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- Education** 1997-04 **PhD Political Sociology**, Nationalism tract, **London School of Economics**, UK
- 1996-97 **MSc European Studies**, Master's Thesis on 'Eastern Orthodox Greece in Western Europe: the ambivalent role of religion in "European identity"', **London School of Economics**, UK
- 1992-96 **BA Political Science**, minor in French, **Furman University**, **South Carolina**, USA
- Current Position** 2022- **Assistant Professor** in International Relations and European Affairs, American College of Greece, Deree, Athens, Greece
- Further affiliations** 2012- **Research Associate**, Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics, UK
- 2011- **Senior Research Fellow**, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Greece
- Research experience** 2019-23 **Senior Research Fellow**, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, Orthodoxy and Human Rights Scholars Project, New York, USA
- 2019-22 **Researcher** (Greek case study), Atlas of Religious or Belief Minorities Rights Project based at University of Milan
- 2014-19 **Principal Investigator**, European Research Council (ERC)-funded project on 'Directions in religious pluralism in Europe: Grassroots mobilisations in the shadow of the European Court of Human Rights religious freedom jurisprudence' (Grassrootsmobilise), based at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Greece
- 2011-13 **Marie Curie Research Fellow**, Project on Pluralism and Religious Freedom in Majority Orthodox Contexts (PLUREL), Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Greece
- 2009-12 **Researcher** (Greek case study), Volkswagen Foundation-funded project on 'Europe, Religion and Multiple Modernities' (EUROMM) based at University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2007-08 **Laskarides Post-doctoral Fellow**, Project on Immigrant Integration and National Identity in Greece, Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics, UK
- 2006-09 **Programme Manager**, Uppsala University, Sweden, European Commission FP6 Research project on 'Welfare and Values in Europe' (WaVE)
- 2006-09 **Researcher** (Greek case study), Panteion University, Athens, Greece, EC FP6 Research project on 'Welfare and Values in Europe' (WaVE)
- 2004-05 **Research Associate** (research for and drafting of European Commission FP6 proposal), Faculty of Theology, Uppsala University, Sweden

2003-04 **Researcher** (Greek case study), School of Historical, Political and Sociological Studies, Exeter University, UK, project on 'Welfare and Religion in a European Perspective' (WREP)

2001-04 **Project Co-director**, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Greece, Project on Christian-Muslim relations in 21st Century Europe

Teaching Experience

2022- **Assistant Professor** in International Relations and European Affairs, American College of Greece, Deree, Athens, Greece

2020-22 **Instructor** in International Relations and European Affairs, American College of Greece, Deree, Athens, Greece

2019-20 **Lecturer**, Arcadia University, Athens, Greece, Religion and Human Rights in Contemporary Greek Society

2005-07 **Lecturer**, Government Department, London School of Economics, UK, MSc Theories of Nationalism

2002-03 **Lecturer**, Arcadia University, Athens, Greece, Politics and Society of Modern Greece

1999-00 **Seminar Instructor**, Queen Mary, University of London, UK), European Politics

Successful research funding applications

European Research Council (FP7 Ideas) grant (2012), author of proposal on grassroots mobilisations related to European Court of Human Rights religious freedom case law, €1.2 million

European Commission FP7 Marie Curie grant (2010), author of proposal on limitations to religious freedoms in majority Orthodox contexts, €203K

London School of Economics 'Seed Fund' grant (2007), author of proposal for the establishment of a London School of Economics 'Forum on Religion in Europe', £8

European Commission FP6 grant (2005), principal author of proposal (on behalf of Uppsala University Faculty of Theology), €1.3 million

Templeton Foundation grant (2004), co-author of proposal for research on religion and welfare in Greece (on behalf of Exeter University, Centre for European Studies), \$11K

European Science Foundation grant (2000), author of proposal (on behalf of ELIAMEP), for workshop on 'Christian-Muslim Relations in 21st Century Europe', €14K

Shortlisted funding applications

European Research Council (Horizon 2020) Consolidator Grant Proposal (2019), author of proposal on pluralism in an age of particularism, examining transnational mobilisations around ideological pluralism in Europe; proposal passed first assessment

Current research partnerships

Project advisory board member (ELIAMEP), French National Research Agency project on the European Human Rights Justice System under Moral Influences (Just Moral), based at *University of Nantes*

Workpackage leader for two current European Commission HorizonEurope project proposals under the call on Democracy.

