

# Curriculum Vitae

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## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

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Jan.1988-Jan.1993 **The London School of Economics and Political Science**

**Ph.D. (Social and Political Theory)**

Supervisors: Prof. N. Mouzelis, Prof. P. Hirst (Birkbeck College)

Oct.1988-May 89 **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales  
(Paris)**

Associate student under C. Castoriadis  
(attended seminars by C. Castoriadis, J.Derrida,  
C. Lefort, A. Touraine and M. Godelier)

Oct.1986-Sept.87 **The London School of Economics and Political Science**

**M.Sc. (Sociology)**

Oct.1985-June 86 **The London School of Economics and Political Science**

**Graduate Diploma in Economics**

(Holder of a Greek State Scholarship between 1986-1991)

Oct.1979- Feb. 85 **National Technical University of Athens**

**M. Eng. (Chemical)**

(five years' study plus dissertation)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- Sept. 2004 - present     **Senior Lecturer**  
**Department of Social Policy**  
(also teaching at the **Department of Political Science and History**)  
**Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**
- Sept. 2015- present     **Associate Lecturer**  
**Postgraduate Programme in Southeast European Studies (in English)**  
**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**
- Sept. 2001 – present     **Associate Lecturer**  
**Hellenic Open University**  
**(Program: Studies in the European Civilisation)**
- Sept. 2012 – Dec. 2012   **Visiting Senior Lecturer**  
**Department of Social and Political Sciences**  
**University of Cyprus**
- Oct. 2010 – Dec. 2010     **Senior Visiting Fellow**  
**The Hellenic Observatory**  
**The London School of Economics and Political Science**
- Sept. 2001 – Sept. 2004   **Senior Lecturer**  
**Department of Social Policy and Social Anthropology**  
**Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**
- Sep. 1995 – Aug. 2001     **Lecturer**  
**Department of Sociology**  
**University of Crete**
- Oct. 1991 – June 1994     **Tutor**  
**Department of Sociology**  
**The London School of Economics and Political Science**

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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### **Panteion University**

- Vice President of the Department's research centre, KEKMOKOP (June 2014 – present)
- Member of the Board for Undergraduate Studies (2002 – present)
- Member of the Committee for restructuring the program of undergraduate studies (2002-2004)
- Member of the Board for Graduate Studies (2004-2007)

Member of the University Library Committee (2004 – present)

### **Hellenic Open University**

Coordinator of two courses in the program ‘Studies in the European Civilization’

### **Greek State Scholarships Foundation**

Member of the examining board for the scholarships on ‘Sociological Theory’ and ‘Sociology and Social Policy’.

Supervision of awarded scholarship holders (the Foundation awards scholarships for study in universities abroad).

## FUNDING

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*Contemporary social problems and social policy services* (a collaboration of five social science departments from three different universities. May 2014 – present)). EU funding through the Ministry of Education. Scientific and Administrative Coordinator

*Reorganisation of the Undergraduate Curriculum* (Department of Social Policy and Social Anthropology 2002 -2004, Department of Social Policy 2004 -2007) EU funding through the Ministry of Education. Member of the Steering Committee.

*Social conditions and infrastructures in the municipality of Tyrnavos*, (2012, funding from the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change). Researcher.

*Social conditions and infrastructures in the Ionian Islands* (2013, funding from the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change). Researcher.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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### *Guiding line:*

- Processes of emergence and reproduction of the ‘social self’ (classical/modern social and political theory and psychoanalysis),

### *Directly Related:*

- Theorisation of social and political action: the limits of autonomy and the question of power
- The conceptualisation of ‘social structure’ and of ‘society’
- The theorisation of the self and the biological level

Also:

- ‘Sustainability’ and society
- The conceptualisation of the self in Western thought
- Theoretical issues in social policy
- Capitalism and the current crisis
- Greece

## MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITY

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Member of the *British Sociological Association*, the *European Sociological Association*, the *International Sociological Association*. Founding member of the *Hellenic Sociological Society* and member of its steering committee (2007-2014). Member of the *Hellenic Political Science Association*.

Member of the International Advisory board of the *European Journal of Social Theory* (2000-2008),  
Review Editor in Sociological Theory, *Frontiers in Sociology* (e-journal) (2016- )

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of *Sociological Theory* (in Greek). Reviewer for the *European Journal of Social Theory*, *Journal for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society*, *Hellenic Review of Political Science* and a number of other journals in Greek.

