

Curriculum Vitae

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Fields of Specialization

Ottoman History ▪ Greek and Balkan History, 15th-18th century

Research Interests

Early modern social and economic history of the Ottoman Empire, historiography, institutional history, justice rendering, church-state relations, interreligious relations, ideology and legitimization of power, political participation, protest and rebellion, violence

Education

2001 Ph.D., Faculty of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria.
1988 B.A. in History and Archaeology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Athens, Greece.

Employment

since 2003 Faculty member. Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean.
2002–2006 Adjunct teaching staff. Studies in European Civilization, Hellenic Open University.
WS 2002/03 Adjunct teaching staff. Department of History and Archaeology, University of Crete.
Visiting lecturer. Department of History and Archaeology, University of Athens.
1997–2001 Senior researcher. Foundation of the Hellenic World.
1993–1997 Adjunct teaching staff (Greek language instructor). Institute for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna.
Greek language instructor. Adult Education Schools, Vienna.

Languages

Greek: native speaker ▪ English: excellent ▪ German: excellent ▪ French: very good ▪ Turkish: very good ▪ Ottoman: very good (reading competence and palaeography) ▪ Spanish: very good (reading competence) ▪ Italian: good (reading competence) ▪ Bulgarian: good (reading competence) ▪ Chinese: basic competence (HSK 2)

Fellowships and Scholarships

2001-2002 Hannah Seeger Davis post-doctoral research fellowship, Program in Hellenic Studies, Princeton University
1991-1994 Post-graduate studies scholarship, Bodossakis Foundation
1989-1990 Research Scholarship, Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research

Professional Memberships

- since 2014 Gesellschaft für Turkologie, Osmanistik und Türkeiforschung
- since 1997 Modern Greek Studies Association/*Mnemon*
- since 1995 Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association
- since 1992 Comité International d'Études Pré-ottomanes et Ottomanes

Advisory and Editorial Boards, Management Committees

- since 2022 Member of the Advisory Board of the *Mediterranean Journal of Gender and Women's Studies / Akdeniz Kadın Çalışmaları ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet Dergisi*, Akdeniz University, Antalya (<https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/ktc>).
- since 2022 Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Νέες Έρευνες*, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean, Mytilene (<https://www.sah.aegean.gr/metaptychiakes-spoudes/didaktoriko-diploma/periodiko-nees-erevnes/>).
- 2019–2023 Member of the Management Committee of the COST Action *Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South, North of the Mediterranean (1350-1750)*. Web: <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18129/>.
- since 2016 Member of the Advisory Board of the project *Historiography in Ottoman Europe* (Ruhr University Bochum). Web: <http://www.ub.rub.de/oh/>.

Departmental Committees and Positions (current)

- Director and member of the Coordinating Committee of the post-graduate programme “Crisis and Historical Change”
- Member of the Department’s Internal Evaluation Team
- Erasmus+ departmental coordinator
- Co-responsible for the departmental website (website coordinator)
- Member of the Summer Practice Programme Coordinating Committee

Teaching

Post-graduate Seminars (current)

CHC-3 The crisis of the 17th century and the transformation of the Ottoman world (compulsory, Post-Graduate Programme “Crisis and Historical Change”)

Pre-graduate Courses (current)

H-235 History of the Ottoman Empire, 1300-1839 (compulsory)

H-232 The Balkan Slavs, 15th-18th centuries (elective)

H-233 Islam and Christianity in the early modern times (elective)

H-237 Everyday life in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean, 15th-18th centuries (elective)

H-238 State and society in the Greek-Ottoman world 1770-1821 (elective)

Pre-graduate Seminars (current)

W/S-016 The Ottoman sharia court (elective)

W/S-020 Sources for the history of the Ottoman Balkans (elective)

W/S-054 Travel and travellers in the Ottoman realm (elective)

Publications

Books

- 2015 *Christians and Muslims in the Ottoman Empire: Institutional realities and social dynamics* (in Greek, with Yorgos Tzedopoulos). Athens: HEAL-Link, URI: <http://hdl.handle.net/11419/2882> (pdf and e-pub). 293 pp.

