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From 2008 to 2010 she served as Head of the Department of Social Administration at Democritus University. Her former academic position was head of the Department of Sociology of Crete University.

For a long time she collaborated with the International Social Science Council (based at UNESCO) in the context of the CROP Programme (Comparative Research Programme on Poverty). From 1998 to 2006, she was a member of the CROP Scientific Committee and from 2003 to 2006 she was Vice-Chair of this committee. She also participated in the editorial board for the drafting of *"Poverty. An international glossary"* (London: Zed Books, 2007). In January 2010 she was officially appointed CROP Fellow by the International Social Science Council. In spring 2013 she was CROP visiting researcher at the University of Bergen (CROP/UiB Global), and between 2017 and 2019 she served again as member of the CROP Scientific Committee.

From 1997 to 2005 she was a member of the Scientific Council of the European Foundation on Social Quality (Amsterdam) and from 1999 onwards, a member of the international advisory committee of the *European Journal of Social Quality* (renamed into *International Journal of Social Quality*, Berghahn Journals). She is a founding member of the Hellenic Social Policy Association and served as president of HSPA for two terms.

She has served in various scientific committees and expert networks and has directed (and participated in) a large number of research projects funded by Greek governmental bodies (e.g. the Ministry of Education, the Ministry for the Environment, Planning and Public Works and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare), as well as by the European Commission and other European agencies. In the period 1991-96, she collaborated with the "Institut Arbeit und Technik" (Germany) on various research projects on socio-economic development and policy issues under the FAST Programme of the European Commission. She also served as national expert reporting on issues of social reform to DG Employment & Social Affairs (EU Commission). For a number of years she participated in a national experts group providing analytical support to DG Employment and Social Affairs on assessing the socio-economic impact of social

protection reforms (in the fields of pensions, health and long-term care, ASISP network).

She served as member of the National Research Council of Greece and of the Sector Council for Humanities and Social Sciences (at the General Secretariat for Research and Technology), as well as of the “Steering Group on Human Resources and Mobility in the European Research Area” (European Commission). In 2000-01 she served as member of the “Steering Scientific Committee” for the project “National Atlas of Health and Social Care in Greece” (Ministry of Health), and in 2001 she chaired this committee. During 2001-03 she conducted research on social care services reform and performance indicators (commissioned by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare).

During her academic career she has collaborated with a number of universities and research centres abroad in the context of joint undergraduate and postgraduate teaching programmes (one of these was MESPA - Masters in European Social Policy Analysis Programme - which constituted a joint programme of study in social policy analysis, in a European context, offered by eight collaborating European Universities, financed under the Socrates/Erasmus programme of the European Commission, between 1990 and 1998). Recently (May 2018) she organized a workshop on “South European welfare states: The impact of the crisis and post-crisis challenges” in the context of the postgraduate programme “Master in Public Policy and Social Change (University of Turin / Collegio Carlo Alberto).

She has participated, as invited speaker, in many international conferences. Her long-term research-experience as well as her publications concern the following areas:

- social theory,
- social stratification and social mobility;
- socio-economic development (local/regional development) and technological change;
- employment structures and labour markets;
- socio-economic inequality, poverty and social exclusion;
- comparative analysis of social protection systems in South Europe (and the broader Mediterranean Area), with an emphasis on social insurance, health and long-term care;
- performance assessment of social services and social quality indicators.

Recent research activity

Coordinator of a research project on reforms in health and long-term care in Greece, commissioned by the Observatory on Economic and Social Developments (Institute of Labour of the Greek General Confederation of Labour). Duration of the project: 2013-2014.

Collaboration with a research group from the following Universities: University of Oviedo & Complutense University, University of Marcerata and University of Marche (Ancona), University of Athens & LaSalle University, Philadelphia (USA), for carrying out a comparative analysis of social reforms in South European countries (2012-2014).

Coordinator of the Work Package on “Policy Learning and Policy Transfer” in the context of the research project “Strategic Transitions for Youth Labour in Employment” (STYLE, see <http://www.style-research.eu/>) funded by the European Commission under FP7 (20 European Universities and Research Centres participate in the research group). Duration of the project: 2014-2017.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs and edited volumes

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A selection of articles in journals and collective volumes (since 1991):

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Recent presentations at conferences and seminars (a selection):