Publications

Books:

- *The European Court of Human Rights and minority religions: messages generated and messages received*, co-edited with James T. Richardson, Taylor and Francis, 2018.
- *Religious America, Secular Europe? A theme and variations*, co-authored with Peter Berger and Grace Davie, Ashgate Press, 2008.
- *Islam in Europe: Diversity, Identity and Influence*, co-edited with Aziz al-Azmeh, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2007.

Contracts secured for books in progress:

- Edited volume, *The European Court of Human Rights on the Ground: Grassroots Level Impact of Religious Freedoms Jurisprudence*, under contract with Routledge
- Co-edited volume, with Alberta Giorgi, *The Routledge Handbook on Religion and Politics in Europe*, forthcoming 2024, under contract with Routledge

Refereed journal articles:

Work in progress:

- 'Nationalism, populist constitutionalism, and religious education in the Greek context', under review for special issue of *Religions*, Guest Editor Slavica Jakelic.
- 'Migration, Religion and the European Court of Human Rights', under review at *Il Diritto Ecclesiastico*.
- 'Pluralism and Religious Freedom in Majority Orthodox Contexts', under review at the *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*.
- 'Religious symbols in Greek public spaces: deconstructing the shadow of *Lautsi*', under review at the *Journal of Church and State*
- "'A precious asset for atheists, agnostics, sceptics and the unconcerned": Freedom from religion claims before the European Court of Human Rights', with Julie Ringelheim, in final stages of editing for submission to *Human Rights Quarterly*.
- 'Implicit religion before the European Court of Human Rights', with Julie Ringelheim, first draft complete, to be submitted to socio-legal journal *Law and Society*.

Published:

- 'On aims, means and unintended consequences: the case of *Molla Sali v. Greece*', *Religions*, Vol.12, No.10, 2021, article no. 859.
- 'David Martin on religion and nationalism: Navigator of contested territories', *Nations and Nationalism*, Vol.27, No.1, 2021, pp.10-13.
- 'Rights not working? Grassroots level impact of the European Court of Human Rights on religion', *Social Compass*, 2020, Vol.67, No.2, pp. 191-205.
- 'Islam at the European Court of Human Rights', *Nordic Journal of Law and Social Research*, No.10, 2020, pp.121-144.
- 'Introduction: Religion and Education in the Shadow of the European Court of Human Rights', *Politics and Religion*, 2019, Vol.12 (Supp.1), S1-S8.
- 'The "radiating effects" of the ECtHR on social mobilisations around religion and education in Europe: an analytical frame' (co-authored with Dia Anagnostou), *Politics and Religion*, 2019, Vol.12 (Supp.1), S9-S30.
- 'The Legal Status of Religious Minorities: exploring the impact of the European Court of Human Rights', *Social Compass*, 2018, Vol.64, No.1, pp.25-42.
- 'The European Court of Human Rights and Minority Religions: messages generated and messages received' (co-authored with James T. Richardson), *Religion, State and Society*, 2017, Vol.45, Nos.3-4, pp.166-173.
- '*Kokkinakis* at the Grassroots Level', *Journal of Religion and Human Rights*, 2017, Vo.12, Nos.2-3, pp. 210-222.
- 'The European Court of Human Rights at the Grassroots Level: who knows what about religion at the ECtHR, and to what effects?', *Religion, State and Society*, 2017, Vol.45, Nos.3-4, pp.249-267.
- 'Comparative Susceptibility and Differential Effects on the Two European Courts: A Study of Grassroots Mobilizations around Religion', *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, 2016, Vol.5, pp.541-574.

- ‘Banal, Benign or Pernicious? Religion and National Identity from the Perspective of Religious Minorities in Greece’, *New Diversities*, 2015, Vol. 17, No. 1, pp.47-62.
- ‘Directions in Religious Pluralism in Europe: Mobilizations in the Shadow of European Court of Human Rights Religious Freedom Jurisprudence’, *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, 2015, Vol 4, No.1, pp.54-74.
- ‘Immigrant welfare in Greece: portrait of a town’, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 2013, Vol. 13, No.4, pp. 575-594.
- ‘“Eastern” Orthodoxy and “western” secularisation in contemporary Europe’, *Religion, State and Society*, 2012, Vol.40, No.3/4, pp.395-414.
- ‘Islam in Europe: the unexceptional case’, *Nordic Journal of Religion and Society*, 2011, Vol.24, No.1, pp. 1-18.
- ‘Religion in the Greek Public Sphere: Nuancing the Account’, *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*, 2009, Vol.27, No.2, pp. 349-374.
- ‘Welfare at the intersection between theology and politics: a global perspective’ in *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, 2009, No.133, pp.126-144.
- ‘Islam in the framework of Turkey-EU Relations: situations in flux and moving targets’, in *Global Change, Peace and Security*, 2008, Vol.20, No.1, pp. 87-98.
- ‘Eastern Orthodox Greece in Western Europe: the ambivalent role of religion in European identity’, in *Synthesis Review of Modern Greek Studies*, 1999, Vol.3, No.1, pp.3-25.

