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Open University of Cyprus (OUC) is a public Higher Education Institution, operating under the effective control of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth of the Republic of Cyprus. Established in 2002, 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 organized through its three Faculties (Humanities and Social Sciences, Pure and Applied Sciences, Economics and Management);
- develops wide-ranging research work in cutting-edge scientific fields and participates in externally funded research projects;
- fosters strategic partnerships with universities, research centers and other stakeholders in Cyprus and abroad;
- promotes its internationalization and seeks its development as an internationally recognized university in research and innovation;
- organizes short-term training programmes to enhance career change or development;
- engages in public activities across a wide range of areas aiming at increasing its cultural contribution to society.

Based on the aforementioned, it is clear that OUC aims to achieve long-term cooperation in educational and research programmes and to promote the mobility of its students and staff, to accomplish its vision to become a renowned and inspiring regional higher education institution.

OUR VISION

Open University of Cyprus is committed to opening up education to all, and strives for an outstanding, challenging, and transformative teaching and learning experience of high academic standards and unrivalled links with the business world and society.
RESEARCH AT OUC

Research at Open University of Cyprus is wide-ranging and interdisciplinary, and focuses on the advancement and transfer of knowledge through the creative output of its faculty and researchers. Under its internationalization strategy, OUC supports individual projects of its academic and research staff, and develops strong partnerships with foreign research teams that involve local and international research projects with academia, the business world, and other research organisations.

OUC is actively involved in research in the following areas:

- culture, theatre, history, and archeology
- communications and new journalism
- educational sciences, adult education and lifelong learning
- literature and linguistics
- healthcare policy and administration, health economics
- business administration, economics and management
- environmental technology
- environment, ecology and climate change
- information and communication technologies, social information systems, artificial intelligence, telecommunications
- European and commercial law.

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, and COST.

In addition to independent research, OUC’s six (6) research labs support collaborative research and engage faculty and students from across the University:

- Chemical Engineering and Engineering Sustainability Lab
- Computational Cognition Lab
- Cybersecurity and Telecommunications Research Lab
- Educational Technology Lab
- Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab
- Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency

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.

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.

RESEARCH LABS

Chemical Engineering and Engineering Sustainability Lab

cognition.ouc.ac.cy

Research carried out at the Computational Cognition Lab (CCLab) 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.

Cybersecurity and Telecommunications Research Lab

cybersecurity.ouc.ac.cy

The Cybersecurity and Telecommunications Research Lab (CTRL) has been established and is led by Professor Stavros Stavrou. CTRL’s research activities are concentrating in the following areas: cybersecurity, protection of critical infrastructures, wireless communications and networks and localisation of wireless systems.

Educational Technology Lab

edtech.ouc.ac.cy

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.

Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab

templab.ouc.ac.cy

Work in the Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab (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 modelling and ecosystem services.
The Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency, operating at OUC, aims to establish a network of researchers with key expertise in the areas of informatics and digital literacy. Among other broader impacts, CyCAT aims to create digital tools / databases that are relevant to the needs of Cypriot users and which will be used to raise awareness about algorithmic bias (in particular, biases found in information access systems that the public routinely uses), the creation of digital material related to the development of such systems, as well as the strengthening of actions and interventions in Cyprus on the importance of digital and algorithmic literacy.

The OUC research team includes Assistant Professor Jahna Otterbacher (coordinator), Professor Michalinos Zembylas and Associate Professor Loizos Michael. The advanced partner organizations are the University of Sheffield (UK), the University of Haifa (Israel), the University of Trento (Italy) and the University of Edinburgh (UK).

OUC PARTICIPATION IN RISE, A CYPIRIOT RESEARCH CENTER OPERATING WITH EU FUNDING

RISE - Research Center in Interactive Media, Smart Systems and Emerging Technologies

RISE aims to become a Centre of Excellence and a hub across the three continents bordering Cyprus, facilitating thus the local scientific, technological, and economic growth of the region.