- **September 2019**, paper presented at the 2019 ESPANet Conference (Stockholm, 5-7 September) on “Healthcare in post-crisis South Europe: Patterns of inclusion/exclusion”.
- **June 2019**, organiser of the session on “Unequal access to healthcare in EU countries: What is the impact of post-2008 reforms?” at the 26th International Conference of Europeanists (Madrid, Universidad Carlos III, 20-22 June). Presentation of a paper on “Healthcare in post-crisis South Europe: Inequalities in access and reform trajectories” (in collaboration with A. Guillén and E. Pavolini).
- **June 2018**, paper presented at a plenary session on “Education in a time of austerity and social turbulence”, in the context of the 25th International Conference on Learning, hosted at the University of Athens (21-23 June 2018, <http://thelearner.com/2018-conference>), on “Crisis and austerity: A painful watershed for the Greek welfare state”.
- **June 2018**, paper presented at the 2nd International Conference in Contemporary Social Sciences” organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences of Crete University (Rethymnon, 15-16 June) on “The EU 2020 Strategy and the “Social Pillar”: Can they deliver on social inclusion?”.

- **May 2018**, paper presented at the Conference on “European solidarity: Conditions, forms, limitations, and implications” organized in the context of the TransSOL project (EC Horizon 2020 project, Brussels, 16-17 May), on “Welfare reform in Greece: A major crisis, crippling debt conditions and stark challenges ahead”
- **May 2018**, paper presented at the Annual Tübingen Seminars on Social Europe (Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen, 3-5 May), on “Social Member States, Social Europe” (facilitator in the session on “Social Member States”).
- **April 2018**, paper presented at the International Conference on “Half a century of political controversy relating to social security reforms for the elderly in Europe” organized by the Centre for Parliamentary History of Radboud University (Nijmegen, 19-20 April), on “Gender equality: How far has Greece come?”
- **October 2017**, paper on “The European welfare states after the Great Recession” presented at the 23rd Panhellenic Postgraduate Intensive Seminar for Ph.D. candidates, postgraduate students and young researchers, Department of Sociology, University of Crete, Rethymno, 20-22 October.
- **September 2017**, panelist in the Forum on “Youth (un)employment. What challenges and solutions for Europe?”, organised by EURACTIV for the book launch of *Youth employment. STYLE handbook*, Brussels 14 September.
- **September 2017**, paper on “Youth transitions: Policy learning and innovation processes” presented at the 2nd PROMEBI (Promoviendo el Empleo y el Bienestar en Europa) Summer School, Department of Sociology, University of Oviedo, 4-8 September.
- **August 2017**, paper presented at the 13th Conference of the European Sociological Association (Athens, 29 August – 1 September), on “Welfare reform in Greece: A major crisis, crippling debt conditions and stark challenges ahead”.
- **July 2017**, organiser of the session on “Youth transitions and policy innovation in Europe: Promising trends and tough challenges”, at the 24th International Conference of Europeanists, Glasgow, 12-14 July. Presentation of two papers: (a) “Policy transfer and innovation for building resilient bridges to the labour market” (in collaboration with M. González-Menéndez), and (b) “Youth and the social economy in Greece: Policy learning for enhancing employment opportunities” (in collaboration with S. Adam).
- **June 2017**, paper presented at SASE 29th Annual Conference (hosted by Université Claude Bernard, Lyon, 29 June – 1 July), on “Policy transfer and innovation for building resilient bridges to the labour market” (in collaboration with M. González-Menéndez).

- **May 2017**, paper presented at the seminar organized by the Hellenic Social Policy Association (Panteion University Athens, 11-12 May), on “The European welfare states after the Great Recession”.
- **April 2017**, paper presented at the 59th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association (San Francisco, 12-15 April), on “Policy transfer and innovation for building resilient bridges to the labour market” (in collaboration with M. González-Menéndez).
- **February 2017**, paper presented at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Eastern Economic Association (New York, 23-26 February), on “Causes and profiles of child and youth poverty: A comparative framework and international evidence”. Also presentation of the paper on “Child poverty and intergenerational transmission in the EU” (in collaboration with S. Papanastasiou and C. Papatheodorou).
- **November 2016**, paper presented at the conference co-organized by CROP (Comparative Research on Poverty, UNESCO/ISSC), Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies and Weatherhead Center for International Affairs of Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts, 17-18 November). Title of the paper: “Can the European Union 2020 strategy deliver on social inclusion?”. Also presentation for the book launch “*Child poverty and youth (un)employment and social inclusion*” (Petmesidou et al. eds).
- **May 2016**, participation in the panel on “How to move forward” at the conference on “Getting policy knowledge into government: The Greek and European experiences” organized by the Hellenic Observatory of the London School of Economics (Bank of Greece, Athens, 19 May).
- **February 2016**, paper presented at the international seminar on “Social responses to the crisis of the welfare state in Europe”, organized by the Department of Economic and Social Sciences (Sapienza University, Rome, 18 February), on “The Greek welfare state under strain”.
- **January 2016**, paper presented at the General Assembly Consortium Meeting (STYLE-Project) (Copenhagen Business School, 11-12 January), on “Policy learning and innovation processes”.
- **July 2015**, organiser of the session on “What prospects for an inclusive job-rich recovery” at the 22nd International Conference of Europeanists (Sciences Po, Paris , 8-10 July).
- **July 2015**, paper presented at the 22nd International Conference of Europeanists (Sciences Po, Paris , 8-10 July), on “What policy innovation for youth in Greece and Portugal?”.