Book chapters:

Work in progress:

- ‘Citizens and the European Court of Human Rights’, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*, forthcoming 2024.
- ‘Religious symbols in the Greek public space: in the shadow of the Lautsi case’ [translated into Greek: ‘Τα θρησκευτικά σύμβολα στην ελληνική δημόσια σφαίρα: Στη σκιά της υπόθεσης Lautsi’], in ed. Alexandros Sakellariou, *Reflections on secularism: Theory, Society, Politics*, iWrite, Lux Orbis Series, forthcoming 2024.
- ‘The European Court of Human Rights Messages on Tolerance’, in ed. Karen Barkey and Jonathan Laurence, *Anthology on Toleration in Comparative Perspective*, Springer, forthcoming 2025.

Published:

- ‘Tenacious and elusive: religion-state ties in the Greek educational domain’ (with Marios Koukounaras-Liagkis), in eds. Hans-Georg Ziebertz and Francis-Vincent Anthony, *Human Rights and State-Religion Separation*, New York: Springer, 2023, pp.139-158.
- ‘Blasphemy: The Perspective of the European Court of Human Rights’, in ed. Antonis Paparizos, *Blasphemy and Multiculturalism*, Armos, 2022 (in Greek).
- ‘Eastern Orthodoxy and Europe’, in eds. Grace Davie and Lucian Leustean, *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Europe*, Oxford University Press, 2021, pp.480-496.
- ‘Religion and Human Rights in Greece’, in eds. Giuseppe Giordan and Siniša Zrinšak, *Global Eastern Orthodoxy. Politics, Religion and Human Rights*, Springer, 2020, pp.101-124.
- ‘Messages from the European Court of Human Rights on Tolerance, Secularization and Pluralism’, in eds. Vyacheslav Karpov and Manfred Svensson, *Secularization, desecularization, and toleration: Towards a cross-disciplinary reassessment*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2020, pp.279-298.
- ‘Minority religion reactions to the European Court of Human Rights’, in eds. Eileen Barker and James Richardson, *Reactions to the Law by Minority Religions*, Routledge, 2020, pp.207-220.
- ‘Courts as critics: Nuancing the insider/outsider binary’, in eds. Mia Lövheim and Mikael Stenmark, *A Constructive Critique of Religion: Encounters between Christianity, Islam and Non-religion in Secular Societies*, Bloomsbury, 2020, pp.87-98.
- ‘Grassroots level awareness about religion at the European Court of Human Rights’, in eds. J. Temperman, J. Gunn and M. Evans, *The European Court of Human Rights and the Freedom of Religion or Belief. The 25 Years since Kokkinakis*, Brill, 2019, pp.389-410.
- ‘Religious American and Secular European Courts, or vice versa? A study of institutional cross-pollination’, in ed. Titus Hjelm, *Peter L. Berger and the Sociology of Religion: 50 Years after the Sacred Canopy*, Bloomsbury Academic, 2018, pp.135-155.