Edited Volumes

- 2013 *Greek paradoxes: Patronage, civil society, and violence* (in Greek, with Katerina Rozakou). Athens: Alexandria, 496 pp.
- 2011 *Popular protest and political participation in the Ottoman Empire: Studies in honor of Suraiya Faroqhi* (with M. Erdem Kabadayı and Christoph K. Neumann). Istanbul: Bilgi University Press, x+364 pp.

Research Articles

- forthcoming: "Interfaith marriage in the early modern Ottoman Empire: Legal and social aspects." *Mediterranean Journal of Gender and Women's Studies*.
- forthcoming: "Ottoman studies in Greece: a reflective gaze" (with Marinos Sariyannis and Phokion Kotzageorgis). *Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique Moderne et Contemporain*, <https://journals.openedition.org/bchmc/>.
- forthcoming: "Grievance redressal and ecclesiastical appointments: Sultanic rescripts in favour of metropolitans and bishops from the 17th century." In „*Buyurdum ki... Festschrift Claudia Römer*, ed. Hülya Çelik, Yavuz Köse and Gisela Prochazka-Eisl, Leiden: Brill.
- forthcoming: "Writing contemporary history: Ottoman Turkish and Greek narrations of the Morean rebellion in the late 18th century." In *Writing history in Ottoman Europe (15th-18th century)*, ed. Ovidiu-Victor Olar and Konrad Petrovsky, Leiden: Brill.
- forthcoming: "Seditious activity in Ottoman Rumelia: Conspiracy, agitation, and the plan for a general insurrection in the Greek mainland at the beginning of the seventeenth century." In *Governing the borders, challenging the state: Cultures of disobedience in Central-Eastern Europe and the Balkans (16th–18th centuries)*, ed. R. Păun and L. Tatarenko.
- forthcoming: "Pious endowments, female patronage, and the emergence of Ottoman Kara Ferye." In *Imperial palimpsests: The Byzantine and Ottoman Empires as inheritors of the classical tradition*, ed. A. Kottaridi and I. Graekos, Veroia: Ephorate of Antiquities of Hemathia.
- 2022 "Confession-Building and authority: The Great Church and the Ottoman state in the first half of the 17th century" (with Ovidiu Olar). In *Entangled Confessionalizations? Dialogic Perspectives on the Politics of Piety and Community Building in the Ottoman Empire, 15th–18th centuries*, ed. T. Krstić and D. Terzioğlu, 159-214, Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.31826/9781463243586/html>.
- 2021 "Rumors, tidings and secrets: Informing of the Revolt of Dionysios the Philosopher in Thessaly in 1600" (in Greek). In *Ο νέος ελληνισμός: Οι κόσμοι του και ο κόσμος. Αφιέρωμα στην Όλγα Κατσιαρδή-Hering*, ed. A. Papadia-Lala et al., 107-120, Athens: Eurasia.
- 2021 "An Ottoman boyhood: Child life in the late eighteenth-century through the lens of Panayis Skouzes' autobiography." In *Children and childhood in the Ottoman Empire: From the 15th to the 20th century*, ed. G. Yilmaz and F. Zachs, 77-99, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- 2021 "Popular protest and revolt at times of subsistence crisis: The Ottoman lands, 17th-18th century" (in Greek). In *Εκδοχές της ηθικής οικονομίας: Ιστορικές και θεωρητικές*

