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### **Academic Positions**

Assistant Professor of Modern Greek History in the Department of History and Archaeology at the University of Athens (since 2007). She has also taught in the Institute of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies at the University of Vienna (2003-2004) and in the Department of History and Archaeology at the University of Crete.

### **Fields of Interest**

History of migration and the diaspora, intellectual history and environmental history.

### **Publications**

#### ***Books***

- *The Laboratory of the Scholar: Reading, Scholarly Production and Communication in the Age of Greek Enlightenment*, Publisher National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens 2013, p. 376. (In Greek)

- *Greeks in Vienna (18th – mid 19th C.)*, Publisher Herodotus, Athens 2011, p. 497. (In Greek)

#### ***Articles (selected)***

- «Forests in Greece (15th – 18th Century.): Reconsidering a History of Catastrophy», *Mesaionika kai Nea Ellinika* 11 (2014), p. 69-87 (in Greek).

- «The Mediterranean. A Conceptual History», in D. Mishkova (ed.), *European Regions and Boundaries. A Conceptual History*, Bergham: Oxford – New York (in press).

-«Notes from the Edges. Environmental History Writing in a Mediterranean ‘Periphery’», in *Environmental History in the Making*, Proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of Environmental History, Springer (in press).

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- «Historians in the Nature: An Introduction to Environmental History», *Ta Historika* 51 (2009), p. 275-297 (in Greek).

- «The Enlightenments within the Enlightenment. Balkan Scholarly Production and Communication in the Habsburg Empire as seen through an Early Nineteenth-Century Private Library», in H. Heppner, Eva Posch (eds), *Encounters in Europe's Southeast. The Habsburg Empire and the Orthodox World in the 18th and 19th Centuries*, Bochum 2012, p. 175-189.

-“Beyond the Sea. The Mediterranean as a Conceptual Category”, *Diachronia* 3 (2012), p. 17-27 (in Greek).

-“Between Erudition and Science. Intellectual norms and the Greek Enlightenment”, in *The Balkans. Modernization, Identities and Ideas. In Honour of Professor Nadia Danova*, Institute of Balkan Studies / Center for Thracology, Sofia 2011, p. 71-87 (in Bulgarian).

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- “When the Turk is a Greek-Orthodox and the Vlach a Native Austrian. Greek *Τουρκομερίτες* and *Εντόπιοι* in 18th and early 19th Century Vienna”, in Maria Efthymiou (ed.), *La société grecque sous la domination ottoman. Économie, identité, structure sociale et conflits*, Athens 2010, p. 79-91.

-“Cultural Transfers and Greek Merchant Diaspora Communities. A New Reading of an Old Story”, *Mnemon* 31 (2010), p. 9-29 (in Greek).

- “The “Old” Diaspora, the “New” Diaspora, and the Greek Diaspora in 18th -19th Century Vienna”, in M. Rozen (ed.), *Homeland and Diasporas. Greeks, Jews and Their Migrations*, London / New York 2008, p. 155-159.

- “Grocers and Wholesalers, Ottomans and Habsburgs, “Strangers” and “Our Own”. The Greek Trade Diaspora in Central Europe (17th-19th Century)”, in S. Faroqhi - G. Veinstein (eds), *Merchants in the Ottoman Empire [=Turcica XV]*, Paris 2008, p. 81-95.

- “*Griechischer Handelsmann: Anatomizing a Collective Subject*”, in H. Kröll (ed.), *Austrian-Greek Encounters over the Centuries*, Vienna 2007, p. 129-137.

- “Trade Diasporas: From Pariah to Confucian Capitalism”, *Syghrona Themata* 92 (2006), p. 46-50 (in Greek).

