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Open University of Cyprus (OUC)

Open University of Cyprus is a **public Higher Education Institution**, operating under the effective control of the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus. Established in 2002, OUC 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**; allowing students to learn and expand their horizons, challenging and inspiring them to think beyond contemporary books, encouraging their potential to build successful careers in today's competitive international environment.

OUC's philosophy is simple: there is no "one size fits all" approach to higher education. Open University of Cyprus places students at the heart of education and opens up a new world of opportunities with the right combination of effective use of educational technology and academic support and human intervention for an inspiring e-learning environment, upholding high academic standards. With high quality programmes offered by its **three Faculties – Humanities and Social Sciences, Pure and Applied Sciences, Economics and Management** - OUC a) equips students with broad and specialized knowledge and 21st century transferable skills, b) stimulates personalized, active learning, supported by quality teaching with expert academic staff, and, multi-format learning material and methods, c) supports students to become specialists in their chosen field, irrespective of age, time, location or life circumstances and meet their personal or professional aspirations.

OUC has no borders. More than 60% of its student community is located outside Cyprus. Moreover, OUC collaborates and fosters strong and mutually beneficial partnerships with universities and research centers both in Cyprus and abroad, aiming to achieve long-term cooperation in educational and research programmes, joint and/or double degrees, and to promote the mobility of its students and staff, to accomplish its **vision to become a renowned and inspiring regional higher education institution**.

Indication of the University's rapid expansion is also evident in its research standing and reputation. Despite being a relatively young university, OUC is increasingly cementing its position as a quality research institution, with awarded research projects, national and international research teams, and steadily increasing external research funding.

Research at OUC

Research at the Open University of Cyprus is wide-ranging and interdisciplinary, and includes both individual projects of its academic and research staff, as well as collaborative efforts that involve local and international universities, research centers and institutions.

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

- arts, theatre, history, and archeology,
- communications, journalism and social information systems,
- educational sciences and lifelong learning
- literature and linguistics,
- healthcare policy and administration, and health economics,
- business administration, economics and management,
- educational technology, eLearning,
- environment, ecology and climate change,
- information and communication technologies, artificial intelligence,
- telecommunications.

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, COST, and CULTURE**.

In addition to independent research, OUC four (4) research labs support collaborative research and engage faculty and students from across the University:

- Computational Cognition Lab
- Educational Technology Lab
- Telecommunication Systems Research Lab
- Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab

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.



<http://www.ouc.ac.cy/web/quest/research>



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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.

Telecommunication Systems Research Lab

The Telecommunication Systems Research Laboratory (TSRL) mission is to investigate state of the art research areas in wireless communications and to support teaching activities at OUC. Researchers of TSRL have extensive research expertise in the areas related to Radio Network Planning, Terrestrial and Satellite Communications, MIMO Communications, Image Processing for Telecom applications, Localization/Positioning, UWB Communications, RF/Antenna design and large scale Telecommunication network modeling.

Computational Cognition Lab

<http://cognition.ouc.ac.cy/cclab/>

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

Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab

<http://www.ouc.ac.cy/web/guest/research/labs/temlab>

Work in TemLab is based on traditional approaches to ecosystem management coupled with landscape ecology principles, namely the importance of spatial configuration of ecological processes, and the emphasis on larger spatial extents. TemLab research revolves around three pillars that intertwine: a) Mediterranean Ecosystems with emphasis on islands and mountains, b) Landscape based approach to conservation, c) Spatial Analysis for species and habitats modeling, and ecosystem services.

Academia - Industry Liaison Office

Embracing the idea to encourage a more structured, result-driven cooperation ventures with the business world, Open University of Cyprus is operating an Academia – Industry Liaison Office. Its mission is to a) promote entrepreneurship and innovation, b) support students and graduates in developing transversal skills and improving their employability, and c) establish mutually beneficial links and synergies with sectors of the economy.

More specifically, OUC Liaison Office:

- 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.

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Mobility Office

The Erasmus+ Programme is an essential tool for the internationalization strategy of Open University of Cyprus. OUC's main aim is to strengthen cooperation with other universities and organizations that participate in the 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 the OUC.

As of 2016, Open University of Cyprus also participates in the Erasmus+ International Mobility programme, which funds short-term student and staff mobility between European and Partner Countries based on inter-institutional agreements.

OUC's Mobility Office, operating under the International Relations, Development and Communications Unit, is responsible for the organization and management of the Erasmus+ mobility activities.

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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. The Dodecanese and the Aegean Islands in Late Antiquity, AD 300-700. Oxford Monographs in Classical Archaeology, Oxford University Press, 2016, 320 pp., 185 illus.
2. «Religious viewing of sculptural images of gods in the world of late antiquity: from Dio Chrysostom to Damaskios», Journal of Late Antiquity 8.1 (2015), 168-194.
3. «Pagans, Christians and Jews in the Aegean Islands: The Christianization of an Island Landscape» in A. Busine (ed.), Religious Practices and Christianization of the Late Antique City IV-VII c. Religions of the Graeco-Roman World 182, Leiden 2015, 188-205.

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

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

SHORT VITA

Dr. Deligiannakis holds a PhD from the University of Oxford, UK (2007) in the History and Archaeology of South-Eastern Aegean Islands in late antiquity.

His research interests include a variety of topics related to the history and archeology of the Eastern Mediterranean during the Roman and Late Roman period.