## PUBLICATIONS

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K. Leledakis, T. Goumas & J. -E. Samouilidis, ‘Soft energy sources in regional energy systems: the case of the Cyclades’, *Energy*, Vol. 12, No. 12, 1987.

*Society and psyche*, Berg Publishers, Oxford, 1995.

*Toplum ve bilinçdışı* (Society and the unconscious). Ayrinti Yayınları, İstanbul, 2000.  
[Turkish translation of the above with a new introduction]

‘The notion of materiality in Marx and its contemporary significance’ in the volume *Marxism: A Reevaluation* Athens, 1997 (in Greek).

‘Rationality and history in Max Weber’ in N. Tatsis (ed.) *Max Weber: contemporary readings*, Athens, Odysseys, 1998. (in Greek).

‘Society, subjectivity and modernity in Habermas’, *Axiologika 11-12, June 1998* (in Greek)  
also in I. Lambiri Dimaki, *Sociology in Greece Today*, Vol. 3, Athens, Papazisis, 2001

‘Nikos Poulantzas’, ‘Cornelius Castoriadis’ entries in *The Greeks of the World*, Apopsi, Athens 1997 (in Greek and in English). New edition 2007.

‘An Appreciation of Cornelius Castoriadis (1922-1997): Theorist of autonomy and openness’, *European Journal of Social Theory*, Vol. 2, No 1, Feb. 1999.

‘Psychoanalysis and the Cartesian subject’ in *Politics of rationality: Ten studies on Descartes*, Exantas, Athens, 1999 (in Greek).

‘Derrida, deconstruction and social theory’, *European Journal of Social Theory*, Vol. 3, No 2, May 2000.

‘Subjectivity and the limits of autonomy’ in Th. Lipowatz, V. Romanos (eds), *The Subject in modernity*, Athens, Nissos, 2002 (in Greek).

Entry ‘S. Freud’, in G. Ritzer (ed), *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*, London, Sage, 2004.

‘Values, social action and the construction of the self’, in *Crennas e Valores no Teoria Sociologica*, (Values and Beliefs in Sociological Theory), Rio de Janeiro, 2004.

‘The Logic of practice’: A theory of social construction of the subject, of social action and of social reproduction’ postscript in the Greek translation of P. Bourdieu, *Le Sens Pratique*, Alexandria, Athens, 2006 (in Greek).

‘The psychoanalytic theory of the psyche as a theory of the social subject’, *Ek ton Ysteron*, Nov. 2006 (in Greek).

‘P. Bourdieu’s theory of society and modernity’ in S. Koniordos (ed.) *Modernity and contemporary social theory*, Athens, Gutenberg, 2010 (in Greek)

*C. Castoriadis’ social theory: insights and critique* (ed), Peter Lang, Hamburg, forthcoming.  
[Contributors: J. Arnason, P. Wagner, H. Wolf, A. Pechriggl, K. Psychopedis, K. Leledakis, V. Romanos, G. Stavrakakis.]

‘Introduction: C. Castoriadis and social theory’ και ‘Castoriadis on society and on the psyche’ in the above volume.

‘The timelessness of ‘The structure of social action’’, postscript in the Greek translation of T. Parsons, *The structure of social action*, Athens, Papazisis, 2016 (in Greek)

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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Books at an advanced stage of preparation:

*Psyche, subject, agency: psychoanalysis and politics*  
(Chapters: Modernity and the individual / Psychoanalysis: a theory of the subject/ The psyche is social/ The subject never is/ The significance of the present/ The subject of politics)

*The Specificity of human society*  
(Parts: Society and biology/ Conceptualising ‘social ‘structures’/ Social change: indeterminacy and autonomy)

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Sep. 2015- present)**

**Postgraduate Programme in Southeast European Studies** (taught in English)

**Graduate course:** Greek politics: crisis and change

**Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**

**Department of Social Policy (Sep. 2004 – present)**

**Undergraduate courses:** Classical Social theory, Modern Social theory, The Individual and Society

**Graduate Courses:** Epistemology of the Social Sciences and Methods, Social Theory and Social Policy

**Department of Political Science and History (Sep. 2007-present)**

**Graduate course:** The Social Subject and Social Action

**Department of Social Policy and Social Anthropology (Sep. 2001 – July 2004)**

**Undergraduate courses:** Introduction to Sociological Theory, Modern Sociological Theory, Epistemology of the Social Sciences, The Individual and Society.

