residence in the Fine Art at the Macalester College (Saint Paul, MN, USA).

Her research activity concerns issues of visuality in the context of the relations between artistic and cultural production and society. She focuses, in particular, on cultural memory, identities and visual narratives in Greece, Cyprus and abroad, as well as on collective identities in conflict societies.

She is the Cypriot MC Member for the COST Action "Slow Memory: Transformative Practices for Times of Uneven and Accelerating Change" and member of WG3 "Transformation of Politics" & WG6 "Training and Capacity Building".

Her last research project "Futures of the Past", which relates to the UNESCO Chair project as well, explores how heritage and collective memory shape our assumptions and dictate our anticipations. Her short film *Trojan Women re-imagined* (2022) and *BABELproject* are the most recent outcomes of this project.

She regularly participates in international conferences and publishes in peer reviewed scientific journals and collective volumes. She has published six (6) books relevant to her research field as sole writer.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Karaiskou, V. (2022). "Memory landscapes and stories of shame: The coexistence of Greece, Cyprus and Turkey as an affective 'mission impossible'". In Gerodimos, R. (ed.), *Shame: Theory, Practice, Methods, Applications*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Karaiskou, V. (2019). "Nicosia hotspot: Visualities of memory in the Greek Cypriot urban space". In Sybille, F. and Ristic, M. (eds.), *Urban Heritage in Divided Cities*. UK: Routledge (ISBN 9781138624870).
- Karaiskou, V. (2019). "Visuality and Emotional Governance in the Public Space". In Benedek, A. and Nyíri, K. (eds.), *Perspectives of Visual Learning, vol. I: Vision Fulfilled: The Victory of the Pictorial Turn*, Series, Budapest: Hungarian Academy of Sciences / Budapest University of Technology and Economics, pp. 93-102 (ISBN: 978-963-313-304-0).
- Karaiskou, V. (2019). "Deep in Memory: Urban Space and Visuality in Cyprus". In Fouseki, K., Guttormsen, T. and Swensen, G. (eds.), *Heritage and Sustainable Urban Transformations: Deep Cities*. UK: Routledge (ISBN 9781138615274).
- Karaiskou, V. (2017). "Making visible the invisible: visuality, narrativity and victimhood in Greek Cypriot memorials". *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, 30(4), pp. 399-411.
- Karaiskou, V. (2014). "Visual Narrations in Public Space: Codifying Memorials in Cyprus". *The International Journal of Social, Political and Community Agendas in the Arts*, 8(2), pp. 15-26.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Cultural Policy and Development" (2015-2016 & 2018-present).
- UNESCO Chair holder on "Visual Anticipation and Futures Literacy towards Visual Literacy" (2022-2026) <https://ouc.ac.cy/unesco-chair>
- Cypriot MC Member, COST Action "Slow Memory: Transformative Practices for Times of Uneven and Accelerating Change". Member of WG3 "Transformation of Politics" & WG6 "Training and Capacity Building".
- Participant in the research project "Using the Shame/Violence Model to Address the Root Causes of Extremism: An Interdisciplinary Residential Workshop". Funded by the Independent Social Research Foundation. Scientific coordinator Dr. Roman Gerodimos, Professor in Global Current Affairs, Bournemouth University, UK (2019-2022).
- External evaluator of proposals applying for funding under the funding schemes of the Ministry of Culture, Greece (2011-present).
- Member of the Art History Expertise Team for the "Tuning Educational structures in Europe" European Program, project "Sectoral Qualifications Framework for the Humanities and the Arts: SQF HUMART" (2010-2012).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" (2011-2013).
- Associate Editor of The International Journal of Social, Political and Community Agendas in the Arts, Volume 7, Issue 1, 2013.

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Ancient Greek Tragedy of the classical and post-classical periods

Reception of Greek Tragedy

Archaic Lyric Poetry

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Greek Textual Criticism

Greek Religion

He has been Principal Investigator for research projects funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and by the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus.

Dr. Liapis has published three monographs (*Menandri Sententiae*, Athens 2002 [in Greek]; *The Unknown God*, Athens 2003 [in Greek]; and *A Commentary on the Rhesus Attributed to Euripides*, Oxford 2012). He has also co-edited 5 volumes in collaboration with academics from Cyprus and elsewhere (UK, Canada). He has published extensively in leading academic journals (e.g. *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*, *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, *The Classical Quarterly*, *The Classical Review*, *American Journal of Philology*, *Transactions of the American Philological Association*), as well as in edited volumes.