- μελέτες, ed. N. Potamianos, 79-99, Rethymno: FORTH/Institute for Mediterranean Studies, https://moral-economy.ims.forth.gr/?page_id=101.
- 2019 “The Jews of Veroia in the 16th century: Evidence from the Ottoman archives” (in Greek). *Χρονικά Ιστορίας και Πολιτισμού Ν. Ημαθίας* 37, 7-15.
- 2018 “Prophecy, rebellion, suppression: Revisiting the revolt of Dionysios the Philosopher in 1611.” In *Paradigmes rebelles: Pratiques et cultures de la désobéissance à l’époque moderne*, ed. G. Salinero, M. A. García Garrido and R. Păun, 335-363, Brussels: Peter Lang.
- 2017 “Conceptualizing interreligious relations in the Ottoman Empire: The early modern centuries.” *Acta Poloniae Historica* 116 [Special Issue: The Wealth of Diversity: Inter-religious and Inter-confessional Contacts in Central and East-Central Europe in the Early Modern Era], 57-91.
- 2015 “The rural hinterland of Karaferye: Settlements, divisions and the *çiftlik* phenomenon (seventeenth-eighteenth centuries)” (with Antonis Anastasopoulos). In *Ottoman rural societies and economies*, ed. E. Kolovos, 261-291, Rethymno: Crete University Press.
- 2012 “Patterns of collective action and political participation in the early modern Balkans.” In *Political initiatives ‘from the bottom up’ in the Ottoman Empire*, ed. A. Anastasopoulos, 399-433, Rethymno: Crete University Press.
- 2011 “Popular protest and the limitations of sultanic justice.” In *Popular protest and political participation in the Ottoman Empire: Studies in honor of Suraiya Faroqhi*, ed. E. Gara, M. E. Kabadayı and C. K. Neumann, 89-104, Istanbul: Bilgi University Press.
- 2010 “Partiality in the administration of justice at the Ottoman *kadi* courts” (in Greek). In *Μνήμη Πηνελόπης Στάθη: Μελέτες Ιστορίας και Φιλολογίας*, ed. K. Lappas, A. Anastasopoulos and E. Kolovos, 39-54, Herakleio: Crete University Press.
- 2008 “Ottoman social history: Trends of research and the issue of reflexivity” (in Greek). In *Οριενταλισμός στα όρια: από τα οθωμανικά Βαλκάνια στη σύγχρονη Μέση Ανατολή*, ed. P. Tsimpiridou and D. Stamatopoulos, 99-124, Athens: Kritike.
- 2007 “Marrying in seventeenth-century Mostar.” In *The Ottoman Empire, the Balkans, the Greek lands: Toward a social and economic history – Studies in honor of John C. Alexander*, ed. E. Kolovos, Ph. Kotzageorgis, S. Laiou and M. Sariyannis, 115-134, Istanbul: The Isis Press.
- 2005/06 “Neomartyr without a message.” *Archivum Ottomanicum* 23 [Special Issue: Mélanges en l’honneur d’Elizabeth A. Zachariadou, ed. G. Hazai], 155-175.
- 2005 “Moneylenders and landowners: In search of urban Muslim elites in the early modern Balkans.” In *Provincial elites in the Ottoman Empire*, ed. A. Anastasopoulos, 135-147, Rethymno: Crete University Press.
- 2005 “Çuha for the janissaries – Velence for the poor: Competition for raw material and work-force between Salonica and Veria, 1600-1650.” In *Crafts and craftsmen of the Middle East: Fashioning the individual in the Muslim Mediterranean*, ed. S. Faroqhi and R. Deguilhem, 121-152, London–New York: I.B. Tauris.
- 2001 “Murderers and judges in Ottoman Veria” (in Greek). *Ιμερος* 1, 113-130.
- 1999 “Ottoman attitudes on crime and punishment” (in Greek, with Antonis Anastasopoulos). *Μνήμων* 21, 37-54.
- 1999 “Lending and borrowing money in an Ottoman province town.” In *Acta Viennensia Ottomanica: Akten des 13. CIÉPO-Symposiums (Comité International d’Études Pré-ottomanes et Ottomanes)*, ed. M. Köhbach, G. Prohazka-Eisl and C. Römer, 113-119, Vienna: Institut für Orientalistik.
- 1998 “In search of communities in seventeenth-century Ottoman sources: The case of the Kara Ferye district.” *Turcica* 30, 135-162.

- 1994 “The Greek newspapers of Izmir and the Eastern Crisis of 1875-1878.” In *Son yüzyıllarda İzmir ve Batı Anadolu: Uluslararası sempozyumu tebliğleri*, ed. T. Baykara, 111-122, Izmir: Akademi Kitabevi.

Popularization Articles

- 2007 “The town and district of Veroia in Ottoman times” (in Greek). In *Emathias Meletemata*, 53-61, Veroia: Oi Philoi tou Vyzantinou Mouseiou Veroias.