- 'Pluralism and Religious Freedom: Insights from Orthodox Europe', in eds. Elisabeth A. Diamantopoulou and Louis-Leon Christians, *Orthodox Christianity and Human Rights in Europe. Theology, Law and Religion in Interaction*, Peter Lang, 2018, pp.109-136.
- 'God's advocates: The multiple fronts of the war on blasphemy in Greece', in eds. Jeroen Temperman and Andras Koltay, *Blasphemy and Freedom of Expression: Comparative, Theoretical and Historical Reflections after the Charlie Hebdo Massacre*, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2017, pp.389-410.
- 'European Religious Freedoms Norms as a challenge to Orthodox Churches', in eds. Kristina Stoeckl, Aristotle Papanikolaou and Ingeborg Gabriel, *Political theologies in Orthodox Christianity*, T&T Clark, 2017, pp.75-96.
- 'The Secular Court? Trends in the United States Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights Compared', in eds. Abby Day and Mia Lovheim, *Modernities, Memory, Mutations: Grace Davie and the Study of Religion*, Ashgate, 2015, pp.163-177.
- 'Greek identity and Europe: Entanglement and tensions' (with Evangelos Karagiannis), in eds. Wolfgang Knöbl, Matthias Koenig and Willfried Spohn, *Religion and Nationhood in an Enlarged Europe*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, pp.68-95.
- 'Sociology at the intersection between law and religion', in ed. Silvio Ferrari, *Routledge Handbook of Law and Religion*, Routledge, 2015, pp.59-74.
- 'Notes towards connecting the disconnect: the role of the religion-national identity link', in eds. Marie-Claire Foblets, Katayoun Alidadi, Joergen Nielsen, and Zeynep Yanasmayan, *Belief, Law and Politics: What Future for a Secular Europe*, Ashgate, 2014, pp.197-200.
- 'Religious Nationalism', in eds. Xiaoshuo Hou, Anthony Smith, John Stone, Polly Rizova and Rutledge Dennis, *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
- 'Religion in the Greek public sphere: Debating Europe's Influence', in eds. George Demacopoulos and Aristotle Papanikolaou *Orthodox Constructions of the West*, Fordham University Press, 2013, pp.181-192.
- 'Welfare as a missing link in immigrant integration? Insights from a Greek case', in *Social Issues in Focus. New Generation Research on a Changing Greece*, Athens: Economica Publishing, 2013, pp.13-34.
- 'Continuities and change in Greek American Orthodoxy' (with Dena Fokas Moses), in eds. Trine Stauning Willert and Lina Molokotos-Liederman, *Innovation in the Christian Orthodox Tradition? The Question of Change in Greek Orthodox Thought and Practice*, Ashgate Press, 2012, pp.253-280.
- 'Secularization', 'Greece', and 'Thomas Luckmann' in eds, Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof, *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, Sage Publications, 2011.
- 'Religion and welfare in Greece', in eds. Victor Roudometof and Vasiliios Makrides, *Orthodox Christianity in 21st Century Greece: The Role of Religion in Culture, Ethnicity and Politics*, Ashgate, 2010, pp.175-192.
- 'The Disgraceful and the Divine in Greek Welfare: The Cases of Thiva and Livadeia' (with Lina Molokotos-Liederman) in eds. Anders Backstrom and Grace Davie, *Welfare and Religion in Europe: Exploring Connections in European Societies*, Ashgate Press, 2010, pp.167-182.
- 'Religion: towards a post-secular Europe?', in ed. Chris Rumford *Sage Handbook of European Studies*, Sage, 2009, pp.401-419.
- 'Introduction' in eds. Al-Azmeh and Fokas *Islam in Europe: Diversity, Identity and Influence*, Cambridge University Press, 2007, pp.1-15.
- 'Religion and politics: Examining the case of Greece through the prism of Europe' [in Greek], in ed. Kostas Zorbas *Religions and Politics*, Papazisis, 2007, pp.271-307.
- 'Greece: Religion, Nation and European Identity', in ed. Haldun Gulalp, *Citizenship and Ethnic Conflict: Challenging the Nation-State*, Routledge Press, 2006, pp.39-60.
- 'Turkey, Islam and the European Union', in eds. Nergis Canefe and Mehmet Ugur *Turkey and European Integration: Accession Prospects and Issues*, Routledge Press, 2004, pp.147-170.
- 'Greek Orthodoxy and European identity', in eds. Achilleas Mitsos and Elias Mossialos *Contemporary Greece and Europe*, Ashgate, 2000, pp. 275-302.

Book reviews (selection):

- *Law and Religion in the Liberal State* (eds. J.H.Bhuiyan and D.Jensen; Hart 2020), in *Religion, State and Society*, 2023, Vol.50, No.5, pp.586-588.
- *Regulating difference: religious diversity and nationhood in the secular West* (by Marian Burchardt; Rutgers University Press, 2020), in *Religion, State & Society*, 2021, Vol.49, Nos. 4/5, pp. 422-423.

- *Islam, Europe and emerging legal issues*, (eds. W. Cole Durham, Jr., Rik Torfs, David M. Kirkham and Christine Scott, Farnham/Burlington, VT, Ashgate, 2012), in *Religion, State and Society*, 2014, Vol.42, No.1, pp.89-105.
- *Secularism and Secularity: Contemporary International Perspectives* (eds. Barry A. Kosmin and Ariela Keysar; Trinity College Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture, Hartford, CT, 2007), and *Secularisms* (eds. Janet R. Jacobsen and Ann Pellegrini, Duke University Press, Durham, NC, 2008), in *Culture and Religion*, Vol.11, No.2, 2010, pp.163-169.
- *The Centrality of Religion in Social Life. Essays in Honour of James A. Beckford*, (ed. Eileen Barker, Ashgate: Aldershot, 2008), in *Nordic Journal of Religion and Society*, Vol.23, No.2, 2010, pp. 205-208.

