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## OPEN UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS (OUC)

Open University of Cyprus (OUC) is a **public Higher Education Institution**, operating under the effective control of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth of the Republic of Cyprus. Established in 2002, is **the country's only university devoted entirely to open and distance higher education and lifelong learning.**

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 through 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.

Based on the aforementioned, it is clear that OUC aims to achieve long-term cooperation in educational and research programmes and to promote the mobility of its students and staff, to accomplish its vision to become a renowned and inspiring regional higher education institution.

### OUR VISION

**Open University of Cyprus is committed to opening up education to all, and strives for an outstanding, challenging, and transformative teaching and learning experience of high academic standards and unrivalled links with the business world and society.**

**Open University of Cyprus aspires to provide students with lifelong learning opportunities and higher education degrees useful to start or advance their professional careers and fulfil their personal aspirations and goals. The University aims to combine its international reach and flexible operations and structure, using both to support the State's vision to establish Cyprus as a regional centre for education, scientific research and innovation, a hub for international scholars and students alike. Towards this direction, OUC expands its network of collaborators and establishes strong partnerships with universities and research institutions in the broader region and beyond, promoting educational and research cooperation and mobility of students and staff.**

## RESEARCH AT OUC

Research at Open University of Cyprus is wide-ranging and interdisciplinary, and focuses on the advancement and transfer of knowledge through the creative output of its faculty and researchers. Under its internationalization strategy, OUC supports individual projects of its academic and research staff, and develops strong partnerships with foreign research teams that involve local and international research projects with academia, the business world, and other research organisations.

### OUC is actively involved in research in the following areas:

- culture, theatre, history, and archeology
- communications and new journalism
- educational sciences, adult education and lifelong learning
- literature and linguistics
- healthcare policy and administration, health economics
- business administration, economics and management
- educational technology
- environment, ecology and climate change
- information and communication technologies, social information systems, artificial intelligence, telecommunications
- European and commercial law

Research activities are financed by the University's state-funded budget, or receive external funding from various national (esp. Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation) and European and international programmes such as Erasmus+, Horizon2020, Life+, ENPI, INTERREG, ICT PSP, and COST.

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

- Chemical Engineering and Engineering Sustainability Lab
- Computational Cognition Lab
- Cybersecurity and Telecommunications Research Lab
- Educational Technology Lab
- Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab
- Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency

These dedicated research laboratories provide a vibrant research environment for OUC students, academics and researchers, as well as opportunities for the effective link between academia, business and industry. The resulting synergies enable basic and applied research, and research outcomes for the benefit of society.

## RESEARCH LABS

### 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.
- Waste Prevention practices and development of sustainability indicators (economic, social, environmental) and implementation of environmental management systems in various sectors.
- 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.

### Computational Cognition Lab

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

Research carried out at the Computational Cognition Lab (CCLab) 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.

### Cybersecurity and Telecommunications Research Lab

The Cybersecurity and Telecommunications Research Lab (CTRL) has been established and is led by Professor Stavros Stavrou. CTRL's research activities are concentrating in the following areas: cybersecurity, protection of critical infrastructures, wireless communications and networks and localisation of wireless systems.

### Educational Technology Lab

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

### Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab

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

Work in the Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab (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: a) Mediterranean Ecosystems with emphasis on islands and mountains, b) Landscape based approach to conservation, c) Spatial Analysis for species and habitats modelling and ecosystem services.

## Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency (CyCAT)

[www.CyCAT.io](http://www.CyCAT.io)

The Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency, operating at OUC, aims to establish a network of researchers with key expertise in the areas of informatics and digital literacy. Among other broader impacts, CyCAT aims to create digital tools / databases that are relevant to the needs of Cypriot users and which will be used to raise awareness about algorithmic bias (in particular, biases found in information access systems that the public routinely uses), the creation of digital material related to the development of such systems, as well as the strengthening of actions and interventions in Cyprus on the importance of digital and algorithmic literacy.

The OUC research team includes Assistant Professor Jahna Otterbacher (coordinator), Professor Michalinos Zembylas and Associate Professor Loizos Michael. The advanced partner organizations are the University of Sheffield (UK), the University of Haifa (Israel), the University of Trento (Italy) and the University of Edinburgh (UK).

## OUC PARTICIPATION IN RISE, A CYPRIOT RESEARCH CENTER OPERATING WITH EU FUNDING

### RISE - Research Center in Interactive Media, Smart Systems and Emerging Technologies

[www.rise.org.cy](http://www.rise.org.cy)

RISE aims to become a Centre of Excellence and a hub across the three continents bordering Cyprus, facilitating thus the local scientific, technological, and economic growth of the region.

RISE aims to undertake world-class research in order to drive innovation across multiple industrial sectors creating social and economic benefit. In RISE'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.

RISE 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). OUC's project team is led by Associate Professor Loizos Michael, head of the University's Computational Cognition Lab. Dr. Jahna Otterbacher is also team leader at RISE.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND MOBILITY

### Research, Industry Liaison and Innovation Unit

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The Research, Innovation and Liaison Unit provides administrative support and management for the University's research projects. It 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.

### Industry Liaison Office

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Embracing the idea to encourage a more structured, result-driven cooperation ventures with the business world, Open University of Cyprus is operating an Industry Liaison Office. Its mission is to:

- promote entrepreneurship and innovation,
- support students and graduates in developing transversal skills and improving their employability,
- establish mutually beneficial links and synergies with sectors of the economy.

More specifically, OUC ILO:

- develops synergies between the University's academic and student community and the business world,
- promotes the reciprocal transfer of knowledge, know-how and expertise,
- disseminates the University's research results and promotes the exploitation of those results by Cypriot and regional businesses,
- maximizes opportunities and employment potential of OUC's students and graduates through work placement initiatives.

### Mobility Office

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The OUC Mobility Office, operating under the International Relations, Development and Communications Unit, is responsible for the organization and management of the University's 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.

OUC Experts

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## FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Classical Archaeology
- Ancient History
- History and Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean with emphasis on the Roman and Late Roman Periods

## SHORT VITA

George Deligiannakis is a graduate of the Department of History and Archeology (School of Philosophy) of the University of Athens (1999). He completed his M.Phil. postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford (2002) and in 2007 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Ancient History from the same university. He taught as Lecturer in the Department of Philology at the University of Patras (2007-2008), while in 2008 he was appointed Lecturer and then Assistant Professor (2012) and Associate Professor (2017) of Late Antiquity at the Open University of Cyprus.