RISE aims to undertake world-class research in order to drive innovation across multiple industrial sectors creating social and economic benefit. In RISE’s approach this will move beyond research driven purely by technical challenges, and consider the central role of humans within technology development, deployment and adoption along with the societal challenges and impact of technology innovation.

RISE is a joint venture of the Municipality of Nicosia and the three state universities of the Republic of Cyprus, i.e. Open University of Cyprus, University of Cyprus, Cyprus University of Technology, and two international partners (Max Planck Institute of Germany and University College London in the United Kingdom). OUC’s project team is led by Associate Professor Loizos Michael, head of the University’s Computational Cognition Lab. Dr. Jahna Otterbacher is also team leader at RISE.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND MOBILITY

Research, Industry Liaison and Innovation Unit

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The Research, Innovation and Liaison Unit provides administrative support and management for the University’s research projects. It also supports faculty in identifying sources of external funding and assists with proposals and the requisite application procedures, while it provides administrative support for research programmes funded from the University’s budget. The objectives of the Unit focus on three main areas: information and networking; support and training; and dissemination of research results.

Industry Liaison Office

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Embracing the idea to encourage a more structured, result-driven cooperation ventures with the business world, Open University of Cyprus is operating an Industry Liaison Office. Its mission is to:

- promote entrepreneurship and innovation,
- support students and graduates in developing transversal skills and improving their employability,
- establish mutually beneficial links and synergies with sectors of the economy.

More specifically, OUC ILO:

- 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.

Mobility Office

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The OUC Mobility Office, operating under the International Relations, Development and Communications Unit, is responsible for the organization and management of the University’s Erasmus+ mobility activities. OUC’s main aim is to strengthen cooperation with other universities and organizations that participate in the Erasmus+ 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 OUC.
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
- Classical Archaeology
- Ancient History
- History and Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean with emphasis on the Roman and Late Roman Periods

SHORT VITA

George Deligiannakis is a graduate of the Department of History and Archeology (School of Philosophy) of the University of Athens (1999). He completed his M.Phil. postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford (2002) and in 2007 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Ancient History from the same university. He taught as Lecturer in the Department of Philology at the University of Patras (2007-2008), while in 2008 he was appointed Lecturer and then Assistant Professor (2012) and Associate Professor (2017) of Late Antiquity at the Open University of Cyprus.

He has published about fifty articles and studies in international scientific journals and collective volumes. His latest monograph entitled The Dodecanese and the Eastern Aegean Islands in Late Antiquity, AD 300-700, was published by Oxford University Press. He has received research fellowships from Princeton and Ohio State Universities. He has also been a fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (2017-2019), and a visiting professor at the University of Bologna (2020).

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- “What is Late Antiquity? Selected Readings for the study of the Late Roman World” (Herodotus, 2020, in Greek).
- “Helios and the Emperor in the Late Antique Peloponnesus” (2017), Journal of Late Antiquity, 10(2), pp. 325-350.
- “Palatia of Saria, a Late Antique Nesopolis of Provincia Insularum. A Topographical Survey”, In Rizos, Ε. and Ricci, Α. (eds.) (2017), New Cities in Late Antiquity. Documents and Archaeology (BAT), Turnhout, pp. 263-276 (with V. Karabatsos).

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-2019).
- Member of the Studies Committee, of the International Relations Committee, and other Committees of the OUC 2016-2017.
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, The Cyprus Institute, STARC (2013-2016).

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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 Ph.D. 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, Phocea 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.
Dr Maria Gravani is an Assistant Professor in Continuing/Adult Education at the Open University of Cyprus, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Academic Coordinator (at the OUC) for the M.A. in "Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning" & the International Masters on "Adult Education for Social Change" (IMAESC-Erasmus Mundus).

She is an elected member of the Steering Committee of ESREA (European Society for the Research on the Education of Adults) since 2017, and sits in the Editorial Advisory Board of RELA (European Journal for Research on the Education and Learning of Adults) and of the Studies in Adult Education and Learning.