Introductory Articles

- 2015 “War for the faith on both parts of the Mediterranean: From the medieval to the contemporary world” (in Greek). Introduction to the Greek edition of M. Greene, *Catholic pirates and Greek merchants: A maritime history of the early modern Mediterranean*, trans. G. Tzedopoulos, 11-46, Athens: Ekdoseis tou Eikostou Protou.
- 2013 “Loci of the political: Public sociality and violence in Greece” (in Greek, with Katerina Rozakou and Yannis Yannitsiotis). In *Ελληνικά παράδοξα: Πατρωνία, κοινωνία πολιτών και βία*, ed. K. Rozakou and E. Gara, 25-70, Athens: Alexandria.
- 2011 “Ottoman subjects as political actors: Historiographical representations” (with Christoph K. Neumann and M. Erdem Kabadayı). In *Popular protest and political participation in the Ottoman Empire: Studies in honor of Suraiya Faroqhi*, ed. E. Gara, M. E. Kabadayı and C. K. Neumann, 1-37, Istanbul: Bilgi University Press.
- 2009 “In search of a new image of the Ottoman Empire: Recent revisions of Ottoman history, their successes and limitations” (in Greek). Introduction to the Greek edition of S. Faroqhi, *The Ottoman Empire and the world around it*, trans. G. Karachristos, 17-41, Athens: Ekdoseis tou Eikostou Protou.
- 2005 “Christians and Muslims in the early modern Ottoman Empire: Historiographical approaches” (in Greek). Introduction to the Greek edition of M. Greene, *A shared world: Christians and Muslims in the early modern Mediterranean*, trans. E. Gara – T. Gekou, 15-37, Athens: Ekdoseis tou Eikostou Protou.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2004 “Greece”. In *Europe 1450 to 1789: Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World*, New York: Thomson-Gale, 3, 87-90.
- 2001 “Karaferye“ (with Machiel Kiel). In *T.D.V. İslam Ansiklopedisi*, Istanbul: Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı, 24, 391-394.

Book Reviews

- 2019/20 “Sophia Laiou and Marinos Sariyannis, *Ottoman narrations of the Greek Revolution: from Yusuf Bey to Ahmed Cevded Pasha*, Athens: National Hellenic Research Foundation/Institute of Historical Research, 2019, 181 pp.” (in Greek). *Μνήμων* 37, 359-366.
- 2019 “Ali Yaycioglu, *Partners of the empire: The crisis of the Ottoman order in the age of revolutions*, Stanford University Press, 2016, 347 pp.” *Historein* 18:2. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.12681/historein.18635>.
- 2017 “*Das osmanische Europa: Methoden und Perspektiven der Frühneuzeitforschung zu Südosteuropa*, edited by Andreas Helmedach, Marcus Koller, Konrad Petrovsky and Stefan Rohdewald (Leipzig: Eudora-Verlag, 2014), 506 p. ISBN: 978-3-938533-30-7.” *Turcica* 48, 510-514.
- 2014 “*Şehrâyîn: Die Welt der Osmanen, die Osmanen in der Welt: Wahrnehmungen, Begegnungen und Abgrenzungen / Illuminating the Ottoman world: Perceptions, encounters and boundaries. Festschrift Hans Georg Majer*, edited by Yavuz Köse, with

- the collaboration of Tobias Völker (Wiesbaden, Harrassowitz, 2012), 518 pp., 23 ill., 19 tables." *Mediterranean Historical Review* 29:2, 204-208.
- 2014 "A review of *Alternative claims on justice and law: Rural arson and poison murder in the 19th century Ottoman Empire*, by Ebru Aykut Türker (Ph.D. thesis, University of Boğaziçi, Istanbul, 2011)." *Dissertation Reviews*, <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/10068>.
- 2012 "Colette Establet et Jean-Paul Pascual, *La gent d'État dans la société ottoman damascene: Les 'askar à la fin du XVIIe siècle* (Damascus: Institut français du Proche-Orient, 2011), 351 pp." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 44, 592-594.
- 2008 "Hülya Canbakal, *Society and Politics in an Ottoman Town: 'Ayntāb in the Seventeenth Century*, [The Ottoman Empire and its Heritage, vol. 36], Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2007, 213 pp." *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes* 98, 502-504.
- 2008 "Antonis Anastasopoulos and Elias Kolovos (eds), *Ottoman Rule and the Balkans, 1760-1850: Conflict, Transformation, Adaptation. Proceedings of an international conference held in Rethymno, Greece, 13-14 December 2003*, Rethymno: University of Crete/Department of History and Archaeology, 2007, 263 pp.", *Historiein* 8, 165-168.
- 2008 "Mark Mazower, *Salonica, City of Ghosts: Christians, Muslims and Jews, 1430-1950*. Vintage Books (New York, 2006), 490 pp." *The MIT Electronic Journal for Middle East Studies* 8, 259-262.
- 2006 "Fariba Zarinebaf, John Bennet, and Jack L. Davis, *A Historical and Economic Geography of Ottoman Greece: The Southwestern Morea in the 18th Century*, [Hesperia Supplement 34], The American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 2005." *Historiein* 6, 196-200.
- 1993 "Jakob Merkelbach, *Die Protokolle des Kadiamtes Nikosia aus den Jahren 1105/06 (1693-1695): Übersetzung und Kommentierung*, Frankfurt a.M.: Peter Lang, 1991." *Südost-Forschungen* 52, 563-566.