- “Görög diaszpóra a Habsburg Monarchiában (17.-19. század)”, *Budapesti negyed* 14 (2006), p. 177-188
- “Stories of Disinheritance of the Greek Merchant Community in 19th-Century Vienna”, in *Gender, family and property in legal theory and practice: the European perspective from 10th-20th century*, Proceedings of an International Conference (Available from: <http://ims.forth.gr>)
- “Balkan Merchants in the Habsburg Empire (18th – 19th Century). Ethnic Identities and Scholarly Perplexities”, in M. A. Stassinopoulou - M. Ch. Hatzioannou (eds), *Diaspora – Networks – Enlightenment*, Athens 2005, p. 53-82 (in Greek).
- “The Greek Settlement in Vienna (1780-1820): Organization of Space and Identities”, in Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Modern Greek Studies *The Greek World between the East and the West*, Athens 1999, v. II, p. 237-245 (in Greek).
- «Cosmopolitanism, Monarchy, and Multiethnic Reality. Vienna of Greeks and Rhigas”, *Mnemon* 21 (1999), p. 189-200 (in Greek).
- “Griechen in Wien im 18. und frühen 19. Jahrhundert. Soziale Identitäten im Alltag”, *Das achtzehnte Jahrhundert und Österreich. Jahrbuch der Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des achtzehnten Jahrhunderts* 12 (1997), p. 7-18.

#### **Papers presented in International Conferences (selected, mostly in English)**

- «Bringing nature into history. A plea for environmental history”, *History and Historiography in the 20th Century*, International Conference, University of Athens, University of Peloponnesus, Historein, International Network of Theory of History, Athens 18-20 June 2015.
- «Notes from the Edges: Environmental History Writing in Greece», 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of Environmental History *Environmental History in the Making*, University of Minho and International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations, Guimaraes – Portugal, 8-12 July 2014.
- «A wasted nature? Forest management and landscape perception in a Mediterranean island, 18th – 19th centuries», 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mediterranean Studies Association Congress, Marbella – Spain, 28-31 May 2014.
- «Bavarian visions for the Greek forests. The organization of forest administration in the young Greek state (1833-1840)», *Nature and the Environment in East and Southeast Europe: Historical and Economic Perspectives*, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies / Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung, Regensburg, 27-29 June 2013.
- «Between nation and empire: Balkan intellectuals in the Habsburg Monarchy, late 18th – 19th c.», *The Patriotism of the Expatriates. Diasporas and national consciousness between Europe, the Mediterranean and beyond in the long 19th century*, University of Nicosia– Queen Mary University of London, Nicosia, 18 February 2012.

- «Libraries as cross-cultural spaces. Balkan intellectuals in the Habsburg Empire and their private libraries», 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Eighteenth Century Studies, International Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Graz, 25-29 July 2011.
- «Land of the sea, or land of the mountains? Environmental representations and the formation of the Greek landscape 18th – 20th c.», 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of European Society for Environmental History *Encounters of Sea and Land*, Turku, 28 June – 2 July 2011.
- «Environment: Introduction», *The Mediterranean and Its Seas: Natural, Social, Political Environments and Landscapes, 15th – 20th Centuries*, Department of History and Archaeology – University of Athens / Programme of Post-Graduate Studies, Athens, 1-3 October 2009.
- «Between wilderness and usefulness: Perceptions of the Greek forests in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries», *The Mediterranean and Its Seas*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 25-27 September 2008.
- «The misery of the unexploited forest: The forests of Thassos island through the eyes of West-European travelers», *Mediterranean Worlds. Peoples, Institutions, Exchanges*, Department of History and Archaeology – University of Athens / Programme of Post-Graduate Studies, Athens, 23-24 May 2008.
- «Greek trade diaspora communities in Vienna in the 18th / 19th century – competing interests and changing identities», *Austrian-Greek Encounters over the Centuries*, Academy of Athens / Embassy of Austria, Athens, 16-17 March 2007.
- «Punishing after death: Stories of disinheritance of the Greek community in 19th century Vienna», *Gender, Family and Property in Legal Theory and Practice: The European Perspective, from 10th – 20th Century*, European Network “Gender Differences in European Legal Cultures”, Rethymnon, 21-23 September 2006.
- «Greek Diaspora merchants in central Europe as economic and cultural intermediaries (17th -19th centuries)», *Ottoman Merchants from the 16th to the early 19th Century*, University of Munich, Munich, 5-7 February 2004.
- «Rethinking Greek diaspora. Reflections on the study of the Greek settlement in Vienna 18th-19th centuries», *Greek Diaspora-Jewish Diaspora*, University of Haifa, Haifa, 26-29 March 2001.