He has published about fifty articles and studies in international scientific journals and collective volumes. His latest monograph entitled *The Dodecanese and the Eastern Aegean Islands in Late Antiquity, AD 300-700*, was published by Oxford University Press. He has received research fellowships from Princeton and Ohio State Universities. He has also been a fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (2017-2019), and a visiting professor at the University of Bologna (2020).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- "What is Late Antiquity? Selected Readings for the study of the Late Roman World" (Herodotus, 2020, in Greek).
- "From Aphrodite(s) to Saintly Bishops in Late Antique Cyprus", In Breytenbach, C. & Ogereau, J. (eds.), *Identity and Authority in Emerging Christianities in Asia Minor and Greece* (2018), AJEC, Leiden, pp. 326-346.
- "Helios and the Emperor in the Late Antique Peloponnese" (2017), *Journal of Late Antiquity*, 10(2), pp. 325-350.
- "Palatia of Saria, a Late Antique Nesopolis of Provincia Insularum. A Topographical Survey", In Rizos, E. and Ricci, A. (eds.) (2017), *New Cities in Late Antiquity. Documents and Archaeology* (BAT), Turnhout, pp. 263-276 (with V. Karabatsos).
- "*The Dodecanese and the Aegean Islands in Late Antiquity, AD 300-700*" (2016), Oxford Monographs in Classical Archaeology, Oxford University Press.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-2019).
- Member of the Studies Committee, of the International Relations Committee, and other Committees of the OUC 2016-2017.
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, The Cyprus Institute, STARC (2013-2016).
- Member of the Academic Council of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Cultural Policy and Development" (2014- 2015).
- Academic Coordinator and Chair of the Academic Council of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" (2013-2015).



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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Byzantine Literature
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- Byzantine Social History
- Historical Geography

## 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 Ph.D. 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, Phoea in Asia Minor, and Lesbos. Together with Anthony Kaldellis he published the *Byzantine Prosopography of Lesbos*.

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.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2010-2011, 2012-2015).
- Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2016-2017).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" (2007-2009, 2015-2017).





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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Teaching and Learning of Adults
- Organisation of Adult Education Programmes
- Teaching and Learning of Adults in Distance Education
- Adult Education for Social Change
- Education, Training and Professionalisation of Adult Educators

## SHORT VITA

Dr Maria Gravani is an Assistant Professor in Continuing/Adult Education at the Open University of Cyprus, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Academic Coordinator (at the OUC) for the M.A. in "Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning" & the International Masters on "Adult Education for Social Change" (IMAESC-Erasmus Mundus).

She is an elected member of the Steering Committee of ESREA (European Society for the Research in the Education of Adults) since 2017, and sits in the Editorial Advisory Board of RELA (*European Journal for Research on the Education and Learning of Adults*) and of the *Studies in Adult Education and Learning*.

Her main research interests include adult teaching and learning in different contexts (second chance, distance, higher education, education of adult migrants), professional training and professionalisation of adult educators, lifelong learning, methodologies of qualitative research. She has extensively researched and published in the field. Before moving to Cyprus, Maria worked as a ESRC postdoctoral fellow at the University of Bristol (UK), a research development officer at Trinity College, University of Dublin (Ireland), a tutor for UCL (University of London) and the Hellenic Open University, and a part-time lecturer for the University of Peloponnese.

She holds a Ph.D. in Continuing Education (2003) (State Scholarships Foundation Scholar), an M.Ed. in Educational Management, Administration & Policy (1999) 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 projects are: *Exchanging Good Practices for people/adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and their caregivers* (Erasmus+); *Exploring European Cultural Heritage for fostering academic teaching and social responsibility in Higher Education* (Erasmus+); *Learner Centred education as a tool for social change in adult education programmes for migrants: a European comparative study*; *Mapping Adult Education in Cyprus*; and *Enhancing adult distance teaching and learning in higher education*.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Gravani, M. N., Zarifis, G., Jogi, L. (eds.) (2020), *The Role of Higher Education in the Professionalization of Adult Educators*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- Gravani, M. N. (2020), "Building collective capacity for adult learning in distance education", In Sava, S., Borca, C. & Clitan, G. (eds.) *Collective Capacity Building: Shaping education and communication in knowledge society*. Brill/Sense Publishers.
- Gravani, M. N. (2019), "Learner-Centered Education (LCE) as a tool for enhancing adult learning in distance learning Universities", *Journal of Adult and Continuing Education* (JACE).
- Gravani, M. N., Hatzopoulos, P. & Chinas, Chr. (2019), "Adult education and migration in Cyprus: A critical analysis", *Journal of Adult and Continuing Education*.
- Papaioannou E. & Gravani, M. N. (2018), "Empowering vulnerable adults through second chance education: a case study from Cyprus", *International Journal of Lifelong Education*, 37(4), pp. 435-450.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Elected member of the Steering Committee of the European Society for Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA) (2017-2023).
- Member of the International Society for Comparative Adult Education.
- Cyprus Link Person for the PASCAL International Observatory.
- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-2019).
- Academic Coordinator for the OUC of the Postgraduate Programmes: "Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning" and "International Masters on Adult Education for Social Change" (Erasmus Mundus).
- Partner and Member of the Academic Committee of the "International Masters on Adult Education for Social Change" (Erasmus Mundus).



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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Journalism and the functioning of the Media, as well as the challenges posed by the transition to the digital age and the social media
- Communication Strategy
- Media Literacy

## SHORT VITA

Sofia Iordanidou is an Associate Professor of Journalism and Communication at the Open University of Cyprus and the Chair of the "Advanced Media Institute, Applied Research in Communication and Journalism". Since 2011, the M.A. "Communication and New Journalism" has been developed and is being offered at the OUC, under her responsibility. She is the publisher of "Dimosiografia" journal and the website manager of dimosiografia.com.

She has extensive professional experience in the fields of Journalism and Communication Strategy. In New York, she worked for the Voice of America and was the White House correspondent for newspapers in Greece, as well as responsible for the Mondale pre-election campaign. In Athens, she was a journalist for both ERT and MEGA Channel. Her extensive experience includes political consultancy and advisory to many companies in corporate communication. She also created and directed the Department of Communications and Press Office for MEGA Channel, and established NETNEWS, S.A., the first television agency in Greece and NETRESULT, Ltd., a communications strategy company.