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Liapis studied Classics at the Universities of Athens (BA, 1990-1994) and Glasgow (PhD, 1994-1997). He has taught at the Universities of Cyprus, Montreal, Patras, and (as Visiting Professor) at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris.

He has been a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton) and has held various research Fellowships (Program in Hellenic Studies, Princeton University; Margo Tytus Summer Fellow, University of Cincinnati; etc.).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Liapis, V. (2022), "Arion and the Dolphin: Apollo Delphinios and Maritime Networks in Herodotus", *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*, 112, 43-100.
- Liapis, V. (2021), *Adapting Greek Tragedy: Contemporary Contexts for Ancient Texts* (co-editor with Sidiropoulou, A.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Liapis, V. (2018), *Greek Tragedy after the Fifth Century: A Survey from 400 BC to 400 AD* (co-editor with Petrides, A. K.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Liapis, V. (2021), "Adaptation and the Transtextual Palimpsest: Anne Carson's *Antigonick* as a Textual/Visual Hybrid". In Liapis, V. & Sidiropoulou, A. (eds.), *Adapting Greek Tragedy: Contemporary Contexts for Ancient Texts*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 355-388.
- Liapis, V. (2021), "Prelude: Adapting Greek Tragedy: A Historical Perspective". In Liapis, V. & Sidiropoulou, A. (eds.), *Adapting Greek Tragedy: Contemporary Contexts for Ancient Texts*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 24-55.
- Liapis, V. (2021), "The Somatics of the Greek Dead". In Gazis, G. A. & Hooper, A. (eds.), *Aspects of Death and the Afterlife in Greek Literature*, Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, pp. 33-47.
- Liapis, V. (2020), "The Fragments of Euripides Oedipus Once Again: Neglected Evidence and Lessons Learned". *Λόγειον / Logeion*, 10, pp. 197-237.

- Liapis, V. (2020), "Payback Time: Metamorphoses of Debt and Commodity in Pindar's Olympian 10", *Greece & Rome*, 67.1, pp. 5-27.
- Liapis, V. (2018), "Greek Tragedy in the Fourth Century" (in cooperation with Stephanopoulos, Th. K.). In Liapis, V. & Petrides, A. K. (eds.), *Greek Tragedy after the Fifth Century: A Survey from 400 BC to 400 AD*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 25-65.
- Liapis, V. (2016), "On the Hector of Astydamos", *American Journal of Philology*, 137, pp. 61-89.
- Liapis, V. (2012), *A Commentary on the Rhesus Attributed to Euripides*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Vice Rector of the Open University of Cyprus (2022-).
- Dean of the OUC Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2015-2018).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Theatre Studies" (2011-2012, 2015-2017, 2021-2023).
- Chair of the OUC Internal Quality Assurance Committee (2022-).
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Ancient Greek Literature

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Modern reception of the ancient world

Didactics of literature

Modern Greek literature of Cyprus

His research interests cover Ancient Greek literature (with emphasis on ancient drama), the reception of the ancient world in Modern Greece (especially poetry and drama), the didactics of ancient literature in secondary education and Modern Greek literature of Cyprus. He has published monographs, edited volumes, book chapters, articles and review articles in international publishing houses and journals. He has served as peer reviewer for publishing houses such as Oxford University Press, De Gruyter, Brill, etc., as well as for several international journals of classics.

## SHORT VITA

Dr Antonis K. Petrides is Associate Professor in the undergraduate programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" of the Open University of Cyprus. He served as member of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth committee for the revision of the curricula in the subjects of Ancient Greek and Latin in secondary education. He holds a PhD and an MPhil. in Classics (Trinity College, University of Cambridge), specializing in ancient drama. He also holds a B.A. degree in Philology from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Petrides, A. K. and Demetriou, D. (eds.) (2023), *Yearning for Language: The Poetry of Kyriakos Charalambides*, Athens: Herodotus Publishing (In Greek).
- Petrides, A. K. (2014), *Menander, New Comedy, and the Visual*, Cambridge Classical Studies, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9781107068438. Paperback edition: 2018, ISBN: 9781107645813.
- Liapis, V. and Petrides, A.K. (eds.) (2018), *Greek Tragedy after the Fifth Century: A Survey from the Fourth Century BC to the Fourth Century AD*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Liapis, V., Pavlou, M. & Petrides, A.K. (eds.) (2017), *Debating with the Eumenides: Aspects of the Reception of Greek Tragedy in Modern Greece*, Pierides 7, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- Petrides, A. K. (2019), *To Cyprus: Interventions on contemporary literature and theatre of Cyprus (and Greece)*, Nicosia, ANEY Publications, ISBN 978-9963-2131-5-3 (in Greek).
- Petrides, A. K. (2013), "Plautus between Greek comedy and Atellan farce: assessments and reassessments", In Fontaine, M. & Scaturo, A. (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Greek and Roman Comedy*, Oxford: OUP, pp. 424-443.