He has published numerous articles in the areas of Archeology, Greek epigraphy, social and economic history of the Late Roman and Byzantine world. Dr. Deligiannakis' latest book is titled "The Dodecanese and East Aegean Islands in Late Antiquity, AD 300-700", published by Oxford University Press in 2016. His research interests are now focusing on the history of Cyprus in Late Antiquity.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the International Relations Committee, OUC.
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- Adjunct Assistant Professor, The Cyprus Institute, STARC (2013-to date).



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. The Ashgate Research Companion to Byzantine Hagiography, vol. I: Periods and Places, vol. II: Genres and Contexts, Ashgate 2011, 2014.
2. Hagiography in Byzantium: Literature, Social History and Cult, Variorum Reprints, Ashgate 2011.
3. The Prosopography of Byzantine Lesbos (284–1355). A Contribution to the Social History of the Byzantine Province, Veröffentlichungen für Byzanzforschung XXII, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna 2010 (with Anthony Kaldellis).

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2010-2011, 2012-2015).
- Deputy Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences OUC (2016- to date).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC undergraduate programme «Studies in Hellenic Culture» (2007-2009, 2015-2017).

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Byzantine Literature
- Byzantine Prosopography
- 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 PhD thesis at the University of Oxford, UK. In his thesis, he dealt with the hagiography produced during the period of Iconoclasm, especially the Life of Patriarch St Tarasios (1998). He has published numerous articles on Byzantine hagiography, prosopography and historiography.

He was the editor of a two-volumes book entitled Ashgate Research Companion to Byzantine Hagiography (2011, 2014). Sixteen of his articles were reprinted at the distinguished series of Variorum Reprints. He also worked on the area of South Italy, Phocaea in Asia Minor, and Lesbos. Together with Anthony Kaldellis he published the Byzantine Prosopography of Lesbos.

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.



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Gravani, M. N. (2015) «Adult learning in a distance education context: theoretical and methodological challenges». *International Journal of Lifelong Education*, 34, 2, pp. 172-193. DOI: 10.1080/02601370.2014.982728.
2. Gravani, M. N. & Karagiorgi, Y. (2014) «Underpinning principles of adult learning in the face to face (f2f) meetings employed by distance-teaching universities». *Journal of Adult and Continuing Education*, 20, 1, pp.53-67, DOI 10.7227/JACE.20.1.4.
3. Zarifis, G. K., & Gravani, M. N. (Eds.) (2014) *Challenging the 'European area of lifelong learning' - A critical response* (319 pp). Springer: Dordrecht, The Netherlands [Lifelong Learning Book Series].

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the Steering Committee of the European Society for Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA).
- Member of the International Society for Comparative Adult Education.
- PASCAL International Observatory and Link Person to Cyprus Associate.
- Member of the Studies Committee, OUC.
- Chair of the Academic Council of the Postgraduate Programme «Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning», OUC.
- Academic Coordinator for the OUC of the Postgraduate Programmes: «Continuing and Lifelong Learning» and «International Masters in Adult Education for Social Change» (Erasmus Mundus).
- Partner and Member of the Academic Committee of the «International Masters in Adult Education for Social Change» (Erasmus Mundus).
- Member of the Ad hoc Scientific Committee of the Ministry of Education and Culture in Cyprus for the restructure of the Secondary Schools (2016).

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. Gravani is an Assistant Professor in Continuing Education/Adult Education, School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Academic Coordinator of the postgraduate Programmes in «Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning» and «International Masters in Adult Education for Social Change» (Erasmus Mundus).

She holds a PhD in Continuing Education (1999-2003) & MEd in Educational Management, Administration and Policy (1997-1998) from the Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol (UK) and holds a BA in Greek Philology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1992-1997).

Prior joining OUC she had worked as an Economic and Social Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow, Bristol University, UK (2003-2004); Tutor, Centre for the Advancement of Learning and Teaching, UCL, (2004-2005); Research Fellow, Bristol University (2004-2005); Postdoctoral Research Development Officer, School of Education, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland (2005-2006); Visiting Lecturer at the University of Peloponnese, Greece (2006-2008); Tutor, Hellenic Open University, (2005-2010); and General Secretariat for Lifelong Learning, Greece (2006-2008).



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Iordanidou, S. & Papadimitriou, S. (2016). «Communication Education and Digital Literacy: Exploring the Merging of the Field of Media and Communication with the Field of Education». Chapter at Kontakos A.Th. and Stamatis P.I. (Eds.), «Communication theories and Models in Education – Volume 2». Athens: Diadrasi Publication (in Greek – In print).
2. Iordanidou, S. & Tsene, L. (2014). «The Role of Distance Learning in Journalism: Preliminary Findings from Journalists' Perspectives». Media Studies, Vol.9 Pages.43-60.
3. Iordanidou, S. & Samaras, Ath. N. (2014). «Financial Crisis in the Cyprus Republic». Javnost-The Public, 21(4), 63-76.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme «Communication and New Journalism» (2011-to date).
- Chair of the Communication Committee, OUC.
- Chair of the Library, Education Material and Informatics Committee, OUC.
- Chair of the Board of “Advanced Media Institute, Applied Research in Communication and Journalism” .
- Editor of the Journal «Dimosiografia», The Greek Edition of the Columbia Journalism Review.

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Sociology of News
- Roles, Values and Ethics of Journalists in Cyprus and Greece.
- Political Rhetoric in Cyprus and Greece
- Digital Journalism and Social Media.
- Strategic Communication: Nation Branding & Place Branding.
- Images of Nations in News Media
- Communication Education and Media Literacy

SHORT VITA

Dr. Iordanidou's formal education is on Italian and English Language and Literature. She received a postgraduate degree in Comparative Literature and a Ph.D. titled “Pirandello in Greece” .