Online articles, newspaper articles, reports and blog contributions:

- ‘The Trinity, the “Prevailing Religion”, and the Greek Constitution’, Talk About: Law and Religion. Blog of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, 31 October, 2020, available at <https://talkabout.iclrs.org/2020/10/31/the-trinity-the-prevailing-religion-and-the-greek-constitution/>
- ‘Stuck in the middle with *Papageorgiou*: Dashed hopes and missed opportunities’, Strasbourg Observers blog post, 27 November 2019, available at <https://strasbourgothers.com/2019/11/27/stuck-in-the-middle-with-papageorgiou-missed-or-new-opportunities/#more-4461>
- ‘An underused resource’ at the grassroots level: Freedom of and from religion through the European Court of Human Rights’, LSE Religion and Global Society blog post (series on ‘Real-world Approaches: Freedom of Religion or Belief’), 10 September 2019, available at <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/religionglobalsociety/2019/09/an-underused-resource-at-the-grassroots-level-freedom-of-and-from-religion-through-the-european-court-of-human-rights/>
- ‘Too Little, Too Late for Religious Freedom in Greece?’, Public Orthodoxy, 10 May 2018, available at <https://publicorthodoxy.org/2018/05/10/too-little-too-late-for-religious-freedom-in-greece/#more-4390>.
- ‘Pushed by the European Court of Human Rights, Greece Reins in Islamic Courts’, interview article in *World Politics Review*, 25 January 2018, available at <https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/24061/pushed-by-the-european-court-of-human-rights-greece-reins-in-islamic-courts>
- ‘Religious Pluralism and Education in Greece’ (with Margarita Markoviti), *LSE Hellenic Observatory Blog*, 21 February 2017, available at <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/greeceatlse/2017/03/01/religious-pluralism-and-education-in-greece/>
- ‘The Secular Court?’, *Grassrootsmobilise Working Paper 2*, 1 November 2016, originally published at <http://grassrootsmobilise.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/GRM-Working-Paper-2-The-Secular-Court.pdf>
- ‘The “radiating effects” of the European Court of Human Rights on social mobilisations around religion in Europe – an analytical frame’ (with Dia Anagnostou), *Grassrootsmobilise Working Paper 1*, 22 May 2015, originally published at <http://grassrootsmobilise.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/GRM-Working-Paper-1-Radiating-Effects.pdf>
- ‘Pluralism and religious freedom in majority Orthodox contexts’, ELIAMEP Working Paper No.49, 2014, available at https://www.eliamep.gr/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/49_2014_-WORKING-PAPER- Effie-Fokasfinal.pdf
- ‘Religion in the Greek public sphere’, in *Euro-topics Magazine*, 15 Sept 2008, originally published at http://www.eurotopics.net/en/magazin/gesellschaft-verteilerseite/religion/religion_griechenland/
- ‘A new role for the church? Reassessing the place of religion in the Greek public sphere’, August 2008, Hellenic Observatory Papers on Greece and Southern Europe (GreeSE) Paper Series No17. Published in-house and online, London School of Economics, available at <https://www.lse.ac.uk/Hellenic-Observatory/Assets/Documents/Publications/GreeSE-Papers/GreeSE-No17.pdf>
- ‘Welfare and Values in Europe: Transitions related to Religion, Minorities and Gender. State of the Art Report’, 2008, originally published at [http://www.waveproject.org/output/State of the Art Reports – Part A.pdf](http://www.waveproject.org/output/State%20of%20the%20Art%20Reports%20-%20Part%20A.pdf)
- ‘Greek Orthodoxy and European Identity’, 2000, originally published at Harvard Kennedy School Kokkalis Program website, <http://www.hks.harvard.edu/kokkalis/GSW2/Fokas.pdf>

Other:

Third Party Intervention to the European Court of Human Rights, on behalf of the Grassrootsmobilise Research team, in the case of *Papageorgiou and Others v. Greece*.