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- Deputy Dean of the OUC Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2023-).
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- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-2021, 2022-).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" (2009-2011, 2017, 2018-2019, 2024-2025).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Continuous Education and Lifelong Learning", and the Erasmus Mundus International Master "Adult Education for Social Change" (2023-).
- Member of the Selection Committee for the Cyprus Literature Awards (2021-2024).
- Member of the Ministry and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth Committee for the revision of the national curricula in the subjects of Ancient Greek and Latin in secondary education (2009-2013).
- Member of the committee for the selection of performances to be included in the International Festival of Ancient Drama organised by the Cyprus Centre of the International Theatre Institute (2018).

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Contemporary Theatre Practice

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Current Theories of Performance

Contemporary Dramaturgy

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Dr. Sidiropoulou is Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programme in "Theatre Studies" at the Open University of Cyprus and Artistic Director of the Persona Theatre Company.

Her research focuses on current theatre practice with emphasis in directing. Her work was published in leading international journals and by renowned publishing houses, such as Oxford Journals, Routledge, Methuen Bloomsbury, etc. She has published two monographs: *Directions for Directing: Theatre and Method* (Routledge, 2018) and *Authoring Performance: The Director in Contemporary Theatre* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), and had edited and co-edited two international collective volumes, as well as articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Dr. Sidiropoulou is also a stage director. She has presented her work and led practical workshops in Cyprus, Greece, USA, Turkey, Iran, Estonia, Latvia, UK, Japan, Lebanon, Spain, Israel. She has been a visiting scholar at Columbia University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, CUNY Martin E. Segal Theatre Center (USA) Freie University Berlin (Germany) and at Queen Mary University of London, University of Surrey and the University of Leeds in the UK. She was a Japan Foundation Research Fellow at Tokyo University (2015-2016).

Recent creative projects: Dr. Sidiropoulou has directed *Uncle Vanya* by Anton Chekhov (Nicosia, 2023), Karen Malpede's *Troy Too* at HERE Arts Center (New York, 2023), Sophie Treadwell's *Machinal* at the Cyprus Theatre Organization (2022), and *Enter Hamlet* of the same author, upon invitation, at the Verona Shakespeare Fringe Festival 2022.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Sidiropoulou, A. (2018), *Directions for Directing: Theatre and Method*. New York: Routledge.
- Sidiropoulou, A. (2011, 2014), *Authoring Performance: The Director in Contemporary Theatre*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Sidiropoulou, A. (2022) (Editor), *Staging 21st Century Tragedies. Theatre, Politics and Global Crisis*. New York: Routledge.
- Sidiropoulou, A. (2022) (Co-editor with Liapis, V.), *Adapting Greek Tragedy. New Contexts for Ancient Texts*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Sidiropoulou, A. (2023), "Contemporary Directions in Director Training" (co-editor), *Theatre, Dance and Performance Training*, Volume 14, Issue 3.
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- Sidiropoulou, A. (2018), "Directing as Political Act: Staging Aeschylus' Oresteia in Contemporary Periods of Tyranny". *Comparative Drama*, 52(1-2), pp. 159-180.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Theatre Studies" (2013-2015, 2017-2020, 2023-).
- Deputy Dean of the OUC Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2021-2022).
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- Member of the OUC Library, Educational Material and Informatics Committee (2017- 2019).
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Pragmatics

Discourse Analysis

Sociolinguistics, dialectology, language contact and language change

Educational Linguistics

Prior to her appointment at the Open University of Cyprus in 2010 she taught at the University of Hull, at Simon Fraser University and at the University of Cyprus. Her research areas include pragmatics, sociolinguistics and educational linguistics.

She has published in *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Pragmatics*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Multilingua*, *Current Issues in Language Planning*. She has edited *Scientia Paedagogica Experimentalis - International Journal of Experimental Research in Education XLV.1: Current Issues in Educational Linguistics and Language Variation: European Perspectives II*. She has co-authored the national curricula for language in Cyprus and in Greece, and she has produced digital platforms for teaching Greek as a second language. She is a member of Polydromo, an academic and action group for multilingual education.