She has extensive work experience in Journalism and Strategic Communication. The volume of her academic research is: a) on the field of Journalism and Media Studies with a focus on the challenges pose to the journalistic profession by the digital era and social media and b) on the field of strategic communication.

She has recently concluded three 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” .

Currently she is conducting two research projects: “Developing Life Long Learning in a Field Undergoing a Paradigmatic Shift: The Role of Distance Learning Institutions and the Crisis of Journalism” and “Communication Education and Media Literature: Strategies, Contents and Effects” .



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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 Assistant Professor of Art History at Open University of Cyprus. She teaches at the BA programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" and the MA programme "Cultural Policy and Development". She was also a Lecturer at the University of Thessaly and University of Patras both in Greece, as well as at the Hellenic Open University.

Dr. Karaiskou focuses her research on the interactions between artworks and society. She participated in various international conferences and publishes her work in peer reviewed scientific journals.

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). Dr. Karaiskou has published 5 books in total.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Karaiskou, V. 2016. «Making visible the invisible: visibility, narrativity and victimhood in Greek Cypriot memorials». International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society. (in press).
2. 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.
3. Karaiskou, V. & Christiansen, A. (2014). «Aphrodite's Heirs: Beauty and Women's Suffering in Cypriot Public Sculpture». In Maria Ioannou and Maria Kyriakidou (eds.) Female Beauty in Art: History, Feminism, Women Artists. UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 126-179. (ISBN: 978-1-4438-5339-2).

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Faculty development initiatives in the capacity of A.J. Mellon Distinguished Visitor-in-Residence in the Fine Arts. Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN, United States (2014).
- Academic Coordinator of the BA Programme «Studies in Hellenic Culture», 2011-2013.
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC MA Programme «Cultural Policy and Development» (2015- 2016).
- Chairing the Academic Council of the OUC BA Programme «Studies in Hellenic Culture» (2012-2013) and member of the same Council (2013-2015).
- Member of the Academic Council of the OUC BA Programme «Studies in Hellenic Culture» (2013-2015).
- Chairing the Academic Council of the OUC MA Programme «Cultural Policy and Development» (2015-2016).
- Member of the Academic Council of the OUC MA Programme «Communication New Journalism» (2014-2015).
- Member of the Research Committee (2011-2013), of the International Relations Committee (2013-2014), and of the Library, Educational Material and Informatics Committee (2015-2017) of Open University of Cyprus.
- Chief Editor of the newsletter of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2010-2013).
- 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.
- Guest Editor for the special issue «Visual forms of power in the era of crisis», Journal of Critical Studies in Business & Society, 4(1), 2013.
- External evaluator of proposals applying for funding under the funding schemes of the Ministry of Culture, Greece (2011- to date).
- Member of the European Scientific Journal editorial team (2010- to date).



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. «The Fragments of Euripides' Oedipus: A Reconsideration». Transactions of the American Philological Association 144 (2014) 307-370.
2. A Commentary on the 'Rhesus' Attributed to Euripides (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).
3. «How to Make a Monostichos: Strategies of Variation in the Sententiae Menandri», Harvard Studies in Classical Philology 103 (2007) 261-298.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2015-to date).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme «Theatre Studies» (2011-2012 and 2015-2017).
- Chairman of the OUC International Relations Committee, (2011-2012).
- Chairman of the OUC Research Committee, (2012-2014).



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**MAIN RESEARCH AREAS**

- Ancient Greek Tragedy, mainly Sophocles and Euripides (esp. the spurious 'Rhesus')
- Reception of Greek Tragedy
- Archaic Lyric Poetry
- Wisdom Literature, esp. Menander's Sententiae
- Hellenistic Poetry

SHORT VITA

Dr. Liapis (born in 1972) studied Classics at the Universities of Athens (BA, 1990-1994) and Glasgow (PhD, 1994-1997). He has taught at the Universities of Cyprus, Montreal, Patras, and at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris as a Visiting Professor.

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 (Sententiae Menandri, Athens 2002; The Unknown God, Athens 2003; and A Commentary on the Rhesus Attributed to Euripides, Oxford 2012). He has also published extensively in leading academic journals (e.g. Harvard Studies in Classical Philology, Journal of Hellenic Studies, The Classical Quarterly, The Classical Review), as well as in edited volumes.

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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Jahna Otterbacher, Chee Siang Ang, Marina Litvak and David Atkins. (In press.) «Show me you care: Trait empathy, linguistic style and mimicry on Facebook». Association for Computing Machinery Transactions on Internet Technology (ACM TOIT).
2. Jahna Otterbacher. «Crowdsourcing stereotypes: Linguistic bias in metadata generated via GWAP». In Proceedings of the Association for Computing Machinery Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (ACM CHI 2015), Seoul, Korea, April 2015. ISBN: 978-1-4503-3145-6 Acceptance rate: 23%
3. Jahna Otterbacher. «Being heard in review communities: Communication tactics and review prominence». Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication, 16(3), 2011, Wiley.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme «Social Information Systems» (2014-today).
- Chairperson, Cyprus Chapter of the Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction (SIGCHI), Association for Computing Machinery (2015-today).