Conference presentations/public speaking engagements (*invited participation only*):

2023

- Presentation on 'Is religion special in the (special) case of Greece? A critical examination of Greek exceptionalism', Norwegian Centre for Human Rights/Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief, University of Oslo, symposium on New Directions in Orthodox Thought and Practice, Oslo, 8-9 December
- Panel presentation on 'Religious symbols in Greek public schools: deconstructing the shadow of Lautsi', Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, USA, 19-21 August
- Presentation on 'Nationalism, populist constitutionalism, and religious education in the Greek context', Orthodoxy and Human Rights Scholars Conference, Fordham University Law School, NY, USA, 13-16 March
- Participation in a panel discussion, together with Evangelos Venizelos (former Deputy PM of Greece) and Konstantinos Menoudakos (former President of the Greek Council of State and current President of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority), on religious education in the Greek education system, hosted by Kairos Theological Association at the Municipality of Athens Cultural Center, 27 January
- Panel Presentation on 'What's Roe got to do with it? Understanding the transnational mobilization (or lack thereof) around abortion in Orthodox Greece', International Orthodox Theological Association, Volos, Greece, 11-15 January

2022

- Online live presentation on Religion and Human Rights in Greece, London School of Economics Hellenic Observatory, 31 January
- Panelist for Final Panel Discussion on the relationship between state neutrality and religious diversity in Europe, Conference on State Neutrality and Religious Diversity in the Public Sphere and Public Education in Europe, Hasselt University, Hasselt, 22 March
- Keynote on 'Researching grassroots level uses of ECtHR-achieved rights', EU Fundamental Rights Agency Scientific Committee Human Rights Research Method Conference, Berlin, 1-2 June
- Keynote on 'Exploring the impact of the European Court of Human Rights on Freedom of Religion or Belief of migrant people', Conference on Freedom of Religion or Belief in Times of Migration, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, 6-7 October

2020

- Paper on 'Orthodoxy and Human Rights', Conference on Politics, Society and Culture in Orthodoxy Theology in a Global Age, organized by the Faculty of Evangelical Theology of Munster University and the Volos Academy for Theological studies, in cooperation with the Huffington Ecumenical Institute, Thessalia Conference Center, Volos, 6-9 February
- Online live conference presentation on challenges to religious pluralism in the European setting to DialogPerspectives, Leo Baeck Foundation, Berlin, 10 October
- Online live conference presentation on religious education in Greece to University of Toronto Modern Greek Studies Programme, 18 October
- Online live interview with Fordham University, Orthodox Christian Studies Program, 13 November

2019

- Paper on 'Orthodoxy on Trial: Majority Orthodox States and Religious Freedom at the European Court of Human Rights', International Orthodox Theological Association Conference, Iasi, Romania, 9-12 January
- Paper on 'Grassrootsmobilise engagements with religious education', Conference on 'Religions and Human Rights', Department of Social Theology and Religious Studies, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 13-16 February
- Presentation of Grassrootsmobilise project, European Academy of Religion Conference, Bologna, 4-7 March
- Keynote address, International Society for the Sociology of Religion Biannual Conference on 'The Politics of Religion and Spirituality', Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 9-12 July
- Paper on 'The role of the European Court of Human Rights in Relation to Islam across Europe', Conference on Islam and Europeanisation - Legal Perspectives, University of Copenhagen, 4 October

2018

- Keynote address on Religion and Human Rights in Greece, Conference on Universality v Particularity: Human Rights and Religions, University of Nicosia, Cyprus, 8-9 June
- Paper on 'Orthodoxy on Trial: Majority Orthodox States and Religious Freedom at the European Court of Human Rights', 2nd Panhellenic Meeting of Theologians, 9-11 November
- Paper on 'Blasphemy: the perspective of the European Court of Human Rights', 'Blasphemy and Multiculturalism' Conference, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, 23-24 November

2017

- Presentation, with Margarita Markoviti, on 'Religious Pluralism in Greece', London School of Economics Hellenic Observatory, 21 February
- Paper on 'Kokkinakis at the Grassroots Level', Conference on The European Court of Human Rights and the Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion: The 25-Year Legacy of Kokkinakis', Central European University, Budapest, 27-28 May
- Paper on 'Religion and national identity on trial: the impact of the ECtHR on religious freedom at the grassroots level', Workshop on 'Religious freedom and the varieties of religious establishment – National identities, public morals and cultural values', Lichtenberg-Kolleg, Georg-August-Univ. Göttingen, 9-10 June

2015

- Panel presentation on 'The concept of "Religion"', Workshop on Religious Pluralism and Secularism in Europe, Max Planck Institute for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, Luxembourg, 16 January
- Paper on 'The Challenge of Pluralism in Orthodoxy', Conference on 'Political Orthodoxy and Totalitarianism in a post-Communist Era', Helsinki, 28-31 May.
- Closing roundtable discussion on 'Identifying battlefields for the next decade', Conference on 'The Governance of Religious Diversity. More or less secularism?' European University Institute, 10-12 June