She studied Italian and English Language and Literature at CUNY acquiring a postgraduate degree majoring in Comparative Literature at the same university. She received her Ph.D. completing her thesis at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

She has recently concluded four research projects: on political rhetoric in Greece and Cyprus; on the images of nations in news media, an intercultural content analysis; on nation and place branding; on Communication in Education and Media Literacy.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Iordanidou, S. (2018), "The 'fluid' identity of the new journalist", in S. Iordanidou & K. Stratilatis (eds.) *Versions of Freedom in our Media Reality. New journalism and its challenges*. Athens: Metamesonykties Ekdoseis, pp. 21-41.
- Iordanidou, S. (2018), "In-depth: Reflection on Media Planning in the Perspective of Communication Education", in Iordanidou, S., Papadimitriou, S. and Valsamidou, P. (eds.), *Media Literacy: In Search of its Concept and Function*. Athens: Metamesonykties Ekdoseis & Advanced Media Institute.
- Iordanidou, S. (2017), "Construction and Management of Place Image: Introductory Remarks and Roadmap", in S. Iordanidou (ed.) *Site Management and Image Formation: from the Place Branding to the Travel Journalism*. Athens: Metamesonykties Ekdoseis & Advanced Media Institute.
- Iordanidou, S. & Papadimitriou, S. (2016), "Media Education and Digital Literacy: Researching the Integration of the Disciplines 'Communication and Media' with 'Studies in Education'. A theoretical framework and the development of the Curriculum", in A.Th. Kontakos & P.I. Stamatis (eds.), *Theories and Models of Communication in Education*. Athens: Diadrasis Publications.
- Samaras, Ath. N. & Iordanidou, S. (2016), "Exploring the Educational Capacity of Causal Inference in the Teaching of Media Theory: A Case Study Analysis of CNN-Effect. Related Theories", in A.Th. Kontakos & P.I. Stamatis (eds.), *Theories and Models of Communication in Education*. Athens: Diadrasis Publications.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Communication and New Journalism" (2011-present).
- Chair of the Board of "Advanced Media Institute, Applied Research in Communication and Journalism" (2015-present).
- Editor of the Journal "Dimosiografia", the Greek Edition of the Columbia Journalism Review.
- In charge of the journalistic site [www.dimosiografia.com](http://www.dimosiografia.com)
- Member of the Library, Education Material and Informatics Committee, OUC (2018-present).

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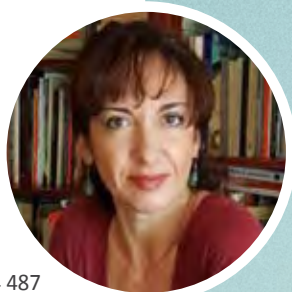
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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Modern Greek Art
- Art and Society
- Cultural Identities
- National Identities
- Art and Power
- Collective / Cultural identities
- Commemoration
- Public Sculpture

## 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 bachelor's programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" at the Open University of Cyprus, the bachelor's 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).

Her research focuses on visuality issues within the framework of the interactions between artworks and society. Since 2018, she has been exploring the visual narrative of cultural identities in conflict societies.

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.

The last two research projects she coordinated and concluded are: "Cyprus: Land of Memories, Places of Art" (<http://publicart.ouc.ac.cy> finished in December 2013) and the research project "Uses and Abuses of Culture: Greece 1974-2010", which was published as a book in Greek (2013, University Studio Press) and in English (2015, Cambridge Scholar Publishing).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- 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 András Benedek and Kristof Nyíri (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 Kalliopi Fouseki, Torgim Guttormsen and Grete Swensen (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.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Cultural Policy and Development" (2015-2016 & 2018-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" (2011-2013).
- Member of the Quality Assurance Committee, OUC (2017-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).
- Associate Editor of *The International Journal of Social, Political and Community Agendas in the Arts*, Volume 7, Issue 1, 2013.
- External evaluator of proposals applying for funding under the funding schemes of the Ministry of Culture, Greece (2011-present).

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- Archaic Lyric Poetry
- Wisdom Literature
- Hellenistic Poetry
- Greek Textual Criticism
- Greek Religion

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Liapis (born in 1972) studied Classics at the Universities of Athens (B.A., 1990-1994) and Glasgow (Ph.D., 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 of Advanced Studies (Princeton) and has held various research Fellowships (Program in Hellenic Studies, Princeton University; Margo Tytus Summer Fellow, University of Cincinnati; etc.).

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.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- "Greek Tragedy after the Fifth Century: A Survey from 400 BC to 400 AD". (2018), Co-editor with A. K. Petrides. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- "On the *Hector* of Astydamos" (2016), *American Journal of Philology*, 137, pp. 61-89.
- "Greek Tragedy in the Fourth Century" (with Th. K. Stephanopoulos), 2018 In V. Liapis & A. K. Petrides (eds.), *Greek Tragedy after the Fifth Century: A Survey from 400 BC to 400 AD* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), pp. 25-65.
- "A Commentary on the *Rhesus Attributed to Euripides*" (2012), Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- "On the Sources of Petros Katsaitis" *Iphigenia (1720): Between Lodovico Dolce, Molière, and the Commedia dell'arte*, (2018), In S. Bigliuzzi, F. Lupi and G. Ugholini (eds.), *Συναγωνίζεσθαι: Essays in Honour of Guido Avezzi* (Skenè: Texts and Studies 1, Verona), pp. 747-781.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2015-2018).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Theatre Studies" (2011-2012, 2015-2017, 2019).
- Chairman of the OUC International Relations Committee (2011-2012).
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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Ancient Greek Literature
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## SHORT VITA

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## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- "Menander, New Comedy, and the Visual" (2014), Cambridge Classical Studies, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9781107068438. Paperback edition: 2018, ISBN: 9781107645813.
- V. Liapis & A. K. Petrides (eds.) (2018), "Greek Tragedy after the Fifth Century: A Survey from the Fourth Century BC to the Fourth Century AD", Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- V. Liapis, M. Pavlou & A. K. Petrides (eds.) (2017), "Debating with the Eumenides: Aspects of the Reception of Greek Tragedy in Modern Greece", Pierides 7, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- «Κύπρονδε: Παρεμβάσεις στη σύγχρονη κυπριακή (και ελλαδική) λογοτεχνία και το θέατρο» (2019), Nicosia: Aney Publications, ISBN 978-9963-2131-5-3.
- "Plautus between Greek comedy and Atellan farce: assessments and reassessments" (2013), In M. Fontaine & A. Scafuro (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Greek and Roman Comedy*, Oxford: OUP, pp. 424-443.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2018-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" (2009-2011, 2017, 2018-2019).
- Member of the OUC senatorial committee of Research (2018-present), and in various other OUC committees since 2007.
- 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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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Contemporary Theatre Practice
- Directing and Acting Theory
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## SHORT VITA

Dr. Sidiropoulou is an Assistant Professor at the postgraduate programme in "Theatre Studies" at the Open University of Cyprus.

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).

Dr. Sidiropoulou is also a stage director. She has presented her work and led practical workshops in Cyprus, Greece, USA, Turkey, Iran, Estonia, UK, Japan and Israel. She has been a visiting scholar at Freie University Berlin (Germany), MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology, CUNY Martin E. Segal Theatre Center (USA) 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).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- *"Directions for Directing. Theatre and Method"* (2018), New York: Routledge.
- *"Authoring Performance: The Director in Contemporary Theatre"* (2011, 2014), New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- "Staging Henrik Ibsen's *The Lady from the Sea* and Jon Fosse's *Someone is Going to Come*: A Director's Reading of Myth, Allegory and Symbolism" (2018), *Nordic Theatre Studies*, 29(2), pp. 184-203.
- "Directing as Political Act: Staging Aeschylus' Oresteia in Contemporary Periods of Tyranny" (2018), *Comparative Drama*, 52(1-2), pp. 159-180.
- "Greek Contemporary Approaches to Tragedy: Terzopoulos' Revisions of Aeschylus" (2017), In collective volume *"Contemporary Adaptations of Greek Tragedy: Global Directorial Perspectives"* (ed. George Rodosthenous), pp. 53-72.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Theatre Studies" (2013-2015, 2017-2018, 2020-2022).
- Member of the OUC Senate (2020-2022).
- Member of the Research Committee, OUC (2013-2017).
- Member of the Library, Educational Material and Informatics Committee, OUC (2017-2019).
- Member of the Parallel Parliament of the Republic of Cyprus (Culture) (2019).
- External Assessor, The Cyprus Council of Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications (KYSATS) (2016-present).
- External Assessor, Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.) (2019).
- Member of the Special Evaluation Committee of the THOC theatre awards, (2018).
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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.