Her main research interests include adult teaching and learning in different contexts (second chance, distance, higher education, education of adult migrants), professional training and professionalisation of adult educators, lifelong learning, methodologies of qualitative research. She has extensively researched and published in the field. Before moving to Cyprus, Maria worked as a ESRC postdoctoral fellow at the University of Bristol (UK), a research development officer at Trinity College, University of Dublin (Ireland), a tutor for UCL (University of London) and the Hellenic Open University, and a part-time lecturer for the University of Peloponese.

She holds a Ph.D. in Continuing Education (2003) (State Scholarships Foundation Scholar), an M.Ed. in Educational Management, Administration & Policy (1999) from the Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol, UK, and a B.A. (Honours) in Greek Philology (specialized in Classical Studies) from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (1997).

Her more recent projects are: Exchanging Good Practices for people/adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and their caregivers (Erasmus+); Exploring European Cultural Heritage for fostering academic teaching and social responsibility in Higher Education (Erasmus+); Learner Centred education as a tool for social change in adult education programmes for migrants: a European comparative study- Mapping Adult Education in Cyprus- and Enhancing adult distance teaching and learning in higher education.

**Representative Publications**

- Gravani, M. N. (2019), "Learner-Centered Education (LCE) as a tool for enhancing adult learning in distance learning Universities", *Journal of Adult and Continuing Education (JACE)*.

**Administrative/Research Positions**

- Elected member of the Steering Committee of the European Society for Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA) (2017-2023).
- Member of the International Society for Comparative Adult Education.
- Cyprus Link Person for the PASCAL International Observatory.
- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-2019).
- Academic Coordinator for the OUC of the Postgraduate Programmes: "Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning" and "International Masters on Adult Education for Social Change" (Erasmus Mundus).
- Partner and Member of the Academic Committee of the "International Masters on Adult Education for Social Change" (Erasmus Mundus).


ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
• Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Communication and New Journalism" (2011-present).
• Chair of the Board of "Advanced Media Institute, Applied Research in Communication and Journalism" (2015-present).
• Editor of the Journal "Dimosiografia", the Greek Edition of the Columbia Journalism Review.
• In charge of the journalistic site www.dimosiografia.com
• Member of the Library, Education Material and Informatics Committee, OUC (2018-present).

SHORT VITA
Sofia Iordanidou is an Associate Professor of Journalism and Communication at the Open University of Cyprus and the Chair of the "Advanced Media Institute, Applied Research in Communication and Journalism". Since 2011, the M.A. "Communication and New Journalism" has been developed and is being offered at the OUC, under her responsibility. She is the publisher of "Dimosiografia" journal and the website manager of dimosiografia.com.

She has extensive professional experience in the fields of Journalism and Communication Strategy. In New York, she worked for the Voice of America and was the White House correspondent for newspapers in Greece, as well as responsible for the Mondale pre-election campaign. In Athens, she was a journalist for both ERT and MEGA Channel. Her extensive experience includes political consultancy and advisory to many companies in corporate communication. She also created and directed the Department of Communications and Press Office for MEGA Channel, and established NETNEWS, S.A., the first television agency in Greece and NETRESULT, Ltd., a communications strategy company.

She studied Italian and English Language and Literature at CUNY acquiring a postgraduate degree majoring in Comparative Literature at the same university. She received her Ph.D. completing her thesis at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

She has recently concluded four 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; on Communication in Education and Media Literacy.
REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS


ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS


- Member of the Quality Assurance Committee, OUC (2017-present).

- 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.

- External evaluator of proposals applying for funding under the funding schemes of the Ministry of Culture, Greece (2011-present).

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 Associate Professor of Art History in the "Cultural Policy and Development" postgraduate programme at the Open University of Cyprus.

She has taught in the bachelor's programme "Studies in Hellenic Culture" at the Open University of Cyprus, the bachelor's programme "Studies in the European Civilization" at the Hellenic Open University, as well as at the University of Thessaly (departments of Architecture and Preschool Education) and University of Patras (department of Theater Studies).