2014

- Paper on 'Do "European" Religious Freedoms Norms present a challenge to Orthodox Churches?', Workshop on Political modernity and the responses of contemporary Orthodox theology, Institute for the Human Sciences, University of Vienna, 16 - 17 January
- Presentation of the Grassrootsmobilise project, International Congress on Religious Pluralism Management, Madrid, 30-31 January
- Paper on 'Religious Freedom and National Identity', LSE Contemporary Turkish Studies Conference on Religious Diversity and Tolerance in Europe and Turkey, London School of Economics, 6 June
- Seminar presentation of the Grassrootsmobilise project, in the context of a Guest Lectureship at the University of Uppsala Faculty of Theology and speaking to the faculty's Research Seminars on the Sociology of Religion, 11 June
- Panel presentation on 'Banal, benign or pernicious? The relationship between religion and national identity from the perspective of religious minorities', Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 4-8 October
- Panel presentation on 'The Secular Court? Trends in the United States Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights Compared', Workshop on Judging Faiths: Religious Freedom at the Bar in U.S. and European Courts, European University Institute, 23-24 October
- Presentation on 'Banal, benign or pernicious? The relationship between religion and national identity from the perspective of religious minorities', Hellenic Observatory Seminar Series, London School of Economics, 25 November

2013

- Paper on 'Limitations to religious freedom in majority Orthodox countries', Conference on Orthodoxy and Human Rights, Catholic University of Louvain (UCL), 25-26 April
- Plenary speech on 'Rethinking religious-secular intersections', Conference on The Impact of Religion. Challenges for Society, Law and Democracy, Uppsala University, 20-22 May

- Seminar presentation on 'Religious Freedom, State Neutrality and the European Court of Human Rights: Insights from Orthodox Europe', Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Gottingen, 13 November

2012

- Keynote address on 'Religion in the public sphere', Univ. of Thessaloniki School of Theology, 27 March
- Presentation on 'Religious Pluralism and the European Court of Human Rights: Insights from the cases of Bulgaria and Romania', Faith in Europe Network, London, 11 October

2010

- Keynote address on 'Religion in the public sphere', Volos Academy for Theological Studies, April
- Keynote address on 'EU influence on religion in the Greek public sphere' at 'Orthodox Constructions of "the West"' conference, Fordham University, New York, USA, 28-30 June
- Keynote address on 'Islam in Europe: macro-level debates and micro-level adaptations to religious plurality' at Nordic Conference in Sociology of Religion, Kristiansand, Norway, 4-6 August

2009

- Keynote address on 'Moving beyond stereotypes on Orthodoxy and nationalism: the role of agency' at University of Copenhagen Conference on Orthodoxy and Innovation, 5-6 June

2008

- Seminar on 'Micro-perspectives on immigrant welfare in Greece: a case study', London School of Economics Hellenic Observatory, 15 January

2007

- Paper on 'Religion in the public sphere: Lessons from Europe's religious margins', at the workshop on 'The Call for a New World Order: Thomas Jefferson's Separation of Religion and State', Prague, 7-9 March
- Keynote address on 'Islam within the changing religious landscape of Europe', International Symposium on The Challenges of Religious Pluralism and Dialogue: the West, the Middle East and Japan, Sousse, 31 May-2 June

2006

- Keynote address on 'Islam in the balance of Turkey-EU relations', International Symposium on 'Europe between Islam and the United States: Current Trends and Future Options', jointly sponsored by the Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw; the Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University (Australia); and the Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw, 12-13 June

2005

- Paper on 'The Role of Religion in Turkey-EU relations', Symposium on 'Turkey and the EU: a reciprocal challenge', Exeter University, 17 May

2004

- Keynote address on 'Studying Orthodox diakonia in comparative context', World Council of Churches (together with the International Orthodox Christian Charities and Ortaid) Conference on 'Orthodox Diakonia', Valamo, Finland, 1-5 May
- Paper on 'The Islamist movement and Turkey-EU relations', Conference on 'Turkey and the EU: Membership Prospect and Issues', Greenwich University, London, 1 June
- Seminar on 'Welfare and Religion in Modern Europe: the Greek case' (together with Grace Davie), Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics, 26 October
- Paper on 'Religion and national identity in South Eastern European politics', United Nations/World Council of Churches (at the UN) conference on 'Advocacy Week at the UN', New York, 14-19 November

2003

- Keynote address on 'A Vicious Cycle: Religious anti-Europeanism, Church-State tensions, and Greek-EU relations', Conference on 'The religious dimension in world politics', Bar-Ilan Univ Tel Aviv, 21-22 May

Other conference participation (a selection of events since 2000):