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.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Kappler, M. & Tsiplakou, S. (2018), "Two Cypriot koinai? Structural and sociolinguistic considerations", *Mediterranean Language Review*, Vol. 25, pp. 75-96.
- Tsiplakou, S., Ioannidou, E. & Hadjioannou, X. (2018), "Capitalizing on language variation in Greek Cypriot education", *Linguistics and Education*, Vol. 45, pp. 62-71.
- Tsiplakou, S. (2017), "Imperfect acquisition of a related variety? Residual clefting and what it reveals about (gradient) bilingualism", *Frontiers in Communication*, Vol. 2, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2017.00017>.
- Tsiplakou, S. (2016), «'Ακίνδυνη' εναλλαγή κωδίκων και διαγλωσσικότητα: It's complicated». *Επιστήμες της Αγωγής. Θεματικό Τεύχος 2015*, pp. 140-160 (In Greek).
- 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.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2018-2019).
- Member of the University Council (2018-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Greek Linguistics and Literature" (2010-present).
- Member of the Committee for the reform of Language Curricula for Primary and Secondary Education, Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture (2009-2013).
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He also served in the Council of Europe working group for Teaching and Learning in the Communication Society (2002-2004), as Greek national representative to E.U. DG Education and Culture (2002-2005), at the Hellenic Open University (2000-2007) as Associate Professor of Software Engineering and Dean (School of Science and Technology), and as member of the Cyprus Scientific Council (2010-2015).

Educated at Harvard (1971-1976), Dr. Hadzilacos had substantial industrial experience before his Ph.D. in Database Theory (U. Patras, 1986).

At the Research Academic Computer Technology Institute, Patras, Greece (1986-2007) he founded and directed the Educational Technology and e-Learning Sectors, and the R&D Unit "Applied Information Systems". He also designed and managed (1996-2001) the Greek national project "Odysseia" for the utilization of ICT in secondary education.

He has published over 100 papers in international journals and conferences, including a chapter on "Teaching and Learning in the Communication Society" published by the Council of Europe, and coordinated, directed and participated in over 50 R&D EU-funded projects.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Th. Hadzilacos, N. Yiannoutsou, W. Müller, S. Rebholz, N. Otero (2018), "Only for the Rich? "Accessible classroom infrastructure for the maker movement, WSS: STEAM Learning in Formal and Informal Settings via Craft and Maker Projects", (eCraft2Learn workshop - <https://project.ecraft2learn.eu/idc-workshop/>), Proc. 2018 ACM Interaction Design and Children (IDC '18) Conference, Trondheim, Norway.
- Adamides, G., Christou, G., Katsanos, C., Xenos, M. and Hadzilacos, Th. (2014) "Usability Guidelines for the Design of Robot Teleoperation: A Taxonomy", *IEEE Transactions on Human-Machine Systems*, Vol. 45(2), pp. 256-262.
- Mavroudi A., Hadzilacos Th. (2013), "Learning Needs Analysis of Collaborative E-classes in Semi-formal Settings: the REVIT Example", *The International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning-IRRODL*, 14(5), pp. 211-239.
- Hadzilacos Th., (2003), "The Processes of Learning and Teaching in the Communication Society", pp. 113-208 in *Learning and Teaching in the Communication Society*, Council of Europe Publishing, ISBN 92-871-5331-0.
- Megalou, E. & Hadzilacos, Th. (2003), "Semantic Abstractions in the Multimedia Domain", *IEEE Trans on Data and Knowledge Engineering*, Vol. 15(1), Jan/Feb 2003, pp. 136-160.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Member of the OUC Council (2018-present).
- Member of the OUC Governing Board (2011-2014).
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Computer Technology Institute.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Educational Research Center, Greece (2000-2004).
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- Director of EIRMOS & AMBER AE (1980-1984).
- Head of New Technologies Department, AGET Hercules (1983-1985).
- Member of the Cyprus Scientific Council (2010-2015).
- Member of Council of Europe working group for Teaching and Learning in the Communication Society (2002-2004).
- Greek national representative to E.U. DG Education and Culture (2002-2005).

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Cyber and Information Security
- Applications of estimation and stochastic adaptive control theory

## SHORT VITA

Sokratis K. Katsikas was born in Athens, Greece, in 1960. He received the Diploma in Electrical Engineering from the University of Patras, Greece in 1982, the Master of Science in Electrical & Computer Engineering degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA, in 1984 and the Ph.D. in Computer Engineering & Informatics from the University of Patras, Greece in 1987. In 2019 he has awarded a Doctorate Honoris Causa by the Dept. of Production and Management Engineering of the Democritus University of Thrace, Greece.

He is a Professor with the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences and the Rector of the Open University of Cyprus, and Professor with the Center for Cyber and Information Security, Department of Information Security and Communication Technology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway.

His research interests lie in the areas of cyber and information security and of estimation and adaptive control theory and its applications. His research activity over the past 30 years has resulted in the publication of 40 books and more than 250 scientific publications in book chapters; scientific journals; and conference proceedings. According to Google Scholar, his research work has been cited 3.248 times and his h-index is 28 (November 2019).