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Analysis and Modeling of Users' Behaviour
- Natural Language Processing
- Computer-mediated Communication (CMC)

SHORT VITA

Dr. Otterbacher holds a master in Statistics and PhD in Information from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (USA). She also holds a master in Applied Linguistics from Boston University.

Prior joining OUC in 2012, she worked as a Visiting Lecturer of Management Information Systems at the University of Cyprus (2006-2009) and an Assistant Professor at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago (2010-2012). 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.



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Authoring Performance. The Director in Contemporary Theatre. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.
2. «Mise en scène as Adaptation». Critical Stages No. 15 (December 2015). Special issue on adaptation. Patrice Pavis, editor. (The IATC Webjournal, invited contribution).
3. «Directing (for and) Across Cultures: The Adventures of And God Said through Greece, Turkey and Iran». Research in Drama Education: The Journal of Applied Theatre and Performance Vol. 20, No. 3 (20th anniversary issue).

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the Academic Council of the OUC MA Programme in Theatre Studies.
- Member of the Research Committee, OUC.

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Contemporary Theatre Practice
- Directing and Acting Theory
- Current Theories of Performance
- Contemporary Dramaturgy

SHORT VITA

Dr. Sidiropoulou is an Assistant Professor at the MA 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, such as Oxford Journals, Routledge, Methuen Bloomsbury, etc. Her monograph «Authoring Performance. The Director in Contemporary Theatre» was published by Palgrave Macmillan (2011). Currently she is writing a book on directing methodology (Routledge). 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 MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a CUNY- Martin E. Segal Theatre Center (USA) and at the University of Surrey and the University of Leeds in the UK. She was a Japan Foundation Research Fellow at Tokyo University (2015-6).



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1. Tsiplakou, S., S. Armosti, S. & D. Evripidou (2016) «Coherence 'in the mix'? Coherence in the face of language shift in Cypriot Greek». *Lingua* 172-173, 10-25.
2. Tsiplakou, S. (2014) «How mixed is a 'mixed' system? The case of the Cypriot Greek koine». *Linguistic Variation* 14, 161-178.
3. Hadjioannou, X., S. Tsiplakou & M. Kappler (2011) «Language policy and language planning in Cyprus». *Current Issues in Language Planning*, 1-67. (CILP Monograph Series). [Reprinted in Kaplan, R., R. Baldauf & N. Kanwangamalu (eds) (2013) *Language Planning in Europe*, 503-569. Abingdon: Routledge.]

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme «Greek Language and Literature» (2010-to date).
- Member of the Committee for the Reform of the Language Curricula for primary and secondary education in Cyprus, Ministry of Education and Culture, Republic of Cyprus (2009-2013).
- Member of the Committee for the reform of Language Curricula for Primary and Secondary Education in Greece, Ministry of Education, Research and Religions, Greece (2010-2012).

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Literacy
- Pragmatics
- Discourse Analysis
- Sociolinguistics, dialectology, language contact and language change

SHORT VITA

Stavroula Tsiplakou is Associate Professor of Linguistics and Academic Co-ordinator of the M.A. Program in Greek Linguistics and Literature. 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 (1995-1998), at Simon Fraser University (1998-2001) and at the University of Cyprus (2001-2009). Her research areas include syntax, pragmatics, sociolinguistics and language and literacy learning. Her research includes the monograph 'Language Policy and Language Planning in Cyprus' (Routledge) and A Grammar of Contemporary Cypriot Greek. She has published in *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Pragmatics*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Multilingua*, *Scientia Paedagogica Experimentalis* etc..

She has co-authored the new national curricula for language in Cyprus and in Greece and she has produced digital platforms for teaching Greek as a second language. She is on the editorial board of *Polydromo*, a journal for multilingual education.



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Chronis Kynigos, Manolis Koutlis and Thanasis Hadzilacos, "Mathematics with component-oriented exploratory software", International Journal of Computers for Mathematical Learning, 1997.
2. Hadzilacos Thanasis, The Processes of Learning and Teaching in the Communication Society, Council of Europe Publishing, 2003.
3. Mavroudi A., Hadzilacos Th. (2013), Group-work in the design of complex adaptive learning strategies, Journal of Interactive Media in Education-JIME, 2013.
4. Adamides, Christou, Katsanos, Xenos, and Hadzilacos, Usability Guidelines for the Design of Robot Teleoperation: A Taxonomy, IEEE Trans on Human-Machine Systems, 2014.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the Board of Directors of the Computer Technology Institute and Press.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Educational Research Center.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Research Development SA.
- Director of EIRMOS & AMBER AE.
- Head of New Technologies Department, AGET Hercules.

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Educational technology
- Large scale information systems
- Design of educational software and databases, multimedia and GIS
- Technology and Methodology for open and distance learning and instruction

SHORT VITA

OUC Professor of Information Systems (Educational Technology); Governing Board Member (2011-2014). Member of the Cyprus Scientific Council (2010-15). Served in Council of Europe working group for Teaching and Learning in the Communication Society (2002-4) and as Greek national representative to E.U. DG Education and Culture (2002-5). Hellenic Open University (2000-7): Associate Professor Software Engineering, Dean (School of Science and Technology), Director, Open and Distance Laboratory for Educational Material and Methodology.

Educated at Harvard, (1971-76), had substantial industrial experience before his PhD in Database theory (U. Patras, 1986). Research Academic Computer Technology Institute, Patras, Greece (1986-2007): founded and directed Educational Technology and e-Learning Sectors, and R&D Unit "Applied Information Systems".