Her research focuses on visuality issues within the framework of the interactions between artworks and society. Since 2018, she has been exploring the visual narrative of cultural identities in conflict societies.

She regularly participates in international conferences and publishes in peer reviewed scientific journals and collective volumes. She has published six (6) books relevant to her research field as sole writer.

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).
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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
- Ancient Greek Tragedy of the classical and post-classical periods
- Reception of Greek Tragedy
- Archaic Lyric Poetry
- Wisdom Literature
- Hellenistic Poetry
- Greek Textual Criticism
- Greek Religion

SHORT VITA
Dr. Liapis (born in 1972) studied Classics at the Universities of Athens (B.A., 1990-1994) and Glasgow (Ph.D., 1994-1997). He has taught at the Universities of Cyprus, Montreal, Patras, and (as Visiting Professor) at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris.

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 (Menandri Sententiae, Athens 2002 [in Greek]; The Unknown God, Athens 2003 [in Greek]; and A Commentary on the Rhesus Attributed to Euripides, Oxford 2012). He has also co-edited 5 volumes in collaboration with academics from Cyprus and elsewhere (UK, Canada). He has published extensively in leading academic journals (e.g. Harvard Studies in Classical Philology, Journal of Hellenic Studies, The Classical Quarterly, The Classical Review, American Journal of Philology, Transactions of the American Philological Association), as well as in edited volumes.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS
- “Greek Tragedy after the Fifth Century: A Survey from 400 BC to 400 AD” (2018), Co-editor with A. K. Petrides. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
- Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2015-2018).
- Chairman of the OUC International Relations Committee (2011-2012).

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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
• Ancient Greek Literature
• Ancient Greek Drama
• Modern reception of the ancient world
• Didactics of literature
• Modern Greek literature of Cyprus

SHORT VITA
Dr Antonis K. Petrides is Associate Professor in the undergraduate programme “Studies in Hellenic Culture” of the Open University of Cyprus. He served as member of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth committee for the revision of the curricula in the subjects of Ancient Greek and Latin in secondary education. He holds a Ph.D. and an M.Phil. in Classics (Trinity College, University of Cambridge), specializing in ancient drama. He also holds a B.A. degree in Philology from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

His research interests cover Ancient Greek literature (with emphasis on ancient drama), the reception of the ancient world in Modern Greece (especially poetry and drama), the didactics of ancient literature in secondary education and Modern Greek literature of Cyprus. He has published monographs, edited volumes, book chapters, articles and review articles in international publishing houses and journals. He has served as peer reviewer for publishing houses such as Oxford University Press, De Gruyter, Brill, etc., as well as for several international journals of classics.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
• Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2018-present).
• Member of the OUC senatorial committee of Research (2018-present), and in various other OUC committees since 2007.
• Member of the Ministry and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth Committee for the revision of the national curricula in the subjects of Ancient Greek and Latin in secondary education (2009-2013).
• Member of the committee for the selection of performances to be included in the International Festival of Ancient Drama organised by the Cyprus Centre of the International Theatre Institute (2018).

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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 postgraduate 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 and by renowned publishing houses, such as Oxford Journals, Routledge, Methuen Bloomsbury, etc. She has published two monographs: Directions for Directing. Theatre and Method (Routledge, 2018) and Authoring Performance. The Director in Contemporary Theatre (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011).

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 Freie University Berlin (Germany), MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology, CUNY Martin E. Segal Theatre Center (USA) and at Queen Mary University of London, University of Surrey and the University of Leeds in the UK. She was a Japan Foundation Research Fellow at Tokyo University (2015-2016).