- **January 2015**, paper presented at a seminar organised by OSE (European Social Observatory) and the Austrian Chamber of Labour (Brussels, 13 January) on “Economic crisis and austerity in Southern Europe: Threat of opportunity for a sustainable welfare state?” (in collaboration with A. Guillén) (see http://www.ose.be/FR/agenda_archives.htm)
- **December 2014**, paper presented at a seminar organised by FEPS (Foundation for European Progressive Studies) and FAFO Research Foundation (for the launching of the NordMod 20130 Report) (Brussels, 10 December), on “The NordMod 2030 Report and the future of inclusive solidarity in Europe”.
- **November 2014**, in collaboration with CROP/Comparative Research on Poverty and the Observatory on Economic and Social Developments / Institute of Labour of the General Confederation of Greek Trade Unions, organisation of a workshop on “Child poverty and youth (un)employment and social exclusion” (Athens, 19-21 November). Presentation of a paper on “What policy innovation for youth in the era of prolonged austerity?” (In collaboration with P. Polyzoidis).
- **September 2014**, paper presented at the 12th ESAPnet Conference (Oslo, 4-6 September) on “South European healthcare systems under harsh austerity: a progress regression mix?” (in collaboration with E. Pavolini & A. Guillén).
- **May 2014**, paper presented at the International Conference organised by ISEG (Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas) (Lisbon, 9-10 May) on “South European healthcare systems under harsh austerity: a progress regression mix?” (in collaboration with E. Pavolini & A. Guillén).
- **March 2014**, paper presented at the 21st International Conference of Europeanists (Washington D.C., 14-16 March), on “The crisis imperative and welfare state “rescaling” in Greece and Portugal” (in collaboration with M. Glatzer).
- **March 2014**, paper presented at the 21st International Conference of Europeanists (Washington D.C., 14-16 March), on “South European healthcare systems under harsh austerity: a progress regression mix?” (in collaboration with E. Pavolini & A. Guillén).
- **October 2013**, paper presented at the research seminar organized by the Hellenic Observatory / London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE, London, 8 October), on “Crisis and austerity: A painful watershed for the Greek welfare state?” (see http://www.lse.ac.uk/europeanInstitute/research/hellenicObservatory/Events/seminars/2013-2014/Petmesidou_8-10-2013.aspx) - A brief article on the theme of the above lecture is available in the Political Studies Association Blog (UK) at: <http://www.psa.ac.uk/insight-plus/blog/crisis-and-austerity-painful-watershed-greek-welfare-state>

- **October 2013**, paper presented at a seminar on "Raising the Effectiveness and Efficiency of Social Protection" (Brussels, EU Commission and GVG), on "Health care reforms in Greece – cost-containment through e-prescribing" (Brussels, 1-2 October).
- **May 2013**, public lecture at the University of Bergen on "Crisis and austerity: a painful watershed for the South European welfare state" (University of Bergen, Norway, 6 May), abstract available at: <http://www.crop.org/storypg.aspx?id=657&MenuNode=635060405556616250&zone=41>.
- **June 2013**, paper presented at CROP's Jubilee Conference (University of Bergen, Norway, 10-11 June) on "Poverty research in historical perspective" (see <http://www.crop.org/storypg.aspx?id=659&MenuNode=635060405556616250&zone=41>)
- **June 2013**, paper presented at the 20th International Conference of Europeanists (Amsterdam, 25-27 June) on "Threats and challenges to South European health care systems in the time of crisis" (in collaboration with E. Pavolini & A. Guillén).
- **June 2013**, paper presented at the 20th International Conference of Europeanists (Amsterdam, 25-27 June), on "The contours of a 'problematic paradox' and the prospects for 'inclusive solidarity' in Europe".
- **March 2013**, paper presented at a seminar at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, Oxford University (Oxford, 5 March), on "Crisis and austerity: a painful watershed for the Greek welfare state?"
- **February 2013**, paper presented in the context of the "Critical Seminars" of "the Initiative for Defending Society and Democracy" (Athens, Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Athens, 19 February), on "The welfare state in a critical juncture".
- **March 2012**, paper presented at the 19th International Conference of Europeanists (Boston, Massachusetts, 22-24 March), on "Is social protection in Greece at a crossroads?"