Designed and managed (1996-2001) the Greek national project "Odyssea" for the utilization of ICT in secondary education. 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. Coordinated, directed and participated in over 50 R&D EU-funded projects.

Research interests in educational technology: m-learning, distance education, internet-related dangers; system design for non-standard applications.



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. E. Ioannou, and M. Garofalakis. «Query analytics over probabilistic databases with unmerged duplicates». IEEE Trans. Knowl. Data Eng., 27(8), 2015.
2. G. Papadakis, E. Ioannou, T. Palpanas, C. Niederee, and W. Nejdl. «A blocking framework for entity resolution in highly heterogeneous information spaces». IEEE Trans. Knowl. Data Eng., 25(12), 2013.
3. E. Ioannou, W. Nejdl, C. Niederee, and Y. Velegrakis. «On-the-fly entity-aware query processing in the presence of linkage». Proceedings. VLDB Endowment, 3(1), 2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Program Committee:

- International Workshop on Semantic Big Data (SBD) @ SIGMOD 2016 IKC 2016.
- International Workshop on Big Data Processing - Reloaded @ EDBT/ICDT 2016.
- Hellenic Data Management Symposium (HDMS) 2012.
- International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), at the Knowledge Management track 2015, 2014.
- International Workshop on Open Data (WOD) 2013.
- Hellenic Data Management Symposium (HDMS) 2012.
- Extended Semantic Web Conference (ESWC) 2011 - Social Web and Web Science Track.

EC Independent Expert:

- FP7-ICT-2011.Call-8-4.4 (Intelligent Information Management).
- FP7-ICT-2011.9.3 (FET Young Explorers).
- Reviewer for FP7 STREP project BiobankCloud 2014, 2015 & 2016.

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Analytics for retrieving statistical information (without performing complete integration)
- Management of heterogeneous data with correlations and/or uncertainty
- Using graphical models for querying databases with uncertainty data
- Query processing over graphs with volatile data or uncertainties

SHORT VITA

Ekaterini Ioannou received a Ph.D. from Leibniz Universitat Hannover, Germany (Dr. rer. nat.). She also holds a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. in Computer Science from the University of Cyprus, as well as M.Sc. from Saarland University (supported by Max-Planck-Institut für Informatik, MPI).

She worked as a research fellow at Soft Net Laboratory of the Technical University of Crete and as researcher at L3S Research Center in Hannover. Her research work focuses on information integration and more specifically on the challenges of managing data (i.e., relational tables or graphs) with uncertainties, heterogeneity and/or correlations.

She has also participated in a number of EU funded research projects, e.g., QualiMaster, OKKAM and NEPOMUK. The last few years she is contributing as an external evaluator for the European Commission, where she evaluates proposals requesting funding as well as ongoing funded projects.



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. L. Michael, «Partial Observability and Learnability», Artificial Intelligence, 174(11):639–669, 2010.
2. L. Michael, «Simultaneous Learning and Prediction», Proceedings the 14th International Conference on Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning, 2014.
3. L. Michael, «Introspective Forecasting», Proceedings of the 24th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Program «Information and Communication Systems» (2015 – 2017).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Program «Cognitive Systems» (2016 – 2018).

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Principled study of cognitive processes associated with individual or collective intelligence such as learning, reasoning, sensing, communication, cooperation and how those are used by humans and other organisms in everyday life. Emphasis is placed on the development of computational models for various aspects of cognitive processes, and the analysis of the formal implications that such models have. This computational view of cognition is complemented by simulations, real-world experiments, and psychological studies, designed to validate the proposed models and to identify features thereof that warrant further study.



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**SHORT VITA**

Dr. Loizos Michael is an Assistant Professor at Open University of Cyprus, where he founded and directs the Computational Cognition Lab.

He was educated at University of Cyprus, where he received a B.Sc. in Computer Science with a minor degree in Mathematics. He continued his education at Harvard University, where he received M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Computer Science.

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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

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Stavros_Stavrou

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the Governing Board of OUC (2014 – today).
- Member of the executive academic board of the European Defence and Security College (2016 – today).
- Academic Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programme «Information and Communication Systems» (2009 – 2011).
- Academic Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programme «Wireless Communication Systems» (2014 – 2018).
- Academic Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programme «Computer and Network Security» (2015 – 2018).

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Design of telecommunication systems
- Modelling of wireless telecommunication systems and networks (Wireless Broadband Communications and Networks, Satellite and Cellular Communications)
- Secure Communications, Network Security & Cybersecurity
- Localisation of wireless terminals
- Sensor networks
- Smart Cities and IoT (Internet of Things)

SHORT VITA

Assoc. Professor Stavros Stavrou holds a PhD degree in Telecommunications from the University of Surrey (U.K). Dr. Stavrou 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 4 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 prime investigator of a number of successful research proposals, targeting research councils and industry.



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. 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: 2597-2627 DOI: 10.1007/s10531-016-1204-9.
2. Vogiatzakis I.N., Stirpe M.T., Rickebusch S., Metzger M., Xu G., Rounsevell, M, Bommarco R., Potts, S.G. (2015) «Rapid assessment of historic, future and current habitat quality for biodiversity around UK Natura 2000 sites». Environmental Conservation 42: 31-40.
3. Vogiatzakis, I.N. (ed) (2012) Mediterranean Mountain Environments. Wiley-Blackwell.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programme “Environmental Conservation and Management” (2010-2016).
- Chairman of the OUC Research Committee (2014 to date).
- Co-Chairman of Ecosystem Services Partnership Chapter for Cyprus (2015 to date).