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS
• "Directions for Directing. Theatre and Method" (2018), New York: Routledge.
• "Staging Henrik Ibsen's The Lady from the Sea and Jon Fosse's Someone is Going to Come: A Director's Reading of Myth, Allegory and Symbolism" (2018), Nordic Theatre Studies, 29(2), pp. 184-203.
• "Directing as Political Act: Staging Aeschylus' Oresteia in Contemporary Periods of Tyranny" (2018), Comparative Drama, 52(1-2), pp. 159-180.
• "Greek Contemporary Approaches to Tragedy: Terzopoulos' Revisions of Aeschylus" (2017), In collective volume "Contemporary Adaptations of Greek Tragedy: Global Directorial Perspectives" (ed. George Rodosthenous), pp. 53-72.

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
• Member of the OUC Senate (2020-2022).
• Member of the Research Committee, OUC (2013-2017).
• Member of the Library, Educational Material and Informatics Committee, OUC (2017-2019).
• Member of the Parallel Parliament of the Republic of Cyprus (Culture) (2019).
• Member of the Special Evaluation Committee of the THOC theatre awards, (2018).

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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
• Pragmatics
• Discourse Analysis
• Sociolinguistics, dialectology, language contact and language change
• Educational Linguistics

SHORT VITA

Stavroula Tsiplakou is Associate Professor of Linguistics and Academic Coordinator of the M.A. Programme in Greek Linguistics and Literature at the Open University of Cyprus. 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, at Simon Fraser University and at the University of Cyprus. Her research areas include pragmatics, sociolinguistics and educational linguistics. She has published in Linguistic Inquiry, Pragmatics, Journal of Pragmatics, Multilingua, Current Issues in Language Planning. She has edited Scienta Paedagogica Experimentalis - International Journal of Experimental Research in Education XVI.1: Current Issues in Educational Linguistics and Language Variation: European Perspectives II. She has co-authored the national curricula for language in Cyprus and in Greece, and she has produced digital platforms for teaching Greek as a second language. She is a member of Polydromo, an academic and action group for multilingual education.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
• Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, OUC (2018-2019).
• Member of the University Council (2018-present).
• Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Greek Linguistics and Literature" (2010-present).
• Member of the Committee for the reform of Language Curricula for Primary and Secondary Education, Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture (2009-2013).
• Member of the Committee for the reform of Language Curricula for Primary and Secondary Education, Hellenic Ministry of Education (2010-2012).
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Representative Publications


Administrative/Research Positions

- Rector of the Open University of Cyprus (2018-present).
- Vice-President of the Cyprus Rectors’ Conference (2018-present).
- Acting Scientific Director, Center for Cyber and Information Security, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (2017).
- General Secretary for Telecommunications & Post of the Ministry of Infrastructures, Transport and Networks of the Hellenic Republic (2009-2012).
- Member of the Committee for Information and Communication Technologies of the Greek Government (2011-2012).
- Member of the Board of the Hellenic Authority for Information and Communication Security and Privacy (2008-2009).
- Member of the Board of the Hellenic Quality Assurance Authority for Higher Education (2006-2008).
Yannis Manolopoulos is Professor of the Open University of Cyprus and serves as its first Vice-Rector. He taught at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), the University of Toronto, the University of Maryland at College Park and the University of Cyprus. He has served as President of the University of Western Macedonia in Greece, Head of the Department of Informatics of AUTH, and Vice-Chair of the Greek Computer Society.

His research interests focus in Data Management. He has co-authored 5 monographs published by Springer, 11 textbooks in Greek, as well as 350 journal and conference papers. He has also received 5 best paper awards from SIGMOD, ECML/PKDD, MEDES (2) and ISSPIT conferences. He has received 14,000 citations from 2,000 distinct academic institutions (h-index=54) and has been invited as keynote speaker in 19 international events.