## SHORT VITA

Stavroula Tsiplakou is Associate Professor of Linguistics and Academic Coordinator of the M.A. Programme in Greek Linguistics and Literature at the Open University of Cyprus. She holds a B.A. in Greek Literature from the University of Athens, an M.Phil. in Linguistics from the University of Cambridge and a Ph.D. in Linguistics from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Tsiplakou, S. (2021). "Diglossia", in Stanlaw, J. (ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Linguistic Anthropology*. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Cerrutti, M. & Tsiplakou, S. (2020) (Editors), *Intermediate Language Varieties. Koinai and Regional Standards in Europe*. Studies in Language Variation, Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
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- Tsiplakou, S. (2017). "Imperfect acquisition of a related variety? Residual clefting and what it reveals about (gradient) bilectalism", *Frontiers in Communication*, Vol. 2.
- Tsiplakou, S., Armostis, S. & Evripidou, D. (2016). "Coherence 'in the mix'? Coherence in the face of language shift in Cypriot Greek", *Lingua*, 172-173, pp. 10-25.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Dean of the OUC Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2021-).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Greek Linguistics and Literature" (2010-2018, 2022-).
- Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2018-2019).
- Member of the OUC Council (2018-2019).
- Member of the Committee for the reform of Language Curricula for Primary and Secondary Education, Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture (2009-2013).
- Member of the Committee for the reform of Language Curricula for Primary and Secondary Education, Hellenic Ministry of Education (2010-2012).



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His research interests focus in Data Management and Scientometrics. He has co-authored 6 monographs in English, 10 textbooks in Greek, as well as >400 papers in journals, conference proceedings and book chapters.

He has received 5 best paper awards from SIGMOD, ECML/PKDD, MEDES (2) and ISSPIT conferences. He has received more than 18.000 citations from >2.700 distinct academic institutions of >100 countries (h-index=61) based on Google Scholar. Since 2021 he is being ranked 1st among the Informatics scientists in Cyprus based on Research.com, as well as since 2021 he is being included in the top-2% of the Informatics scientists worldwide, according to bibliometric data.

He has delivered keynote talks at conferences at: Albania, Algeria, Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Greece, India, Italy, Kosovo, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Morocco, Panama, Poland, Romania and Russia.

He has served as external member of doctoral examination committees at: Brazil, Denmark, France, Italy, Poland and Spain.

He has acted as external evaluator for university programs at: Denmark, Latvia and Lithuania.

He has acted as external evaluator for funding agencies at: Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, EU, Hong-Kong, Georgia, Greece, Israel, Italy, Poland, Russia, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

He has served as main co-organizer of conferences and workshops at: Australia, Brazil, China, Cyprus, France, Greece, Latvia, Lebanon, North Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Tunisia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

He has supervised 27 doctoral graduates who have pursued careers at: Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom, USA, as well as at Greece and Cyprus.

He is a member of the Editorial Boards of the scientific journals (among others): Digital (Editor-in-Chief), The Computer Journal (Deputy Editor), SN Computer Science (Track Editor), Information Systems, World Wide Web, Data Science and Analytics, Expert Systems.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Otterbacher, J. and Manolopoulos, Y. (2023). "Machine Ethics Research: Promises and Potential Pitfalls", *IEEE Intelligent Systems*.
- Mena, M., Criado, J., Iribarne, L., Corra, I. A., Chbeir, R. and Manolopoulos, Y. (2023). "Managing Cyber-Physical Devices in High Availability Systems", *Computing*, Vol.105, pp.1745-1768.
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- Pliakis, N., Tiakas, E. and Manolopoulos, Y. (2021). "Indexing and Progressive Top-k Similarity Retrieval of Trajectories", *World Wide Web*, Vol.24, pp.51-83.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the Board, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki (2023-).
- Member of the Informatics Section, Academia Europaea, London (2022-).
- Dean of the OUC Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences (2022-).
- Fellow, Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association, Hong Kong (2022-).
- Vice Rector, the Open University of Cyprus (2018-2022).
- Professor Emeritus, AUTH (2021).
- Member of the Board, Cyprus Research & Innovation Foundation (2019-2023).
- Member of the Board, Center of Complexity of AUTH (2017-).
- President of the Committee on Excellence of AUTH (2015).
- Member of the Board, Thessaloniki Innovation Zone (2010-2013).
- President of the Board, University of Western Macedonia, Greece (2010-2011).
- Head of the Department of Informatics of AUTH (2009-2013).
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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Artificial Intelligence and Explainable AI

Cognitive Systems / Personal Assistants

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Computational Machine Learning Theory

Learning-Based User Personalization

Knowledge Engineering and Reasoning

Knowledge-Based Story Comprehension

Smart City / Smart Building Applications

His research focuses on the development of computational models for cognitive processes associated with individual or collective intelligence, integrating computational learning theory, knowledge representation, and commonsense

He received a B.Sc. in Computer Science with a minor degree in Mathematics from University of Cyprus, graduating top of the class of 2002, and receiving the Republic of Cyprus Presidential Award. He continued his education at Harvard University, where he received an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence) in 2008, under the supervision of Leslie Valiant. Before joining Open University of Cyprus in 2009, he was a visiting professor at University of Cyprus. He was a keynote speaker at ISD 2017 and Aml 2018, and he has served, among others, as the PC chair of the 15th European Conference on Logics in Artificial Intelligence in 2016, and as the organizer of a workshop series on Cognitive Knowledge Acquisition since 2015.