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

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

SHORT VITA

Dr. Vogiatzakis is Associate Professor in 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 (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, an MSc in Vegetation Ecology, a postgraduate diploma (PGCAP) in Academic Practice, and BSc. 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, LIFE+, INTERREG and ENPI-CBCMED programmes, as well as several UK Government Agencies.



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He has published 3 books: 2 from Nova Science Publisher «Sludge Management: From the past to our century» (2012), «Sustainability behind Sustainability» (2014) and 1 from Bentham Science Publisher «Handbook on Natural Zeolites» (2012). He also edited 24 chapters in other scientific books.

He has published more than 70 articles in 22 scientific journals with impact factor between 0.750-6.052. His h-index=20 in Scopus and 23 in Google Scholar (i10-index=29) and in total >3000 citations. Also he has more than 150 presentations in international and national conferences.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. AA. Zorpas, K. Lasaridi (2013) «Measuring waste prevention», Waste Management 33 (5), 1047-1056.
2. AA. Zorpas (2016) «Sustainable waste management through end-of-waste criteria development», Environmental Science and Pollution Research 23 (8), 7376-7389.
3. AA. Zorpas, A. Saranti (2016) «Multi-criteria analysis of sustainable environmental clean technologies for the treatment of winery's wastewater», International Journal of Global Environmental Issues 15 (1-2), 151-168.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Chairman of the Scientists and Environmental Engineers Association of Cyprus, (2014- to date).
- Vice-Chairman of the Scientists and Environmental Engineers Association of Cyprus (2010-2012).
- Member of the Board of the Chemical Engineers Association of Cyprus (2007-2013).
- Academic Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programme «Environmental Conservation and Management», (2016- to date).

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Life cycle analysis
- Strategic Planning Design and Development
- Circular Economy strategy
- City Metabolism
- SWOT analysis
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Environmental Risk Assessment
- Solid, Hazardous and Liquid Waste Management and Treatment
- Biosolids Management
- Composting, Co-Composting, Vermi-Composting
- Natural resource Management
- Waste water treatment plant
- Energy
- Biogas
- Zero waste strategy, prevention strategy,
- Applications of Zeolite in solid and liquid waste treatment
- Improvement of efficiency of STPs, UASB, liquid waste management and the production of energy)

SHORT VITA

Dr. Zorpas studied Chemical Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens and earned his PhD at the same university in the scientific area of Environmental Management and Engineering. For more than 10 years he is been teaching in both undergraduate and graduate level several lessons covering the scientific area of Pollution and Energy.



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Christou, C., Pittis, N., Kernel and «Bandwidth Selection, Prewhitening, and the Performance of the Fully Modified Least Squares Estimation Method» *Econometric Theory* 18 (2002), 948-61.
2. Apergis, N., Christou, C. and Miller, S., «Convergence Patterns in Financial Development: Evidence from Club Convergence». *Empirical Economics* 43 (2012), 1011-1040.
3. Apergis, N., Christou, C. and Miller, S. «Country and industry convergence of equity markets: International evidence from club convergence and clustering». *The North American Journal of Economics and Finance* 29 (2014), 36-58.

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Econometrics
- Time Series (Modelling and Forecasting), Financial Economics
- International Finance
- Environmental Economics



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**SHORT VITA**

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

Professor Christou 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.

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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Health Services Management
- Health Policy and Planning

SHORT VITA

Dr. Kaitelidou since 1996 has worked as a Research Fellow, and after 2005, as academic staff in the University of Athens (School of Health Sciences, Dept. of Nursing) and currently in Open University of Cyprus.

Her research experience is in the fields of Health Services Management and Health Policy and Planning. She participated at more than 40 international and national projects in the Center of Health Services Management and Evaluation (CHESME) and have published more than 60 articles in peer reviewed international and national (Greek) journals.

During the last 5 years her work has focused on:

- Barriers to health care access for specific vulnerable populations (migrants, elderly, Roma etc.) and socio-economic determinants of health.
- Funding of the health care system and health inequalities.
- Health services management and Human resources management in health care.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Economou Ch., Kaitelidou D., Kentikelenis A., Sissouras A. (2014) «Case study: the impact of economic crisis on the Greek Health System». In Maresso A, Mladovsky P, Thomson S, Sagan A, Karanikolos M, Richardson E, Cylus J, Evetovits T, Jowett M, Figueras J and Kluge H, eds. (2014). Economic crisis, health systems and health in Europe: country experience, Copenhagen: WHO/European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.
2. Kaitelidou D., Tsirona Ch., Galanis P. (2013) «Informal payments for maternity health services in public hospitals in Greece». Health Policy, 109: 23-30.
3. Kaitelidou D., Mladovsky Ph., Leone T. et al. «Understanding the oversupply of physicians in Greece: the role of human resources planning, financing policy and physician power». International Journal of Health Services, 42(4):719-738.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the technical committee of experts for the Reform of the Greek National Health System in order to study the challenges imposed by the Memorandum of Understanding between Greece and the Troika (IMF, EU, ECB). The committee was chaired by Prof Elias Mossialos (2012).
- Member of the Scientific Committee for the Reform of Primary Health Care in Greece.
- Member of the Executive Board of General Oncological Hospital of Kifissia "Agioi Anargyroi" in Athens (2012-2014).
- Member of the Executive Board of Social Organization in Kareas Athens.