**Graduate courses:** Theoretical Approaches to Social Change, Epistemology of the Social Sciences.

**Hellenic Open University (Sep. 2001 –present)**

**Undergraduate courses:** Sciences of Man and Nature in Europe, Social and Economic History of Europe, Developments in European Civilisation in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Sept. 1996- July 1998)**

**Undergraduate courses:** Discourse and Ideology, Classical Sociological Theories

**University of Crete (Sep. 1995- July 2001)**

**Undergraduate courses:** History of Sociological Theory, Modern Social Theory I, Modern Social Theory II, Topics in Modern Social Theory, Biology, Psyche and Society: Continuities and Discontinuities, Society and Psyche.

## **The London School of Economics and Political Science (Sep. 1991- June 1994)**

**Undergraduate courses:** Principles of Sociology, Sociological Theory (teaching part of the course)

### THESIS SUPERVISION

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Currently supervising two Ph.D. theses

‘European Identity in Greece: Relation to National Identity, Mechanisms of Formation, Prospects’

‘The social subject in the theory of P. Bourdieu and the integration of immigrants in host countries: the case of Albanian immigrants in Greece’

Member of the (three-person) committee for a completed thesis (‘Rituals of Contemporary Urban Nomadism: Psytrance Acts as Heterotopical Performances’ - in collaboration with the Department of Social Anthropology)

Supervision of a number of Master’s theses (Department of Social Policy, Department of Social Anthropology, Department of Political Science and History, Panteion University and Postgraduate programme in Southeast European Studies, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

### SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (NOT PUBLISHED)

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*Rethinking the Social*, ESRC Seminar on ‘Social Theory and Major Social Transformations’, University of Sussex, 19-20 June 1998. Invited Speaker. Paper presented: ‘*On the Openness of the Social*’.

*Social and Political Thought Seminar Series*, Social Theory Centre, University of Warwick. May 1999. Invited speaker. Paper presented: ‘*Derrida and Social Theory*’.

*Social Theory and the Work of C. Castoriadis*. International conference, University of Crete. 29-30 September 2000. Paper presented: ‘*Autonomy and Determination: On Castoriadis’ Theory of the Subject*’

*Centre for Theoretical Studies*, University of Essex. November 2000. Invited Speaker. Paper presented: ‘*Castoriadis and the Theory of the Social*’.

*International Social Theory Conference*, University of Sussex, 5-7 July 2001. Paper presented: ‘*Desire and the Subject of Autonomy*’.

*European Social Theory: Sources and Challenges*, Research Network on Social Theory - *European Sociological Association*, *Russian Academy of Sciences* – Institute of Socio-Political Studies, Moscow September 2002. Paper presented: ‘*The Biological and the Social: An Alternative View*’

*Morality and ideology: Durkheim and the Durkheimians on Religion*. International conference, University of Crete. 9-11 Dec. 2003. Paper presented: ‘*Durkheim’s ‘Social Representations’: From the Individual to the Social and Back*’.

*Values and Beliefs*, International conference of the Research Committee on Sociological Theory - *International Sociological Association*), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2004. Paper presented: '*Values and the Construction of the Self*'.

*On Emotions: History, Politics, Representations*. International conference, Athens 18-20 May 2007. Paper presented: '*From Emotions to the Social Subject*' (in Greek)

*Social Inequalities and Education*. Conference organised by the University of Thrace. Alexandroupoli, 28-10 Mars 2008. Invited speaker. Paper presented: '*Inequalities, Classes, Education: the terms of a discussion*' (in Greek)

*Sociology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Theoretical and Critical Perspectives*. International conference, University of Crete, Crete, 5-7 June 2008. Invited speaker. Paper presented: '*Towards a Theory of Social Subjectivity and Social Action*'.

*Europe since 1989: Interpreting Social Change*. International conference organised by the European Journal of Social Theory, Centre for Social and Political Thought, University of Sussex, Brighton, 19-21 June 2008. Paper presented: '*Social Structure, Subjectivity and Closure*'.