## SHORT VITA

Dr Loizos Michael is Professor at Open University of Cyprus, where he founded and directs the Computational Cognition Lab. He is Academic Coordinator of the Joint M.Sc. Programme in Cognitive Systems. He is a founding member of the CYENS Research Centre of Excellence, within which he leads the research pillar on Artificial Intelligence and Communications.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Michael, L. (2023), "Explainability and the Fourth AI Revolution", in Carayannis, E. and Grigoroudis, E. (eds.), *Handbook of Research on Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship*, Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Michael, L. (2023), "Autodidactic and Coachable Neural Architectures", in Hitzler, P., Sarker, MK, Eberhart, A. (eds.), *Compendium of Neurosymbolic Artificial Intelligence*, IOS Press.
- Malakarjun Patil, S., Michael, L. and Dovrolis, C. (2023), "Neural Sculpting: Uncovering Hierarchically Modular Task Structure Through Pruning and Network Analysis", Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems.
- Helm, P., Michael, L. and Schelenz, L. (2022), "Diversity by Design? Balancing the Inclusion and Protection of Users in an Online Social Platform", 2022 AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society.
- Dietz, E., Kakas, A. and Michael, L. (2022), "Argumentation: A Calculus for Human-Centric AI", *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence*, 5, 955579.
- Tsamoura, E., Hospedales, T. and Michael, L. (2021), "Neural-Symbolic Integration: A Compositional Perspective", 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence.
- Michael, L. (2019), "Machine Coaching", IJCAI Workshop on Explainable Artificial Intelligence.
- Kakas, A. and Michael, L. (2016), "Cognitive Systems: Argument and Cognition", *IEEE Intelligent Informatics Bulletin*, 17(1), pp. 14-20.
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- Michael, L. (2010), "Partial Observability and Learnability", *Artificial Intelligence*, 174 (11), pp. 639-669.

## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Director of the OUC Computational Cognition Lab.
- Academic Coordinator of the Joint Postgraduate Programme offered by OUC and the University of Cyprus "Cognitive Systems" (2016-2018, 2019-2023).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Information and Communication Systems" (2015-2017).
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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Algorithmic Transparency & Auditing

Social and Ethical considerations in Artificial Intelligence

Human Computation and Crowdsourcing

Analysis and Modeling of Users' Behaviour

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Otterbacher holds a Master in Statistics and a Ph.D. in Information from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (USA). She also holds a master in Applied Linguistics from Boston University. Prior to joining the OUC in 2012, she worked as a Visiting Lecturer of Management Information Systems at the University of Cyprus (2006-2009) and an Assistant Professor at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago (2010-2012).

At OUC, she leads the Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency (CyCAT), which conducts interdisciplinary research focused on promoting technical and educational solutions for promoting algorithmic transparency and literacy. Concurrent to this, Jahna co-leads the Fairness and Ethics in AI-Human Interaction (fAlre) group at CYENS, a new center of excellence and innovation in Nicosia, Cyprus, in collaboration with two international Advanced Partners, UCL and MPI. Her research has been funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Program (under Grant Agreements No. 739578 (RISE) & No. 810105 (CyCAT)), as well as the Cyprus Research and Innovation Foundation (under grants EXCELLENCE/0918/0086 (DESCANT) and EXCELLENCE/0421/0360 (KeepA(I)n)). In 2022, she was added to the Stanford-Elsevier list of the top-cited scientists in the area of Artificial Intelligence.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Barlas, P., Krahn, M., Kleanthous, S., Kyriakou, K., & Otterbacher, J. (2022). "Shifting Our Awareness, Taking Back Tags: Temporal Changes in Computer Vision Services' Social Behaviors", In Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (Vol. 16, pp. 22-31).
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Social Information Systems" (2014-present).
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- Member of the OUC Senate (2022-).
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- Head of the Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency (CyCAT).
- Co-leader of the research group "fAlre - Fairness and Ethics in AI- Human Interaction" at the CYENS Centre of Excellence.
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She has served as a reviewer in a number of international conferences. She is in the technical programme committee for IEEE-ICC GCSN symposium, IEEE-CIT and IEEE Greencom for the past 7 consecutive years. Dr. Peratikou has experience in teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