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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. Other work experience of Dr. Pashiardis: Consultant of the Ministry of Culture, Education and Religious Affairs Republic of Greece (1996) in the fields of evaluation of staff and educational material. He worked as Visiting professor in a number of universities in USA (University of Texas), Europe, (i.e. Lincoln University, University of Thessaly, University of Münster) and Africa (i.e. University of Stellenbosch and University of Pretoria). During 2013-2014 he was a Visiting Professor at the Center of Development of Education Leaders at Umea 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 USA, British and Greek peer reviewed scientific journals and is the author of a number of books published in both Greek and English.

He served as Chairman of the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management during 2004-2008. His recent book with title "Successful School Leaders: International Research Trends and the Greek Reality" was published in Greek in 2012 by Ion Publications. In addition, together with his wife Georgia, they published the book entitled "Efficient Schools: Reality or Utopia" (2000, Gutenberg Publications). Other books: "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. Dr. Pashiardis is currently Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of KYSATS Cyprus, the Official Council of the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Brauckmann, S. and Pashiardis, P. (2011). «A Validation Study of the Leadership Styles of a Holistic Leadership Theoretical Framework». International Journal of Educational Management, 25 (1), 11-32.
2. Pashiardis, P. and Johansson, O. (2016). (Eds.). Successful School Leadership: International Perspectives. London, Oxford, New York, New Delhi, Sydney: Bloomsbury.
3. Pashiardis, P. (2014) (Ed.). Modeling School Leadership Across Europe: In Search of New Frontiers. Dordrecht, Heidelberg, New York, London: Springer.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Chairman (2011-2013) and Deputy Chairman (2010-2011) of the Research Committee, OUC.
- Chairman of the Studies Committee, OUC (since Sept. 2016).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme «Educational Studies» (2007-2009, 2011-2013, 2016-2017), and of the OUC Undergraduate Programme «Police Studies».
- 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- to date).



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. M. Talias, Sava C., Soteriades E. Lazuras, L. (2015), «The Effect of Smoke-free Policies on Hospitality Industry Revenues in Cyprus: An Econometric approach», Tob Control doi:10.1136/tobacco control- 2013-051477.
2. Petrou P. and M. Talias (2014), «A pilot study to assess feasibility of value based pricing in Cyprus through pharmacoeconomic modelling: sorafenib for second line renal cell cancer», Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation.
3. P. Mitropoulos, Talias M. and Mitropoulos I. (2015), «Combining stochastic DEA with Bayesian analysis to obtain statistical properties of the efficiency scores: An application to Greek public Hospitals», European Journal of Operational Research, 243, 302 – 311.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme «Health Care Management» (2010-2016).

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



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**SHORT VITA**

Dr. Talias studied at:

- University College London, London University, UK – PhD in Statistics
- University of Southampton, Southampton, UK – MSc. in Social Statistics
- The London School of Economics, London University, UK - BSc. 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.



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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Informal payments in Health
- Co-payments in Health
- Prescribing behaviour of physicians
- Dental care
- Public participation in health policy planning and decision making process
- Immigrants' Health
- Patient satisfaction
- Catastrophic health expenditure
- Market analysis for health care services provision

SHORT VITA

Dr. Theodorou studied Economics at the University of Athens, Economic Development at the North London Polytechnic, Health Care Management at the National School of Public Health of Greece, and obtained his PhD from the University of Athens.

Work Experience: He worked as advisor at the Social Insurance Institute of Greece and for 10 years as Advisor to various Ministers of Health of Greece for issues of planning, reforms, and financing of the health sector. Academic Experience: He worked as a Professor at the Technical Institute of Athens, and at the National School of Public Health of Greece. For the period 2001 to 2007, he was an adjunct tutor at the Hellenic Open University teaching "Health Care Management". He is employed at the Open University of Cyprus since 2006.

Research Experience: Dr. Theodorou coordinated or participated in more than 50 research projects with funding by both the private and public sectors of Greece and Cyprus.

Published work: He has more than 150 publications including books, peer reviewed papers and chapters in collective volumes in the areas of health policy, management and funding of the health care sector.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Mamas Theodorou, (2014), «Testing the waters for GeSY: The opinion of patients for cost sharing arrangements in the public health care system in Cyprus». Cyprus Economic Policy Review, Volume 8, No 2, pp.37-59 (2014).
2. Theodorou M, Tsiantou V, Pavlakis A, Maniadakis N, Fragoulakis V, Pavi E, Kyriopoulos J, (2009), «Factors influencing prescribing behaviour of physicians in Greece and Cyprus: Results from a questionnaire based survey». BMC Health Services Research, 2009, 9:150 doi:10.1186/1472-6963-9-150.
3. Gkorezis P., Georgiou L., Theodorou M., (2016), «High performance work practices and nurses' intention to leave: the mediating role of organizational cynicism and the moderating role of human resource management-related educational background». The International Journal of Human Resource Management. doi.org/10.1080/09585192.2016.1255906.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the Governing Board of the Open University of Cyprus (April 2011 to April 2014)
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programmes Health Care Management (2006-2008) και Health Policy and Planning (2013 to date).



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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

1. Zembylas, M., Charalambous, C. & Charalambous P. (2016). Peace Education in a Conflict-Troubled Society: An Ethnographic Journey. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2. Zembylas, M. (2015). Emotion and traumatic conflict: Re-claiming healing in education. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
3. Zembylas, M. (2014). «Theorizing 'difficult knowledge' in the aftermath of the 'affective turn': Implications for curriculum and pedagogy in handling traumatic representations». Curriculum Inquiry, 44(3), 390-412.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Member of the Advisory Board, Institute of Reconciliation and Social Justice (IRSJ), University of the Free State, South Africa.
- Head of the Greek-Cypriot Technical Committee of Education.
- Chairman of the Finance Committee OUC.
- Member of the Board of Directors and Development Manager at CARDET (Cyprus).