- Participant in Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Consultation on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Security, 21-22 November, 2016
- Paper on 'Forces Promoting and Preventing Pluralism in Majority Orthodox Contexts', University of Padua International Conference on 'From Religious Diversity to Religious Pluralism. What is at stake?', Padua, 15-16 February, 2012
- Discussant, Stellenbosch University working meeting on Religion and Welfare in a Global Perspective, Cape Town, SA, 10-16 March, 2008
- Workshop participant, European University Institute workshop on Studying Religion and Politics, Florence, 17-18 March, 2008
- Panel chair, London School of Economics Conference on 'Religion and Politics in the Construction of the European Union', Symposium on Religion and State in Europe', London, 16 June, 2008
- Conference participant, 'Symposium on Religion and State in Europe', Center for Islamic Studies (ISAM), Istanbul, 9-10 December, 2006
- Conference participant, 'Diverse dialogues across Europe: Humanities and Social Sciences Research Forum', Nicosia, 27-28 January, 2005
- Conference participant, International Institute of Sociology (IIS) 37 World Congress, on 'Frontiers of Sociology', Stockholm, 5-9 July, 2005
- Conference participant, 'Dialogue Among Civilisations' Conference, Ohrid (co-organised by UNESCO and the government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), 28-31 August, 2003
- Panel chair and co-organiser, Conference on 'Orthodoxy and Europe', Cambridge University, 2-5 July
- Paper on 'Greek Orthodoxy and European Identity', Socrates Kokkalis Graduate Student Workshop, Harvard University, Boston, 11-12 February, 2000
- Chair of 10th Annual Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism
- Conference, London School of Economics, 24 March, 2000

Editorial assignments (since 2000):

Journal of Religion in Europe – Member of Editorial Board

Religion, State and Society – Member of Editorial Board

Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies – Member of Editorial Board

Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism – Co-editor (1998-2000)

Law and Society Review; Nations and Nationalism; Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans; Religion, State and Society – Peer reviewer

Reviewing activities:

- 2023 Reviewer for Furman University Political Science Department, Faculty promotion to Associate Professor
- 2019 Peer Reviewer, Leading Fellows Postdoctoral Program, a joint initiative between 5 Dutch universities
- 2019 Evaluator, European Research Council Advanced Grant
- 2018- Member of Research Advisory Group (RAG) evaluating funding proposals, London School of Economics Hellenic Observatory
- 2018-20 Evaluator for Researcher's Tenure Track, Bruno Kessler Foundation (FBK), Italy
- 2018 Evaluator of proposals for expert researcher in the field of religion and innovation, Centre for Religious Studies, Bruno Kessler Foundation (FBK), Italy
- 2018 Reviewer of proposals to the Political Theology section of the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA) Conference "Pan-Orthodox Unity and Conciliarity"
- 2017 Evaluator of paper proposals for Conference on "Global Orthodoxy", University of Padua, Italy
- 2015- Member of Editorial Board, *Religion, State and Society*, Taylor & Francis, UK

1998-00 Co-editor, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, Wiley, UK
Ongoing Peer Reviewer, *Law and Society Review*; *Nations and Nationalism*; *Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans*; *Religion, State and Society*
Ongoing Book Reviewer, *Culture and Religion*; *Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans*; *Religion, State and Society*; *Nordic Journal of Religion and Society*

Service:

2008-12 Founding Director of the London School of Economics Forum on Religion
2020- Member of the 3-person Research Ethics Committee for the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)
2022- Member of the Committee on Standing and Conduct (COSC), American College of Greece
2023- Advisor to the International Relations and European Affairs Student Society, American College of Greece
2024- Advisor to the American College of Greece Greek Dance Society

Teaching topics: Courses, workshops and seminars

Senior Thesis in International Relations and European Affairs (ACG Deree); Research Methods in International Relations and European Affairs (ACG Deree); Introduction to Politics and Global Affairs (American College of Greece – ACG Deree); Political Behavior (ACG Deree); Modern European History and Politics (ACG Deree); Introduction to International Relations (ACG Deree); Theories of Nationalism (London School of Economics); Nationalism and European Identity (London School of Economics); European Politics (Queen Mary University, London); Politics and Society of Modern Greece (Arcadia University, Athens); Religion and Human Rights in Contemporary Greece (Arcadia University, Athens); Religion and Nationalism (International Hellenic University Summer School, Thessaloniki; Olympia Summer Academy); Orthodoxy, National Identity and Religious Freedom (Olympia Summer Academy); Religion and the European Court of Human Rights (Olympia Summer Academy); Religion, Law and Politics (Olympia Summer Academy); Religion and European Identity (Panteion University, Athens – seminar series on European identities).

Additional Information

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