*Social Theory and the Sociological Discipline(s)* International conference organised by the Theory section of the European sociological Association. (ESA Social Theory Conference). Innsbruck University, Austria, 11-13 September 2008. Paper presented: '*Psychoanalysis and a theory of Social Action*'.

1<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Sociological Society, Athens 16-17 Jan. 2009. Paper presented '*On the very Notion of Society*' (in Greek).

*Conceptualising Evil*, Interdisciplinary conference, Panteion University. Invited speaker. 16-18 Dec. 2010. Paper presented: '*Society as a Moral Order: Subject, Norms, Determinism*'. (in Greek)

*The Uncanny and Urban Experience*. Workshop organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Crete, 13-15 May 2011. Invited speaker. Paper presented: '*Psychoanalysis and the Construction of the Subject: Critical Points*' (in Greek).

*Greek Society 1975-2010* Conference organised by the Hellenic Sociological Society, Athens, 3-5 Nov. 2011. Paper presented: '*Society, Economy, Social Action: the Case of the Greek Crisis*' (in Greek).

*Cultures and Civilization in the Contemporary World*, International Sociological Association Research Committee 16 Midterm Conference, Trento, 27-19 June 2012. Paper presented: '*Culture, Identity Formation and Identifications*'.

*Crisis and Critique*, Social Theory Conference, European Sociological Association (Research Network 29), Athens, Sept. 6-8, 2012. Paper presented: '*Utility maximization, embedded identities and social action: The case of the current economic crisis*'.

*Close but Unkown Neighbors: Balkan Sociological Perspectives*. (*Balkan Sociological Forum Annual Conference*) Sofia, Bulgaria, 9-10 Nov. 2012. Paper presented: '*Identities, Economic Crisis and Social Reproduction: The Case of Greece*'

*Social Identities and Social Cohesion: Challenges and Prospects*, Hellenic Sociological Association, Athens, 12-14 Dec. 2013. Paper presented: '*The crisis and the limits of economic approaches: From Marx to Weber and from Weber to us*'



*Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology* (XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology), Yokohama, Japan, 13-19 July 2014. Papers accepted: *'The Foundational Possibility of Critique: Modernity and the Ideal of Autonomy'* and *'Identities, Social Cohesion and the Economic Crisis: The case of Greece'* (the papers were not presented due to lack of funds to attend the conference)

*New School for Social Research, Department of Politics*, New York, 9 March 2015. Invited lecture: *'(On) the subject of political action'*.

*Columbia University, Program in Hellenic Studies*, New York, 10 March 2015, Invited Lecture: *The economic crisis and subjectivities: The significance of the Greek case.*

*G. Deleuze & F. Guattari: Refrains of freedom*, International Conference, Athens, Greece, 24-26 April, 2015. Paper presented: *'The locus of desire'*.

*Seminar on the theory and epistemology of the social sciences*, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, invited lecture, 22 October 2015: *'From 'autonomy' to the constitution of the political subject'*

*Greek society at the crossroads of the crisis -six years after*, Hellenic Sociological Association, Athens, 10-12 December, 2015. Paper presented: *'The subject of political action'*.

## CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

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*Social Theory and the Work of C. Castoriadis*. International conference, University of Crete. 29-30 September 2000. Principal organiser.

*Social Policy in a Changing environment: challenges and perspectives*. International conference. Athens 25-26 May 2006. Member of the organising committee.

Series of international lectures. Department of Social Policy, Panteion University, Academic year 2005-06. Member of the organising committee.

*Risk Society: Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. International Conference. Athens, 5-7 Nov. 2010. Member of the organising committee.

*Greek Society 1975-2010*. Hellenic Sociological Society, Athens, 3-5 Nov. 2011. Member of the organising committee.

*Social Identities and Social Cohesion: Challenges and Prospects*, Hellenic Sociological Association, Athens, 12-14 Dec. 2013. Member of the organising committee.

*Crise(s) et mondes du travail*, International Conference, Journées Internationales de Sociologie du Travail (JIST), Athens, May 2016. Member of the organising committee.

## LANGUAGES

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Greek (mother language)

English (fluent)

French (fluent)