He has participated in more than 60 funded national and international R&D projects in his areas of research interest. He is serving on the editorial board of several scientific journals, and has served on/chaired the technical programme committee of more than 650 international scientific conferences. He chairs the Steering Committee of the ESORICS Conferences.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- V. Anastopoulos and S. Katsikas (2019), "A Methodology for the Dynamic Design of Adaptive Log Management Infrastructures", *EAI Transactions on Security and Safety*, 6(19), e2.
- G. Kavallieratos, N. Chowdhury, S. Katsikas, V. Gkioulos, S. Wolthusen (2019), "Threat Analysis for Smart Homes", *Future Internet*, 11(207), DOI:10.3390/fi11100207.
- Spathoulas, G. and Katsikas, S. (2019), "Towards a secure Industrial Internet of Things", in Cristina Alcaraz (ed.), *Security and Privacy Trends in the Industrial Internet of Things*, Springer.
- Tokola, T., Schaberreiter, T., Quirchmayr, G., Englbrecht, L., Pernul, G., Katsikas, S., Preneel, B., and Tang, Q. (2019), "A Collaborative Cybersecurity Education Program", in Ismini Vasileiou and Steven Furnell (eds.), *Cybersecurity Education for Awareness and Compliance*, IGI Global.
- A. Goudosis, S. Katsikas (2018), "Towards a secure Automatic Identification System (AIS)", *Journal of Marine Science and Technology*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00773-018-0561-3>.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Rector of the Open University of Cyprus (2018-present).
- Vice-President of the Cyprus Rectors' Conference (2018-present).
- Acting Scientific Director, Center for Cyber and Information Security, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (2017).
- President of the National Education Council of Greece (2013-2015).
- President of the Council of University Education of Greece (2013-2014).
- General Secretary for Telecommunications & Post of the Ministry of Infrastructures, Transport and Networks of the Hellenic Republic (2009-2012).
- Member of the Committee for Information and Communication Technologies of the Greek Government (2011-2012).
- Chairman of the Technical Advisory Board on Information and Communication Technologies of the Ministry of Administrative Reform and Electronic Government (2011-2012).
- Member of the Board of the Hellenic Authority for Information and Communication Security and Privacy (2008-2009).
- Member of the Board of the Hellenic Quality Assurance Authority for Higher Education (2006-2008).
- Rector (2003-2006) and Vice-Rector (1997-2003) of the University of the Aegean.

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

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## SHORT VITA

Yannis Manolopoulos is Professor of the Open University of Cyprus and serves as its first Vice-Rector. He taught at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), the University of Toronto, the University of Maryland at College Park and the University of Cyprus. He has served as President of the University of Western Macedonia in Greece, Head of the Department of Informatics of AUTH, and Vice-Chair of the Greek Computer Society.

His research interests focus in Data Management. He has co-authored 5 monographs published by Springer, 11 textbooks in Greek, as well as 350 journal and conference papers. He has also received 5 best paper awards from SIGMOD, ECML/PKDD, MEDES (2) and ISSPIT conferences. He has received 14.000 citations from 2.000 distinct academic institutions (h-index=54) and has been invited as keynote speaker in 19 international events.

He has served as main co-organizer of several major conferences (among others): ADBIS 2002, SSTD 2003, SSDBM 2004, ICEIS 2006, EANN 2007, ICANN 2010, AIAI 2012, WISE 2013, CAISE 2014, MEDI 2015, ICCCI 2016, DAMDID 2016, CBI 2017, TPDL 2017, DASFAA 2018, WIMS 2018, WI 2019, MEDES 2019, SOFSEM 2020. He has also acted as evaluator for funding agencies in Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, EU, Hong-Kong, Georgia, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Poland and Russia.

Currently, he is member of the Editorial Boards of (among others): *Information Systems* (Elsevier), *The World Wide Web Journal* (Springer), *The Computer Journal* (Oxford Academic).

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Fevgas, A., Akritidis, L., Bozaris, P., Manolopoulos, Y. (2020), "Indexing in Flash Storage Devices - A Survey on Challenges, Current Approaches, and Future Trends", *The VLDB Journal*.
- Gogoglou, A., Manolopoulos, Y. (2020), "A Data-driven Unified Framework for Predicting the Evolution of Citation Dynamics", *IEEE Transactions on Big Data*.
- García-García, F., Corral, A., Iribarne, L., Vassilakopoulos, M., Manolopoulos, Y. (2020) "Distance Join Query Processing in SpatialHadoop and LocationSpark", *Information Sciences*, Vol. 512, pp. 985-1008.
- Stoupas, G., Sidiropoulos, A., Gogoglou, A., Katsaros, D., Manolopoulos, Y. (2018), "Rainbow Ranking: An Adaptable, Multidimensional Ranking Method for Publication Sets", *Scientometrics*, 116(1), pp. 147-160.
- Rafailidis, D., Kefalas, P., Manolopoulos, Y. (2017), "Preference Dynamics with Multimodal User-Item Interactions in Social Media Recommendation", *Expert Systems with Applications*, Vol. 74, pp. 11-18.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Vice-Rector of Open University of Cyprus (2018-present).
- Member of the Board of the Cyprus Research & Innovation Foundation (2019-present).
- President of the University of Western Macedonia, Greece (2010-2011).
- Head of the Department of Informatics of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2009-2013).
- Vice-Chair of the Greek Computer Society (2002-2006).

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Artificial Intelligence and Explainable AI
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- Knowledge Engineering and Reasoning
- Knowledge-Based Story Comprehension
- Smart City / Smart Building Applications

## SHORT VITA

Loizos Michael is an Associate 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 RISE Research Center of Excellence, within which he leads the research pillar on Artificial Intelligence and Communications.

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 reasoning.

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.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- L. Michael (2019), "Machine Coaching", IJCAI Workshop on Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI).
- A. Kakas and L. Michael (2016), "Cognitive Systems: Argument and Cognition", *IEEE Intelligent Informatics Bulletin*, 17(1), pp. 14-20.
- L. Michael (2015), "The Disembodied Predictor Stance", *Pattern Recognition Letters*, vol. 64 (C), pp. 21-29.
- L. Michael (2014), "Simultaneous Learning and Prediction", 14th International Conference on Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (KR 2014).
- L. Michael (2010), "Partial Observability and Learnability", *Artificial Intelligence*, 174 (11), pp. 639-669.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Director of OUC's Computational Cognition Lab.
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- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Information and Communication Systems" (2015-2017).
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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

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The main goal of her research is to develop innovative methods to understand the users' behaviour in digital environments, with emphasis on studying their language behaviours.

Her research has been published in top ranked international journals and conference proceedings, i.e. Association for Computing Machinery, Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (ACM CHI), Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, International Conference on Web and Social Media (AAAI ICWSM), the *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* (JCMC) and *Knowledge and Information Systems*.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- P. Barlas, K. Kyriakou, S. Kleanthous & J. Otterbacher (2019), "What Makes an Image Tagger Fair? Proprietary auto-tagging and interpretations on people images", In Proceedings of the Association for Computing Machinery 27th Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation and Personalization (ACM UMAP) [acceptance rate: 24%].
- K. Kyriakou, P. Barlas, S. Kleanthous & J. Otterbacher (2019), "Fairness in Proprietary Image Tagging Algorithms: A cross-platform audit on people images", In Proceedings of the 13th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (AAAI ICWSM) [acceptance rate: 21%].
- K.S. Ntalianis, A. Kener & J. Otterbacher (2019), "Feelings' Rating and Detection of Similar Locations, Based on Volunteered Crowdsensing and Crowdsourcing". *IEEE Access* 7, pp. 90215-90229 [impact factor (2018): 4.098].
- M. Matsangidou and J. Otterbacher (2019), "What is Beautiful Continues to be Good: People Images and Algorithmic Inferences on Physical Attractiveness", In Proceedings of the 17th IFIP International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction [acceptance rate: <30%].
- J. Otterbacher, P. Barlas, S. Kleanthous, & K. Kyriakou (2019), "How Do We Talk about Other People? Group (Un) Fairness in Natural Language Image Descriptions", In Proceedings of the Seventh AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (AAAI HCOMP) [acceptance rate: 25%].