**Representative Publications**

- Gogoglou, A., Manolopoulos, Y. (2020), "A Data-driven Unified Framework for Predicting the Evolution of Citation Dynamics", *IEEE Transactions on Big Data*.
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**MAIN RESEARCH AREAS**
- Artificial Intelligence and Explainable AI
- Cognitive Systems / Personal Assistants
- Nature and Biology-Inspired Computation
- Machine-Mediated Human Interaction
- Computational Machine Learning Theory
- Learning-Based User Personalization
- Knowledge Engineering and Reasoning
- Knowledge-Based Story Comprehension
- Smart City / Smart Building Applications

**SHORT VITA**
Loizos Michael is an Associate Professor at Open University of Cyprus, where he founded and directs the Computational Cognition Lab. He is Academic Coordinator of the joint M.Sc. Programme in Cognitive Systems. He is a founding member of the RISE Research Center of Excellence, within which he leads the research pillar on Artificial Intelligence and Communications.

His research focuses on the development of computational models for cognitive processes associated with individual or collective intelligence, integrating computational learning theory, knowledge representation, and commonsense reasoning.

He received a B.Sc. in Computer Science with a minor degree in Mathematics from University of Cyprus, graduating top of the class of 2002, and receiving the Republic of Cyprus Presidential Award. He continued his education at Harvard University, where he received an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence) in 2008, under the supervision of Leslie Valiant. Before joining Open University of Cyprus in 2009, he was a visiting professor at University of Cyprus. He was a keynote speaker at ISD 2017 and AmI 2018, and he has served, among others, as the PC chair of the 15th European Conference on Logics in Artificial Intelligence in 2016, and as the organizer of a workshop series on Cognitive Knowledge Acquisition since 2015.

**REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS**
- Director of OUC’s Computational Cognition Lab.
- Research Pillar Leader of Artificial Intelligence and Communications at the RISE Research Center of Excellence.
- Member of the Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency (CyCAT).

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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
• Analysis and Modeling of Users' Behaviour
• Algorithmic Transparency & Auditing
• Human Computation and Crowdsourcing

SHORT VITA

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

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS


ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

• Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Social Information Systems" (2014-present).

• Head of the Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency (CyCAT) (www.cycat.io).

• Head of the research group "Transparency in Algorithms Group (TAG)" at the Center of Excellence RISE.

• Chairperson, Cyprus Chapter of the Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction (SIGCHI), Association for Computing Machinery (2015-present).
SHORT VITA

Dr. Stavrou’s 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 5 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 principal investigator of a number of successful research proposals, targeting research councils and industry.

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


ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, OUC (2017-present).
- Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Environmental Conservation and Management" (2010-2016).
- Member of the Quality Assurance Committee, OUC (2017-present).
- Co-Chairman of Ecosystem Services Partnership Chapter for Cyprus.
- Member of the National Committee for the Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services.
- Head of OUC’s Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab (temlab.ouc.ac.cy).

SHORT VITA

Dr. Vogiatzakis is Professor of 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, Bologna (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/Landscape Ecology, an M.Sc. in Vegetation Ecology, a postgraduate diploma (PGCAP) in Academic Practice, and a B.Sc. 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, H2020, LIFE+, INTERREG,ENPI-CB MED and Erasmus+ programmes, as well as several UK and Cyprus Government Agencies.
Dr. Antonis Zorpas is a Chemical Engineer with a Ph.D. in Environmental Management and Engineering. He is actively engaged with several Universities and Research Institutes in Europe. He is Assistant Professor at Open University of Cyprus (Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences) and the Head of the Lab of Chemical Engineering and Engineering Sustainability. He is also the Academic Coordinator of the postgraduate programme on “Environmental Conservation and Management” of Open University of Cyprus.

He has more than 350 publications (including editor in scientific books, contribution in books, papers in scientific journals and international conferences). For more than 20 years, he was acting as Consulting Engineer on behalf of several industrial activities, government and local authorities. He was from 2013 to 2019 the Chair of the Cyprus Environmental Scientists and Engineers Association and is an active member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Office of the Cyprus Commissioner for the Environment (since 2013).

Dr. Zorpas sat (2016-2019) on the Board of Experts of EURASHE (European Association of Institutions in Higher Education) in Brussels and he is a Scientific Cooperator with DG Environment of the EU. In 2010 he received an honorary distinction for his long-standing contribution to the environmental issues of Cyprus by the President of the Republic of Cyprus.

**REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS**


**ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS**

- Member of the OUC Senate (2018-present).
- Head of OUC’s Lab on Chemical Engineering & Engineering Sustainability.
- Chairman of the Cyprus Environmental Scientists and Engineers Association (2013-2019).
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SHORT VITA
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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.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
• Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme "Economics" and the MBA offered in both Greek and English.
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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
• Economic inequality
• Income mobility
• Labor Economics
• Labor market institutions and policies

SHORT VITA
Previous to joining the Open University of Cyprus in June 2018, Dr. Duval Hernandez worked at the Economics Research Centre at the University of Cyprus in the project "Employment in Europe (EUROEMPP)" funded by the European Research Council, under the direction of Prof. Christopher Pissarides.

He has also been an Assistant Professor in Economics at CIDE, Mexico, a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UCSD, and a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Cyprus. In addition, Assistant Prof. Duval Hernandez has been a consultant at The World Bank, as well as for research projects at the Inter-American Development Bank, the Mexican Government, and for the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research, UNU-WIDER.

He currently is an IZA Research Affiliate (Germany) and an External Affiliate at CIDE (Mexico).

The research of Dr. Duval Hernandez centers on the interrelationship between income mobility and the evolution of economic inequality, both from a theoretical and an empirical point of view. He has also studied labor supply decisions both in developing and developed countries. Additionally, he has studied what extent the institutions and labor policies adopted in Europe are responsible for the higher levels of unemployment and the lower inequality observed relative to the United States. Finally, Dr. Duval Hernandez is currently studying segmentation in informal labor markets in developing countries using new data and econometric methods.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
• Cyprus Trust Law & Equity: Cyprus Trust law comparative analysis, Cyprus-English law, Trusts law & Equity (in English & Greek).

SHORT VITA
Dr. Chrysthia Papacleovoulou is a Lecturer of Commercial Law at Open University Cyprus. She has her LLB-Law from King’s College University of London, LLM in Anglo-American Law with Commendation from City University London, and her Ph.D. thesis entitled “the Emerging Global Corporation” from University of London, London Birkbeck College, with Scholarship.

She is an Honorary Fellow of the Association of Fellows & Legal Scholars of the Centre of International Legal Studies. She is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). As of her appointment as Lecturer of Commercial Law, she practices law only on cases with academic interest and specially on cross-border litigation involving corporate entities.

She has taught, inter alia, business law, trust law, company law, tax law, international commercial arbitration and international economic law at private universities in Cyprus and business law at the University of Cyprus. Dr. Papacleovoulou’s specialisation is on business law and she has given expert legal opinions before the High Court of London and International Arbitration Tribunals.

Her research interests are focused on company law, cross-border disputes and the use of tax and corporate structures, trust law and international commercial arbitration with emphasis on Bilateral Investment Treaties Arbitration. She has presented papers at local and international conferences, and has published in international journals and book sections.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
• Academic Coordinator of the OUC Undergraduate Programme “Police Studies” (2018-present).

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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

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Dr. Pashiardis is a Professor of Educational Leadership at the Open University of Cyprus. He worked as Visiting Professor in a number of universities in the USA (University of Texas), Europe (Lincoln University, University of Thessaly, University of Münster) and Africa (University of Stellenbosch and University of Pretoria). During 2013-2014 he was a Visiting Professor at the Commonwealth Center of Development of Education Leaders at Umeå 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 English and Greek peer reviewed scientific journals and is the author of a number of books published in both languages. While employed at the University of Cyprus he was responsible for developing the first Master’s and Doctoral degree programmes in Educational Leadership in the Greek-speaking world in 1997. Subsequently, as Academic Head of the Programme of Educational Studies at OUC, he was responsible for creating a strategic plan for the new Master’s and Doctoral programmes, the coordination of distance learning course development and offerings, as well as producing teaching material for distance learning courses and teaching some of them. For more than 20 years, he has acted as a Consultant to the Ministries of Education of Cyprus and Greece, the Police Academy of Cyprus, the EU, the OECD and the Commonwealth Secretariat, in various projects, which aimed to provide strategic direction to Education For All (EFA) and Women in Leadership around the Commonwealth.


REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
• Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management, OUC (June 2017-January 2019 & Sept. 2019-present).
• Chairman (2011-2013) and Deputy Chairman (2010-2011) of the OUC Research Committee.
• Chairman of the OUC Studies Committee (Sept. 2016-present).
• Chairman of the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management (2004-2008).

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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS  
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• 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

SHORT VITA  
Dr. Talias studied at:  
• University College London, London University, UK – Ph.D. in Statistics  
• University of Southampton, Southampton, UK – M.Sc. in Social Statistics  
• The London School of Economics, London University, UK - B.Sc. 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.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS  
• Charalambous, M., Konstantinos, M., Talias, M. (2017), "Data on motivational factors of the medical and nursing staff of a Greek Public Regional General Hospital during the economic crisis", Data in Brief, 11, pp. 371-381.  

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ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS  
• Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme "Healthcare Management" (2010-present).  
• Member of the Quality Assurance Committee, OUC (2018-present).  
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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
• European Union Law
• Administrative Law
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SHORT VITA
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He has carried out research, inter alia, at the University of Oxford (UK), the Université Robert Schuman (France) and the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium).

He has been a research fellow at the Center for International and European Economic Law in Thessaloniki and a national expert for the European Commission in Greece and Cyprus.

He holds a doctorate in Administrative Law of the European Union from the University of Oxford, a Masters Degree in European Union Law from the University of Edinburgh and a law degree from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

He is a member of international scientific associations, such as the Research Network on EU Administrative Law, the European Law Institute, the International Ombudsman Institute and the European Criminal Law Academic Network.

His research interests include the concept of good administration, the European Ombudsman, extra-judicial protection at Union level and the improvement of European Union administrative services.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
• Academic Coordinator of the OUC Postgraduate Programme “European Union Law” (2013-present).
• Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management, OUC (2018-present).
• Member of the OUC Senate (2020-2022).
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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS
- Emotion/affect in education
- Curriculum development
- Intercultural education
- Peace education
- Social justice education
- Human Rights Education

SHORT VITA
Michalinos Zembylas is Professor of Educational Theory and Curriculum Studies at the Open University of Cyprus. He is also an Honorary Professor at Nelson Mandela University of South Africa, and has served on the Board of the Institute of Reconciliation and Social Justice at the University of the Free State from 2011 to 2018.

His main research interests focus on the role of emotion and affect in curriculum and pedagogy, as well as the development of programmes and teaching, especially related to issues of social justice pedagogies, intercultural and peace education, and human rights education. He has published many articles in international journals and is the author of several books. His most recent book (with Andre Keet) is titled “Critical Human Rights Education: Advancing Social-justice-oriented Educational Praxes” (Springer, 2019).

He participates in various committees of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth of the Republic of Cyprus. In 2016 he was appointed by the President of the Republic of Cyprus as the Greek Cypriot Head of the Technical Committee for Education. He was awarded as Outstanding Researcher in the Humanities and Social Sciences field by the Cyprus Research and Innovation Foundation (2016).

The latest research projects he is involved in are the following: Politicization of Identities in Diaspora: Cosmopolitanism & Conflict Discourses (Cyprus Research and Innovation Foundation), Reconfiguring Higher Education: Doing Academia Differently (NRF, South Africa), CyCAT: Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency (H2020-Twinning), Addressing Violent Radicalization: A Multi-Actor Response Through Education (ISFP-EU).

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS
- Honorary Professor, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa (2018-present).
- Research Fellow, Unit for Institutional Change and Social Justice, University of the Free State, South Africa (2018-present).
- Dean (January-September 2019) & Vice-Dean (September 2017-December 2018) of the Faculty of Economics and Management, OUC.

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