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Adamantini Peratikou holds a PhD in Parallel Processing and Optimization Algorithms, a BSc in Computing from the University of Portsmouth, and a Postgraduate Certificate in Technology. She is a member of the Cybersecurity and Telecommunications Research Lab (CTRL) of the Open University of Cyprus, where she is currently working in various funded projects in the field of Cybersecurity and Networking.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Peratikou, A., Shiaeles, S. & Stavrou, S. (2021). "Threats in Critical Infrastructures". Book Chapter in Shiaeles, S. & Kolokotronis, N. (eds.), *Internet of Things, Threats, Landscape, and Countermeasures* (1st ed.). CRC Press.
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Wireless Communication Systems" (2020-2022).
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Build multidisciplinary cybersecurity workforce

Cybersecurity culture

Threat profiling

Security in the Internet of Things (IoT)

Cyber resilience

Societal cyber resilience

Cyber situational awareness

Cyber ranges

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Dr. Eliana Stavrou holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science (Cybersecurity) from the University of Cyprus and a Master in Advanced Information Technologies from the same university.

Dr. Stavrou is performing applied research in the area of cybersecurity education to address the challenges relevant to developing cybersecurity capabilities. Specifically, she is developing specialized educational and training curricula, and realistic practical activities, using innovative pedagogies and educational technologies to achieve effective teaching and learning. Dr. Stavrou has a special interest in the development of cyber resilience competencies, empowering people to anticipate, defend, recover from and adapt to cyber-attacks, through the promotion of a cyber situational awareness culture. In this context, her investigations focus on threat profiling aspects in different environments e.g., SMEs, critical Information Systems (IS), etc., to identify the attack exposure and to improve workforce and IS capabilities. Primary sources of threat information and classification informing her investigations, include industrial cybersecurity frameworks such as MITRE ATT&CK matrixes, and threat intelligence information shared by the cyber community.

Moreover, she is working towards bridging the skills shortage in cybersecurity by highlighting the multidisciplinary nature of cybersecurity and attracting people with different backgrounds to work in this area. Beyond upskilling the workforce, she also has a special interest to improve the cyber resilience capabilities of citizens. To this end, she is developing educational content and practical activities to improve citizens' cybersecurity situational awareness, and to promote a culture of best practices, starting from an early childhood, e.g., engaging kids through STEM.

She is also investigating security challenges in the Internet of Things (IoT), developing security solutions across the IoT ecosystem.

Dr. Stavrou is a member of several working groups and advisory boards related to cybersecurity capabilities development, research and innovation. She has published a number of scientific papers at premier international journals and conferences and has been the principle investigator of a number of ICT and cybersecurity-related R&D projects funded by national, European and international funding programmes.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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- Potamos, G., Theodoulou, S., Stavrou, E., Stavrou, S. (2022), "Maritime Cyber Threats Detection Framework: Building Capabilities". In Drevin, L., Miloslavskaya, N., Leung, W.S., von Solms, S. (eds.), *Information Security Education - Adapting to the Fourth Industrial Revolution*. WISE 2022. IFIP Advances in Information and Communication Technology, vol. 650. Springer, Cham.
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Computer and Network Security" (2022-2024).
- Member of the WG on "Global Perspectives on Cybersecurity Education", ITiCSE 2018.
- Member of WG 9 "Cybersecurity culture" and WG 10.1 "Cybersecurity capacity building" under the Cypriot National Cybersecurity Strategy (2021-).
- Management Board Member of the European Citizen Association (ECA) and Task Force Leader "Funding Opportunities" (2021-).
- Member of Mirror Committee MC14 "Information Security, Cyber Security and Data Protection", Cyprus Standardization (CYS) (2020-).
- Mentor, Doctoral School, European Security and Defence College (ESDC) (2018-).
- Oxford Martin Associate, Member of expert advisory panel, Global Cybersecurity Capacity Centre, Oxford University, UK (2018-).
- Founding member and Chair of Cyprus Penetration Testing Competition (2015-2019).
- Member of the Advisory Board of Cybersafety - eSafeCyprus (2019-2021).
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Wireless Telecommunication Systems and Networks

Localisation of wireless devices

Sensor networks

Smart Cities and IoT (Internet of Things)

His current research interests span through different topics between layer 1 and 3 of the OSI model. He has contributed towards numerous technical reports and he is the patent holder of a mobile phone jammer. He has been the author/co-author and principal investigator of a number of successful research proposals, targeting research councils and industry.