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Social Information Systems" (2014-present).
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Professor

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Cybersecurity
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Secure Communications
- Wireless Telecommunication Systems and Networks
- Localisation of wireless devices
- Sensor networks
- Smart Cities and IoT (Internet of Things)

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Stavrou's area of expertise is Communication Networks and Telecommunication Systems. He has published extensively in peer reviewed publications, has graduated several PhD students in topics related to the above areas, and up to date he has raised more than 5 million euros in personal research grants (PI) from research councils, government organizations and industrial collaborations.

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.

Some of the organizations with which he has initiated, managed and carried out work for include: EPSRC, Defence and Science Technology Laboratory (MoD, U.K.), Rolls Royce plc, Inmarsat and others. He has also been a major contributor in a number of EU and national research projects.

Dr. Stavrou is also a member of the Executive Academic Board of the European Defence and Security College (ESDC) and he is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy U.K.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- H. Pellet, S. Shiaeles, S. Stavrou (2019), "Localising social network users and profiling their movement", *Elsevier, Journal of Computers & Security*, MDPI, Vol. 81, pp. 49-57.
- Kokkinis, A., Kanaris, L., Liotta, A., Stavrou, S. (2019), "RSS Indoor Localization Based on a Single Access Point", *Sensors Journal*, MDPI, 19(17), 3711.
- Kanaris, L., Sergiou, C., Kokkinis, A., Pafitis, A., Antoniou, N., Stavrou, S. (2019), "On the Realistic Radio and Network Planning of IoT Sensor Networks", *Sensors Journal*, MDPI, 19(15), 3264.
- Alvanos, D., Limniotis, K., Stavrou, S. (2018), "On the cryptographic features of a VoIP service", *Journal of Cryptography*, MDPI, DOI:10.3390/cryptography2010003, Vol. 2, Issue 1.
- Stavrou, E. and Stavrou, S. (2017), "Intrusion recovery in NLOS WSNs with a varying network density", 24th International Conference on Telecommunications (ICT).

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Chairman of the Cyber Configuration (EAB.Cyber) of the European Security and Defence College (2018-2020).
- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-2019).
- Member of the Governing Board of OUC (2014-2018).
- Dean of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, OUC (2018-2020).
- 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).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Information and Communication Systems" (2009-2011).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Computer and Network Security" (2015-2018).



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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Biodiversity Conservation and Management
- Landscape Ecology
- Ecosystems and Climate Change
- Spatial Analysis and Modeling
- Agri-Environment

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Vogiatzakis is Professor of Environmental Conservation 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 (Italy) and Ioannina (Greece). 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.

He is a member of the Royal Geographic Society, British Ecological Society, International Association of Landscape Ecology, International Association of Vegetation Science and Ecosystem Services Partnership. His research interests include the ecology and biogeography of 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.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Balzan, M.V., Martins Pinheiro, A., Mascarenhas, A., Morán-Ordóñez, A., Ruiz-Frau, A., Carvalho-Santos C., Vogiatzakis I.N., Arends, J., Santana-Garçon J., Roces-Díaz, J.V., Brotons, L., Campagne, C.S., Roche, P.K., de-Miguel, S., Targetti, S., Drakou, E.G., Vlami, V., Baró, F., Geijzendorffer, I. (2019), "Improving ecosystem assessments in Mediterranean social-ecological systems: a DPSIR analysis", *Ecosystems and People*, DOI: 10.1080/26395916.2019.1598499.
- Christodoulou, C.S., Griffiths, G.H., Vogiatzakis, I.N. (2018), "Using threatened plant species to identify conservation gaps and opportunities on the island of Cyprus", *Biodiversity and Conservation*, DOI: 10.1007/s10531-018-1572-4.
- Tzirkalli, E., Kadis, C., Halley, J.M., Vogiatzakis, I.N., Wilson, R.J., Zografou, K., Antoniou, A., Tsintides, T., Makris, C., Kati, V. (2019), "Conservation ecology of butterflies on Cyprus in the context of Natura 2000", *Biodiversity and Conservation*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10531-019-01755-2>.
- Giakoumi, S., Hermoso, V., Carvalho, S., Markantonatou, V., Dagys, M., Iwamura, T., Probst, W., Smith, R., Yates, K.L., Almpnidou, V., Novak, T., Ben-Moshe, N., Katsanevakis, S., Claudet, J., Coll, M., Deidun, A., Essl, F., Garcia-Charton, J.A., Jimenez, C., Kark, S., Mandić, M., Mazaris, A., Rabitsch, W., Stelzenmüller, V., Tricarico, E. and Vogiatzakis, I.N. (2018), "Conserving European biodiversity across realms", *Conservation Letters*, DOI: 10.1111/conl.12586.
- Vogiatzakis, I.N., Mannion, A.M. and Sarris, D. (2016), "Mediterranean Island Biodiversity and Climate Change: the last 10,000 years and the future", *Biodiversity and Conservation*, 25, pp. 2597-2627, DOI: 10.1007/s10531-016-1204-9.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, OUC (2017-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Environmental Conservation and Management" (2010-2016).
- Member of the Quality Assurance Committee, OUC (2017-present).
- Chairman of the OUC Research Committee (2014-2017).
- Co-Chairman of Ecosystem Services Partnership Chapter for Cyprus.
- Member of the National Committee for the Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services.
- Head of OUC's Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab (temlab.ouc.ac.cy).

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Waste minimization monitoring and evaluation, EMAS, ISO 14001
- Strategic planning development, zero waste approach, waste prevention, social behaviour
- City metabolism, Circular economy and Industrial Symbiosis
- Bio economy, Strategy Development, Blue economy
- Sustainable development programs
- 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, bio solids up on sustainable way
- 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. Antonis Zorpas is a Chemical Engineer with a Ph.D. in Environmental Management and Engineering. He is actively engaged with several Universities and Research Institutes in Europe. He is Assistant Professor at Open University of Cyprus (Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences) and the Head of the Lab of Chemical Engineering and Engineering Sustainability. He is also the Academic Coordinator of the postgraduate programme on "Environmental Conservation and Management" of Open University of Cyprus.

He has more than 350 publications (including editor in scientific books, contribution in books, papers in scientific journals and international conferences). For more than 20 years, he was acting as Consulting Engineer on behalf of several industrial activities, government and local authorities. He was from 2013 to 2019 the Chair of the Cyprus Environmental Scientists and Engineers Association and is an active member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Office of the Cyprus Commissioner for the Environment (since 2013).

