Curriculum Vitae
Demetra Tzanaki
Assistant Professor of Sociology of Gender, University of the Aegean

Demetra Tzanaki is Assistant Professor of Sociology of Gender at the University of the Aegean. Her work focuses on the study of the gendered, classed, racialized, and ableist constructions of normativity, with particular emphasis on the decolonization of gender, science, sociology, and the knowledge produced through them. She is a founding member of the collective ***Intersex Greece***, a member of the **Laboratory of Critical Criminology (EKEME),** of ***Queer Psychoanalysis***, and of the editorial board of the journal ***Culture, Borders and Gender/Studies*** **(***Culture, Borders and Gender Laboratory* of the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies at the University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece) .

She studied Political Science at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, completed postgraduate studies at the University of London, and earned her doctorate at the University of Oxford (St. Antony's College). Her postdoctoral research (2019–2022) at the University of Athens focused on political theory, coloniality, and gender as a regime of truth and power in (late) modernity.

She has taught sociology and political theory of gender and sexuality at undergraduate, postgraduate, and lifelong learning level at the University of Athens, the Hellenic Open University, and in Lifelong Learning Programmes (KEDIVIM, EKPA). She has also organized thematic seminars and research workshops on gender, sexuality, science, power, and social theory.

Research Interests

Her work focuses on the study of the gendered, classed, racialized, and ableist constructions of normativity, with particular emphasis on the decolonization of gender, science, and knowledge. Her research interests include:
• Sociology of gender and sexuality, with a focus on decolonial, queer, trans, and intersex approaches,
• History of eugenics, sociology, psychiatry, and medical normativity,
• The relationship between gender, sexuality, science, and power in modernity, examined through the critical lens of decolonization.

Monographs

- *Eugenics and Gender. The Elephant is Among Us* (Akyvernites Politeies, 2025) (In Greek)
- *Gender, Science and Society. Queer Readings of Human Subjection* (with Christos Kouroutzas, Kallipos, 2024) (In Greek)
- *Intersex. The Construction and the Regime of Truth of Western Gender* (Psifides, 2023) (In Greek)
- *Gender and Sexuality (1801–1925)* (Asini, 2018) (In Greek)
- *A History of [Ab]Normality* (Asini, 2016) (In Greek)
- *Women and Nationalism in the Making of Modern Greece* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009)

- *Doula and Kyra. Aspects of Nationalism: Roles and Behaviours in Romantic Greece (1836–1897)* (Savalas, 2007) (In Greek)

Edited Volumes

- *Health, Lust and Revolution (1801–2021)* (Asini, 2021/2022) (In Greek)
- Special Issue *"The Demographic 'Problem': Colonial Roots, Challenges and Resistances"*, *Marginalia* (2025) (In Greek)

Selected Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- "Without Gender: Abolishing Colonial Science and Re-Existence Beyond the State-Corporate-Oil-Eugenic Borders," *Culture-Borders-Gender/Studies* (forthcoming, 2025) (In Greek)
- "Kantsaywhere. Eugenics, Coloniality and the Violence of a White Gendered/Racialized Eros," *Misfit* (forthcoming, 2025) (In Greek)
- "Libido, Psychic Eugenics and Abnormality," *Fascism*, 11(2), 1–24 (2022)
- "Psychiatrie, psychanalyse, criminology, sexologie, communism et persécution de la libido des 'dégénérés psychiques' en Grèce de 1917 à 1940," *Cahiers d'histoire contemporaine* (2021)

Book Chapters (selected)

- *Why the "peace" [of Lausanne] is afraid of the refugees?* (Gingko, forthcoming 2025)
- *Decolonising/abolishing gender: Eugenics, sexuality and aphrodisia ethics in (post) modernity (Greece)*, in *Politics of Liberation*, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (forthcoming 2025)
- *Academic Patriarchal (Post) Liberal Capitalism*, in *Affective Capitalism in Academia* (Bristol University Press, 2023)
- *Capitalism and the "Syndrome of Electre" (1922–2018): Sex Work is Work*, in *Back to the '30s? Crisis, Repetition and Transition in the 20th and 21st Centuries* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020)

She regularly contributes to print and online media (*Efimerida ton Syntakton*, *Documento*, *Jacobin* (Greece), *TVXS*, *Marginalia*), addressing issues of gender, sexuality, science, and social justice, while also engaging through interviews and podcasts. Her work brings together academic research, theory, and public engagement, advancing science as a field of resistance to patriarchy, coloniality, and the normative classifications of modernity—viewed viewed through the critical lens of decolonising gender.