Professor Stavrou is the first elected chairman of the Cybersecurity Configuration of the European Security and Defence College, and a member of its Executive Academic Board. He is also a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy U.K.

## SHORT VITA

Professor Stavros Stavrou holds a Ph.D. degree in Telecommunications from the University of Surrey (U.K.). His area of expertise spans areas in Communication Networks, Telecommunication Systems and Cybersecurity. He has published extensively in peer reviewed publications, has graduated several Ph.D. students in topics related to his above research areas, and has managed a large number of research projects as a Primary Investigator (PI) from research councils, government organizations and industrial collaborations.



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- Potamos, G., Stavrou, E., Stavrou, S., Lopez, J.C., Eyzaguirre, A., Runyan-Beebe, C.A., Macias, P. (2022), "Increase Maritime Cyber Situational Awareness at a strategic level", ICERI2022 Proceedings.
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Chairman of the Cyber Configuration (EAB, Cyber) of the European Security and Defence College (2018-2022).
- Member of the OUC Council (2019-2022).
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- Member of the OUC Governing Board (2014- 2018).
- Dean of the OUC Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences (2018-06/2022).
- Member of the Executive Academic Board of the European Defence and Security College (2016-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Wireless Communication Systems" (2014-2020).
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Instrumental Chemical Analysis

Oil and Natural Gas Engineering - Environment

Design of Remediation processes

Electrochemistry

Climate change

Indoor air quality

Abandoned mines

Environmental indicators, Art and Culture -  
Archaeology (STEMAC)

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Marinos Stylianou is an Assistant Professor of Environmental Conservation and Management at the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences of the Open University of Cyprus and a member of the University's Lab of Chemical Engineering and Engineering Sustainability. He graduated from the Chemical Engineering Department of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) in 2002 and was awarded a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering in the field of Waste Management in 2012, also from NTUA.

His research interests are focused on the field of chemical and environmental engineering such as: (i) design of decontamination processes, (ii) characterization of waste, (iii) development of sorbent materials, (iv) oil and natural gas, (v) remediation of abandoned mines, (vi) indoor air quality.

His teaching experience before his appointment as an Assistant Professor at OUC includes teaching relevant courses at the University of Cyprus, Cyprus University of Technology, European University of Cyprus, as well as the Open University of Cyprus.

From 2012 until 2022, he conducted 3 Postdoctoral research studies in the thematic areas of: (i) Use of surfactants to recover NAPLs contamination from soil, (ii) Development of Low-cost Sorbents for Environmental Applications (at Nireas International Water Research Center at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of the University of Cyprus), (iii) Sulfur removal from oil by Biotransformation technology (at the Department of Chemistry-UCY, Cyprus University of Technology and NORTEST Ltd).

His employment experience also includes working for more than 20 years in several European and non-European funded projects in environmental-related fields. He has (co)authored more than 50 journal papers in high-impact international scientific journals, 4 book chapters, and he presented his work in high-level scientific conferences (>80 papers).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Stylianou, M., Laifi, T., Bennici, S., Dutournie, P., Limousy, L., Agapiou, A., Papamichael, I., Khiari, B., Jeguirim, M., Zorpas, A.A., (2023), "Tomato waste biochar in the framework of circular economy", *Science of The Total Environment*, 871, 161959.
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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the OUC Chemical Engineering and Engineering Sustainability Lab.
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His research interests include environmental changes in Mediterranean islands and mountains, predictive vegetation and habitat mapping, landscape based approach to nature conservation delivery, and the effectiveness of protected areas for biodiversity conservation. His research has been funded by the EU FP6, FP7, H2020, LIFE+, INTERREG, ENPI-CBCMED and Erasmus+ programmes, as well as several UK and Cyprus Government Agencies.

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Dr. Vogiatzakis is Professor of Terrestrial Ecosystem Management at the Open University of Cyprus. Before joining OUC, he held posts and carried out research and teaching activities at the Universities of Reading (UK), Cagliari, Bologna, Milano-Bicocca (Italy). He has been research and teaching associate to CIHEAM-MAICH and consultant to UNEP PAP/RAC and UNIDO.

He holds a Ph.D. in Physical Geography/Landscape Ecology, an M.Sc. in Vegetation Ecology, a postgraduate diploma (PGCAP) in Academic Practice, and a B.Sc. in Forestry.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme in "Environmental Conservation and Management" (2010-2016, 2022-).
- Deputy Dean of the OUC Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences (2017-2020).
- Member of the OUC Internal Quality Assurance Committee (2017-2021), the Marketing and Competition Committee (2022- 2023), and the Studies Committee (2023-).
- Chair of the OUC Research Committee (2014-2017).
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From 2013 until today, she is the Secretary of Cyprus Environmental Engineers Council.