Dr. Zorpas sat (2016-2019) on the Board of Experts of EURASHE (European Association of Institutions in Higher Education) in Brussels and he is a Scientific Cooperator with DG Environment of the EU. In 2010 he received an honorary distinction for his long-standing contribution to the environmental issues of Cyprus by the President of the Republic of Cyprus.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Antoniou, N., Zorpas, A.A. (2019), "Quality Protocol Development to define End-of-Waste Criteria for Tire Pyrolysis Oil in the framework of Circular Economy Strategy", *Waste Management*, 95, pp. 161-170, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wasman.2019.05.035>.
- Symeonides, D., Loizia, P., Zorpas, A.A. (2019), "Tires Waste Management System in Cyprus in the framework of Circular Economy Strategy", *Journal of Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11356-019-05131-z>.
- Bennici, S., Jeguirim, M., Limousy, L., Haddad, K., Vaulot, C., Michelin, L., Josien, L., Zorpas, A.A. (2018), "Influence of CO2 concentration and inorganic species on the gasification of lignocellulosic biomass derived chars", *Waste Biomass Valorization*, pp. 1-8, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12649-019-00658-1>.
- Loizia, P., Neofytou, N., Zorpas, A.A. (2018), "The concept of circular economy in food waste management for the optimization of energy production through UASB reactor", *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11356-018-3519-4>.
- Zorpas, A.A., Voukkali, I., Navarro, J. (2018), "Tourist area metabolism and its potential to change through a Proposed Strategic Plan in the framework of Sustainable Development", *Journal of Cleaner Production*, Vol. 172, pp. 3609-3620, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2017.02.119>.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-present).
- Head of OUC's Lab on Chemical Engineering & Engineering Sustainability.
- Chairman of the Cyprus Environmental Scientists and Engineers Association (2013-2019).
- Member of Technical Committees of the Technical Chamber of Cyprus: Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering (2018-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Environmental Conservation and Management" (2016-present).

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Applied Econometrics
- Time Series (Modelling and Forecasting)

## SHORT VITA

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

She has published extensively in academic journals such as *Econometric Theory*, *Empirical Economics*, *Review of International Economics*, *Economics Letters*, *Journal of International Financial Markets Institutions and Money*, *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.

She is a referee in academic journals, and she has supervised a number of PhD theses and a large number of MSc and undergraduate theses.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Christou, C., Gupta, R., Nyakabawo, W. (2019), "Time-Varying Impact of Uncertainty Shocks on the US Housing Market", *Economics Letters*, 180, pp. 15-20.
- Christou, C., Gupta, R., Hassapis, C., Suleman, T. (2018), "The Role Economic Uncertainty in Forecasting Exchange Rates Returns and Volatility: Evidence from Quantile Predictive Regressions", *Journal of Forecasting*, 37, pp. 705-719.
- Apergis, N., Bouras, C, Christou, C., Hassapis, C. (2018), "Multi-horizon wealth effects across the G7 economies", *Economic Modelling*, 72, pp. 165-176.
- Apergis, N., Christou, C., Gupta, R. (2017), "Are there Environmental Kuznets Curves for US State-Level CO2 Emissions?", *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 69, pp. 551-558.
- Antonakakis, N., Christou, C., Cunado, J., Gupta, R. (2017), "Convergence Patterns in Sovereign Bond Yield Spreads: Evidence from the Euro Area", *Journal of International Financial Markets Institutions and Money*, 49, pp. 129-139.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Economics" and the MBA offered in both Greek and English.
- Member of the Research Committee, OUC.

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Economic inequality
- Income mobility
- Labor Economics
- Labor market institutions and policies

## SHORT VITA

Previous to joining the Open University of Cyprus in June 2018, Dr. Duval Hernandez 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 Prof. 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 Prof. Duval Hernandez 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 Affiliate (Germany) and an External Affiliate at CIDE (Mexico).

The research of Dr. Duval Hernandez 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. Additionally, he has studied to what extent the institutions and labor policies adopted in Europe are responsible for the higher levels of unemployment and the lower inequality observed relative to the United States. Finally, Dr. Duval Hernandez is currently studying segmentation in informal labor markets in developing countries using new data and econometric methods.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Duval Hernandez, R., Fields, G. and Jakubson, G. (2017), "Cross-Sectional Versus Panel Income Approaches: Analyzing Income Distribution Changes for the Case of Mexico", *The Review of Income and Wealth*, 63(4), pp. 685-705.
- Duval Hernandez, R., Fields, G., Freije, S. and Sánchez -Puerta, M.L. (2015), "Earnings mobility, inequality, and economic growth in Argentina, Mexico, and Venezuela", *The Journal of Economic Inequality*, 13:103-128. (reprinted as Ch. 14 in *Employment and Development: How Work Can Lead From and Into Poverty* (IZA Prize in Labor Economics), 2019 by Gary S. Fields (Author), Janneke Pieters (Editor), Oxford University Press.
- Duval Hernandez, R. and Orraca, P. (2011), "Análisis por cohortes de la participación laboral en México (1987-2009)" (A cohort analysis of labor participation in Mexico, 1987-2009), *El Trimestre Económico*, Vol. LXXVIII(2), pp. 343-375.
- Duval Hernandez, R., Fields, G., Freije, S. and Sánchez-Puerta, M.L. (2007), "Intragenerational Income Mobility in Latin America", *Economía, the Journal of LACEA*, Spring vol. 7(2), pp. 101-143.
- Duval Hernandez, R. (2012), "Mercados Laborales, Informalidad y Universalidad" (Labor Markets, Informality, and Universality), In *Seguridad social universal. Retos para su implementación en México*, Fausto Hernández Trillo (ed.), Mexico, CIDE.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Management, Technology and Quality" (2018-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Banking and Finance" (2018-present).
- Chair and Member of the Student Disciplinary Committee, OUC (2018-present).
- Research Affiliate at IZA Institute of Labor Economics (Germany).
- External Affiliate at Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, CIDE (Mexico).



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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- **Company & Commercial Law:** International Economic Law -WTO. Corporate structures and tax structures in light of the shift to stricter regulation, reporting and supervision: CRS Rules, Savings Directive, New AML Directive, New GRPD, DAC6, Brussels I Recast Regulation & Reverse Harmonisation effect of EU law. Cross-border corporate litigation: company assets during/ aftermath of contentious litigation, corporate fraud, Abyazov litigation.
- **Investment Arbitration, Banking & EU Institutions:** Cyprus bail-in, critique of judicial decisions. Central Bank instrumental role in Bail-in /reckless supervision. Banking and financial crisis in Europe and challenges to institutional framework. International Investment Arbitration: ICSID ARB/15/49 Adamakopoulos v. Cyprus.
- **Cyprus Trust Law & Equity:** Cyprus Trust law comparative analysis, Cyprus-English law, Trusts law & Equity (in English & Greek).

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Chrysthia Papacleovoulou is a Lecturer of Commercial Law at Open University Cyprus. She has her LLB-Law from King's College University of London, LLM in Anglo-American Law with Commendation from City University London, and her Ph.D. thesis entitled "the Emerging Global Corporation" from University of London, London Birkbeck College, with Scholarship.