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

- Emotions in education
- Curriculum development
- Intercultural education
- Peace education
- Social justice education
- Human Rights Education

SHORT VITA

Dr. Michalinos Zembylas was born in Nicosia in 1969 and studied at the Pedagogical Academy of Cyprus, University of Texas at Austin and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in USA. He taught at Michigan State University and Intercollege (Cyprus).

Currently he is Professor of Educational Theory and Curriculum Studies at the Open University of Cyprus. He is also Visiting Professor and Research Fellow at the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, University of the Free State, South Africa. His research interests are in the areas educational philosophy and curriculum theory, and his work focuses on exploring the role of emotion and affect in curriculum and pedagogy. He is particularly interested in how affective politics intersect with issues of social justice pedagogies, intercultural and peace education, and human rights education.

He coordinated numerous research and development projects that were funded by public and private funds in Cyprus and internationally. He published widely in recognized scientific journals. He published 7 books and edited 9. He is also member in editorial boards and reviewer in peer reviewed journals.



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**Research programmes for the period 2012-2016,
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**

PROGRAMME TITLE	COORDINATOR	YEAR	FUNDING PROGRAMME / CALL
Readings of ancient greek philosophy: the paradigm of heidegger's Aristotle interpretation	St. Efthimiadis	2012 - 2013	Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation
Our heroic debate with the Eumenides: Greek tragedy and the poetics of identity in Modern Greek Poetry and Theatre	V. Liapis	2012 - 2015	Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation
ACTION TD1210: KNOWeSCAPE - Analysing the Dynamics of Information and Knowledge Dynamics	J. Otterbacher	2014 - 2017	EE/ Cost Programme

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Open Discovery Space: A socially powered and multilingual open learning infrastructure to boost the adoption of E-learning resources	Th. Hadzilacos	2012 - 2015	EU/ Information Society and Media DG
SAV SAR: Semi autonomous vineyard spraying agricultural robot	Th. Hadzilacos	2014 - 2015	EU/ Interreg Programme - Bilateral Cooperation Greece - Israel 2013 - 2015
eSIT4SIP: Empower School Infrastructure through Empowering the School IT Infrastructures for the Implementation of Sustainable Instructional Patterns	Th. Hadzilacos	2015 - 2018	EU/ Erasmus+ Programme
ACTION IC1302: KEYSTONE: Semantic Keyword Based Search on Structural Data Sources	L. Michael	2014 - 2017	EU/ Cost Programme
RISE: Research Centre on Interactive Media, Smart Systems and Emerging Technologies	L. Michael	2015 - 2016	EU/ Horizon 2020 - Teaming
Localisation of wireless mobile terminals	St. Stavrou	2011 - 2014	Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation
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JUNIPER Cy: Improving the conservation status of the priority habitat 9560 (Edymic forests with juniperus SPP) in Cyprus	I. Vogiatzakis	2012 - 2015	EU/ Life+ Programme
MEDSCAPES: Development of landscape character assessment as a tool for effective conservation of the natural heritage in Eastern Mediterranean	I. Vogiatzakis	2013 - 2016	Regione Autonoma Della Sardegna / ENPI CBCMED Programme (European Neighborhood And Partnership Instrument) Cross Boarder Cooperation in the Mediterranean
ACTION FP1204: Green infrastructure approach: Linking environmental with social aspects in studying and managing urban forests	I. Vogiatzakis	2013 - 2017	EU/ Cost Programme
Improving the conservation status of the priority habitat types 1520 and 5220 at the Rizoelia National Forest Park	I. Vogiatzakis	2013 - 2017	EU/ Life+ Programme
AGROLIFE: Promote and Enable the Long term Conservation of High Nature Value Farmlands in Cyprus	I. Vogiatzakis	2014 - 2017	EU/ Life+ Programme
ACTION FP1204: Advancing marine conservation in the European and contiguous seas	I. Vogiatzakis	2016 - 2019	EU/ Cost Programme

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EOSLATP: Evaluation of School Leadership and Teaching Practice	P. Pashiarids	2015 - 2017	EU/ Erasmus+ Programme
Cyprus - Greece biregional umbrella to protect the public and the patients of multiple sclerosis	A. Pavlakis*	2011 - 2014	EU/ Interreg Bilateral Cooperation Programme, Cyprus - Greece 2007-2013
TELEPROMETHEUS: A platform to train health professionals and members of the families of the patients at the intensive care units of the hospitals	A. Pavlakis*	2011 - 2014	EU/ Interreg Bilateral Cooperation Programme, Cyprus - Greece 2007-2013
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Posthumanism, the Affective Turn and Socially Just Critical Higher Education Pedagogies	M. Zembylas	2014 - 2016	National Research Foundation of South Africa / Competitive Programme for Rated Researchers 2013
Participatory parity and Transformative Pedagogies for Qualitative Outcomes in Higher Education	M. Zembylas	2014 - 2016	National Research Foundation of South Africa / Education Research in South Africa 2014
COST ACTION IS1307: New Materialism: Networking European scholarship on How Matter Comes to Matter	M. Zembylas	2016 - 2018	EU/ Cost Programme
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