Conference Discussions

- 2015 "Political Thought and Practice in the Ottoman Empire (Halcyon Days in Crete IX Symposium, Rethymno, 9-11 January 2015)." *Historiein* 15, 186-92.
- 2006 "Symposium Crete and the Eastern Mediterranean, 1645-1840 (Halcyon Days in Crete VI), Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Rethymno, 13-15 January 2006" (in Greek). *Σύγχρονα Θέματα* 93, 76-80.

Presentations (unpublished research)

- 2022 "Sultanic documents, synodical decisions, and the issue of ecclesiastical authority: the formative seventeenth century." *24th Symposium of the Comité International d'Études Pré-ottomanes et Ottomanes*, Thessaloniki, 20-26 June.
- 2022 "Disdain and resentment as emotional breeding-ground of rebellion in Ottoman Rumelia." Workshop *Tracing Emotions in the Ottoman Empire: Methodology and Case Studies*, History Department, Akdeniz University, Antalya, 12 April.
- 2021 "*The Forty Vezirs: Advice literature in an entertaining format for an Ottoman audience.*" E-conference *The Palaiologan Romance in Context: Narrativity, Identities and Gender in the Mediterranean (12th -16th centuries)*, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean, 24-25 June.
- 2021 "Familiar newcomers? The Muzaki and the Pavlo-Kurtik of Veroia/Kara Ferye." E-workshop *Christian-Muslim interplay in late medieval and early modern Balkans: Power networks and regional lordships during the Ottoman conquest*, Austrian Academy of Sciences/Institute for Habsburg and Balkan Studies, 17 May.

- 2019 “The sons of Mehmed Ağa: Cooperation and antagonism in a mixed family of Veroia” (in Greek). Conference *Ημαθείν: Μνήμη, πολιτισμός και ιστορία στην Ημαθία*, Ephorate of Antiquities of Hemathia, Aigai, 6-8 December.
- 2019 “Before ‘chiftlicization’: Private landownership in Veroia in the sixteenth century.” Workshop *Provincial elites, rural relations and taxation in the 17th and 18th-century Balkans*, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Crete, Rethymno, 15 April.
- 2017 “The Ottoman state and its Christian subjects: A periodization.” Conference *Christian and Jews in Ottoman Society*, The Middle East Centre, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, 3-5 July.
- 2014 “Topography of violence: Spaces of imprisonment and places of execution in early modern Ottoman towns” (in Greek). Seminars cycle *Συζητώντας για τις πόλεις της νεωτερικότητας και της ύστερης νεωτερικότητας – Μια διεπιστημονική προσέγγιση*, History Lab, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean, Mytilene, 2 April.
- 2012 “Violence in the early modern Ottoman Empire and its social meanings.” *20th Symposium of the Comité International d’Études Pré-ottomanes et Ottomanes*, Rethymno, 27 June – 1 July.
- 2011 “Women and violence in the Ottoman realm.” International conference *The challenge of gender in the Ottoman, Turkish and Middle-Eastern Studies: Attempting an interdisciplinary approach*, Department of Turkish and Modern Asian Studies, University of Athens, and École Française d’Athènes, Athens, 1-2 December.