

CURRICULUM VITAE

I. MY PARTICULARS

I was born in Athens on the 21st of August 1950. My father's name is Lysandros K. Zoras and my mother's name is Lida Zoras née Lambropoulou.

II. EDUCATION

A. Secondary Education – Tertiary Education

I graduated from primary school in 1962 in Athens and six years later, in 1968, I graduated from high school with average mark "Very Good" (18^{2/12}). The same year I was admitted to the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens after having sat and passed the entrance exam. During my tertiary studies I was awarded a scholarship from the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY). In March 1972 I received an award for Best Performing Third Year Law Student. My graduate degree thesis entitled "Delusion from a psychological and philosophical perspective" was marked Excellent (10). In 1973 I graduated from the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens with grade Excellent (9^{3/10}).

B. Post-graduate studies

In October 1974 I was awarded a scholarship from D.A.A.D. (German Academic Exchange Service) for my post-graduate studies. For three years I worked with Dr Konrad Hesse, professor of Politics at the Faculty of Law, University of Freiburg and Judge at the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany. During this time period I wrote a research thesis entitled "Ehe und Familie unter dem besonderen Schutz der verfassungsmässigen Ordnung" ("Marriage and Family under the particular protection of the constitutional order") which earned me my doctoral degree awarded by the Faculty of Law, University of Freiburg. On the 24th of October 1977 I passed the oral exams (Rigorosum) which are required for the award of this academic title and I was awarded the doctorate degree with distinction "cum laude". My research thesis was published in 1978 in Freiburg at the expense of D.A.A.D.

C. Foreign languages

I have been taught systematically German and French.

III. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

A. Academic activity

From October 1979 to October 1980 I served as Associate with three year term of office of the 1st Departmental Chair of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, Democritus University of Thrace. In October 1980 I was appointed Associate with three year term of office of the 1st Departmental Chair of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. In October 1981 I was appointed Docent-Associate Professor in the same Departmental Chair. In September 1982 I was nominated Lecturer in Public Law at the Faculty of Law. In June 1983 the General Assembly of the Faculty of Law decided unanimously my establishment as

Lecturer. In October 1985 the General Assembly of the Public Law Division decided unanimously, by virtue of a new law, my reestablishment as Lecturer.

In January 1999 I was elected Associate Professor at the Sociology Department of the University of the Aegean for the module “General Sociological Theory – Sociology of Institutions”.

In April 2009 I was elected Professor at the Sociology Department of the University of the Aegean for the same module.

Since the academic year 2000/2001 I have been teaching the below mentioned modules:

- Political practice and institutions
- State systems and functions
- Introduction to the sociology of law
- Sociology of political system I
- Sociology of political system II
- Institutional framework and function of mass media in Greece

I have been a supervisor for a great number of graduate and post-graduate degree theses.

In 2002, acting in my capacity as Assistant Professor, I proposed to the Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean, the foundation of the Social and Political Institutions Workshop.

I have served as Vice-President of the Department of Sociology.

In April 2004 I was elected Dean of the School of Social Sciences of the University of the Aegean. In April 2006, acting in my capacity as Dean of the above stated School, I organised the first international conference of the School of Social Sciences entitled “Social Sciences today” which was held in Mytilene.

In May 2006 I was elected Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs and Personnel of the University of the Aegean.

I have been a permanent resident of Mytilene since the academic year 2000/2001.

Aiming to establish a relationship between the local community and the University of the Aegean as well as to reinforce the role of the University I have founded in my capacity as Vice-Rector the Counseling Centre - Psychological Support Service which is primarily and originally directed towards the students and pupils of Lesbos.

B. Scientific activity

From July to September 1981 I worked as a scholar of D.A.A.D. at Max-Planck-Institut in Heidelberg. In his recommendation letter dated August 6, 1979 Professor Konrad Hesse underlines among other things as follows: “...He is perfectly fluent in German and this fluency allowed him to dedicate himself to his legal studies right

from the beginning of his sojourn in Germany. During his studies he was methodical, consistent and remarkably perceptive. His research thesis - a reliable review of both the scientific theory and the case-law of the Constitutional Court regarding article 6 of the Basic Law – earned him a “cum laude” distinction.

Within the framework of the Erasmus Programme, I worked during the academic year 1988/1989 as visiting professor in the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of the University of Hanover where before my German colleagues and students I had the chance to give a series of lectures on Comparative Politics.

I have also participated in several conferences on sociological and legal matters (see my writings).

A series of my sociological and political articles have been published in newspapers and political magazines.

I am a member of the Hellenic Sociological Association, the Hellenic Political Science Association as well as the Association of Greek Constitutionalists.

C. Extra-academic action

From November 1981 to January 1984 I was a partner in the Legal Department of the Prime Minister’s Office.

From January 1984 to June 1988 I was the Secretary of the Council of Ministers.

From February 1996 to October 1998 I served as General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I was the main member of the newly-established Administration and Organisation Body of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

I am a member of the Bar Association of Lesbos.

