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Undergraduate studies

University of Bologna, Italy (B.Sc in Sociology)

Postgraduate studies

University of Paris VIII, France (M.Sc in Cultural Sociology)

University of Athens, Greece (PhD in Political Sociology)

Professional societies

Association of Greek Sociologists, Hellenic Political Science Association

Research interests

Collective action, social movements and the configuration of cultural identities in contemporary post-industrial societies.

Selected publications

Books

- *Social movements in everyday life: Identity, solidarity and prefiguration in contemporary 'cosmopolitan communities'*. Thessaloniki: Tziola, 2017 (in Greek).
- *Introduction to new social movements*. Athens: Atrapos, 2006 (in Greek).
- *Corporatist intermediation and social control: Theoretical aspects of the aggregation of interests*. Athens: Ellinika Grammata, 1999 (in Greek).

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

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- “The model of the Empire as a global political subject in the work of Hardt and Negri and its relation to the concept of immanent power in Foucault”, in S. Papaioannou (ed.), *Theoretical and methodological issues of Social Sciences*. Athens: Kritiki, 2007, pp. 396-407 (in Greek).
- “The individual choice as a factor of cultural identity in a context of complexity: The case of solidarity”, in Chr. Konstantopoulou (ed.), *'We' and the 'Others', Reference to Trends and Symbol*. Athens: Typothito – Dardanos, 1999, pp. 85-107 (in Greek).

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- “The Protest Cycle of Spring 2010 in Greece”, *Social Movement Studies*, 10: 2, 2011, pp. 191-197 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14742837.2011.562365>).
- “Non Governmental Organizations and Grass Roots Movements: Institutional vs. Contentious Orientations”, *Greek Political Science Review*, v. 32, Dec. 2008, 64-94 (in Greek).

- “L'action collective en tant que facteur de redéfinition de l'identité collective : Le cas du mouvement religieux en Grèce”, *Esprit Critique*, V. 06. N. 3, 2004, pp. 202-222 (www.espritcritique.org/0603/esp0603article13.pdf).
- “Social movements in Europe: Processes of new identities formation in the European integration”, *Social Science Tribune*, v. 33, Sept. 2002, pg. 47-80 (in Greek).
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- “Participation, networks, decentralization: ‘Flexible practices’ in the signification and administration of ‘humanitarian crisis’ situations”. Presentation at the conference of the Foundation of the Hellenic Parliament for Parliamentarism and Democracy: Social and political representation: Challenges and Prospects of the Republic in the 21st Century, Athens, 15-17 December 2016 (in Greek).
- “‘Relocalization and Prefigurative Movements’ as Social Networks against Globalization: the Construction of Local Alternatives to Global Capitalism”. 1st International Conference in Contemporary Social Sciences: *Crisis and the Social Sciences: New Challenges and Perspectives*, Rethymno, 10 - 12 June 2016. Electronic Conference Proceedings: http://icconss.soc.uoc.gr/images/ecp/ICCONSS_16_8_1.pdf (<http://icconss.soc.uoc.gr/en/authors-information/ecp.html>) Paper 8.1.
- “Solidarity economy, peer production, degrowth and relocalization movements: conceptual associations between a radical political project and the capitalist 'reconquest'”, presentation at the 5th conference of the Greek Sociological Association: The Greek Society at the Crisis Crossroad: Six Years Later. Athens, 10-12 December 2015. (http://www.hellenicsociology.gr/sites/default/files/praktika_5ou_sunedriou_me_isbn.pdf) pp. 757-768 (in Greek).
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- “Mass media and social movements: A relation of mutual exploitation or of cultural tension?”. Presentation at the 1st Conference of the School of Social Sciences, University of the Aegean: The Social Sciences Today. Mytilene. March 2006, Sakoula publ. 2007, pp. 583-597 (in Greek).
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