She is an Honorary Fellow of the Association of Fellows & Legal Scholars of the Centre of International Legal Studies. She is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). As of her appointment as Lecturer of Commercial Law, she practices law only on cases with academic interest and specially on cross-border litigation involving corporate entities.

She has taught, inter alia, business law, trust law, company law, tax law, international commercial arbitration and international economic law at private universities in Cyprus and business law at the University of Cyprus. Dr. Papacleovoulou's specialisation is on business law and she has given expert legal opinions before the High Court of London and International Arbitration Tribunals.

Her research interests are focused on company law, cross-border disputes and the use of tax and corporate structures, trust law and international commercial arbitration with emphasis on Bilateral Investment Treaties Arbitration. She has presented papers at local and international conferences, and has published in international journals and book sections.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- "Cyprus Transfer Pricing", book section in *Transfer Pricing: a Global Guide from Practical Law*, (2017) 2nd Edition, pp. 179-198, Publishers Thomson Reuters.
- "Lifting or Piercing the Corporate Veil in Cyprus: A Doctrine under Challenge- An Analysis of English and Cyprus Case Law"(2016), *International Company and Commercial Law Review*, 27(4), pp. 129-137.
- "Cyprus Tax Litigation", book section in *Tax Litigation: a Global Guide from Practical Law* (2016), 2nd edition, pp. 113-134, Publishers Thomson Reuters.
- "Arbitration and the steps for the enforcement and execution of a British Chamber of Arbitration award in Cyprus" (2015), book section in *Comparative Law Yearbook of International Business*, Vol. 37, Editor Dennis Campbell of the Centre for International Studies, pp. 241-279, Publishers Kluwer Law International.
- "Cyprus Transfer Pricing & Tax Avoidance", book section in *Transfer Pricing & Tax Avoidance: Jurisdictional Comparisons, European Lawyer Reference*, 1st Edition, pp. 135-154, Publishers Thomson Reuters.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

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

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Educational Development and Planning
- Effective Educational Leadership for Effective Schools
- Decision Making Process
- Educational Program and Staff Evaluation

## SHORT VITA

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

Dr. Pashiardis is a member of the editorial boards and reviewer of numerous scientific journals, i.e. *Educational Management, Administration and Leadership, International Studies in Educational Administration, Leadership and Policy in Schools* and *International Journal of Educational Management*. He is an external evaluator of PhD thesis of students in the UK, Australia, India and South Africa.

He published more than 100 scientific papers in English and Greek peer reviewed scientific journals and is the author of a number of books published in both languages. 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 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.

Some of his main publications are: "*International Handbook on the Preparation and Development of School Leaders*" as co-author with Jacky Lumby and Professor Gary Crow; "*Modeling School Leadership Across Europe: In Search of New Frontiers*" by Springer in 2014; "*Successful School Leadership: International Perspectives*" co-author Olof Johansson by Bloomsbury Publications in 2016.

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Brauckmann, S. and Pashiardis, P. (2019). "El hacer y la formación de líderes educativos en un mundo glocalizado: de la convergencia a la divergencia (The Making and Shaping of Educational Leaders in a Glocalized World: From Convergence to Divergence)", In Díaz Delgado, Miguel Ángel, and Veloso Rodríguez, Ariadna (eds.), *Modelos de investigación en liderazgo educativo, una revisión internacional (Research models in Educational Leadership, an International Review)* (pp. 47-82). Ciudad de México, México: Instituto de Investigaciones sobre la Universidad y la Educación, Centro Cultural Universitario, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. (in Spanish).
- Pashiardi, G. and Pashiardis, P. (2019). "Teachers' Training in Cyprus: Past, Present and Future Issues", In K. G. Karras & C. C. Wolhuter (eds.) *International handbook of teacher education: Revised and Augmented Edition*, (pp. 385-397). Nicosia, Cyprus: HM Studies and Publishing.
- Pashiardis, P. & Brauckmann S. (2019). "New Public Management in Education: A Call for the Edupreneurial Leader?", *Leadership and Policy in Schools*, 18(3), pp. 485-499. DOI: 10.1080/15700763.2018.1475575.
- Pashiardis, P. (2014) (ed.), "*Modelling School Leadership Across Europe: In Search of New Frontiers*". Dordrecht, Heidelberg, New York, London: Springer.
- Pashiardis, P. and Johansson, O. (2016) (eds.), "*Successful School Leadership: International Perspectives*". London, Oxford, New York, New Delhi, Sydney: Bloomsbury.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management, OUC (June 2017-January 2019 & Sept. 2019-present).
- Chairman (2011-2013) and Deputy Chairman (2010-2011) of the OUC Research Committee.
- Chairman of the OUC Studies Committee (Sept. 2016-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Educational Studies" (2007-2009, 2011-2013, 2016-2017), and of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Police Studies" (April 2015-January 2019).
- Chairman of the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management (2004-2008).
- Deputy Chairman of the Cyprus Council of the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications (2014-2018).

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Medical Statistics
- Statistical methods for Health Management
- Statistics for Management
- Decision Making under Uncertainty
- Computational Statistics
- Research Methodology for Social and Health Sciences
- Economic Evaluation and Health Technology Assessment
- Health Economics

## SHORT VITA

Dr. Talias studied at:

- University College London, London University, UK – Ph.D. in Statistics
- University of Southampton, Southampton, UK – M.Sc. in Social Statistics
- The London School of Economics, London University, UK - B.Sc. in Actuarial Science.

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

- Lamnisis, D., Middleton, N., Kyprianou, N., Talias, M. (2019), "Geodemographic Area Classification and Association with Mortality: An Ecological Study of Small Areas of Cyprus", *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 16(16), 2927.
- Papamichael, E., Ioannou, M., Talias, M. (2018), "EMPATHIC-N in a Greek-Cypriot sample: confirming its factorial structure", *BMC Health Services Research*, 18(1), 968.
- Tzamalīs, A., Chionos, G., Brazitikos, P., Tsinopoulos, I., Dimitrakos, S., Talias, M. (2018), "Comparing hospital compensation to actual costs based on the Greek Diagnosis-Related Group system in ophthalmology", *International Journal of Evidence-based Healthcare*, 16(3), pp. 167-173.
- Charalambous, M., Konstantinos, M., Talias, M. (2017), "Data on motivational factors of the medical and nursing staff of a Greek Public Regional General Hospital during the economic crisis", *Data in Brief*, 11, pp. 371-381.
- Karamitri, I., Bellali, T., Talias, M. (2017), "Knowledge management practices in healthcare settings: a systematic review", *The International Journal of Health Planning and Management*, 32(1), pp. 4-18.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Healthcare Management" (2010-present).
- Member of the Quality Assurance Committee, OUC (2018-present).
- Member of the Library, Educational Material and Informatics Committee, OUC (2018-present).

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## MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- European Union Law
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