Her research background includes more than 13 years of experience in the following fields: City metabolism, Key Performance Indicators, Strategic planning development, Zero Waste approaches, Waste prevention, Sustainable development programmes, Solid Waste management, Environmental Impact and Environmental Risk Assessment Analysis, Multi criteria analysis models.

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## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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City metabolism, Circular economy and Industrial Symbiosis

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Sustainable development programs (environmental, social culture and economics)

Management and treatment of liquid waste, Management of solid waste

Water footprint, Wastewater management and monitoring, Environmental footprint

Environmental Impact and Environmental Risk Assessment Analysis / multi criteria analysis models / LCA / SWOT-PESTEL analysis

Implementation of natural minerals (Zeolites) in the treatment of solid and liquid waste

Implementation of composting methods for the treatment of several organic waste, bio-waste,

Implementation of chemical oxidation, electrochemical oxidation for the treatment of heavy polluted waste

Optimization of waste water treatment plants under high climate conditions and production of energy

Soils Science and Soils Organic Carbon  
Environmental Footprint

Impact of GMO in the soils and the environment

## SHORT VITA

Dr Zorpas studied Chemical Engineering and holds a PhD in the scientific area of Chemical Science with emphasis on Environmental Management and Engineering (All from the National technical University of Athens). His PhD focuses on the Development of a Methodology for the composting of sewage sludge using Natural Minerals (Zeolites/ Cli). He had or still have significant co-operations with several Universities and other Research Institutes in Europe.

He served as the Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Environmental Conservation and Management" from 2016-2021. He is the editor of five (5) scientific books. He has more than 500 publications (including editor in books, contribution in books, papers in scientific journals and international conferences with an h-index=45 and with more than 7500 citations). He is currently in the Editorial Board of the following journals: Energies (MDPI), International Journal of Environmental Pollution Control and Management (IJEPCM) (Serials Publication & Distribution), Energy Nexus, Water, Food, Power (Elsevier), Arabian Journal of Geosciences (Associate Editor) (SRINGER), Sustainability (MPDI, Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management (John Wiley & Sons Ltd and ERP Environment), Waste Management & Research (Associate Editor) (SAGE), Sustainable Chemistry and Pharmacy (Elsevier,

Special Issue Guest Editor), Science of the Total Environment (Elsevier, Special Issue Guest Editor), Euro Mediterranean Journal for Environmental Integration (Springer, Special Issue Guest Editor) as well as on the "Environmental Systems Engineering" section for Frontiers in Environmental Science (Associate Editor) For more than 20 years, he was acting as Consulting Engineer on behalf of several industrial activities, government and local authorities. He was the Chairman of the Cyprus Environmental Engineers Council (2013-2019), and active member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Office of the Cyprus Commissioner for the Environment (2013- 2019). He was on the Board of Experts of EURASHE (European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (2016-2019) in Brussels and Scientific Cooperator with the EU. He is also acting as technical expert for Energy and Environment on behalf of the European Defence Agency (EDA), in the Transversal Group. In addition, his member of the National Technical Committee TC11 for Zero Pollution (European Green Deal – Zero Pollution) under the responsibility of the Cyprus Department of Environment as well as Member of the National Technical Committee CYS ISO/TC 323 "Circular Economy" under the responsibility of Cyprus Standardization Office (CYS). In 2019 he received an honorary distinction for his long-standing contribution to the environmental issues of Cyprus from the President of the Republic. He is included in the 2% of the renowned scholars in his field for two consecutive years (2019, 2020, 2021) in the study "Updated science-wide author databases of standardized citation indicators, published by a research team of the Stanford University (USA), which includes the most influential researchers in the world.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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## RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-02/2022).
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- Chair of the OUC Research Committee (2020-06/2022).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Environmental Conservation and Management" (2016-2021).
- Member of the expert's team in Transversal Group in the European Defence Agency (2022-).
- Member if the National Technical Committee TC11 for Zero Pollution (European Green Deal – Zero Pollution) under the responsibility of the Cyprus Department of Environment (2021-).
- Member of the National Technical Committee CYS ISO/TC 323 "Circular Economy" under the responsibility of Cyprus Standardization Office (CYS) (2021-).
- Member of the SDSN Network to adopt UN-SDGs in the Leader Council, and the Executive Committee (2020-).







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