

CURRICULUM VITAE

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STUDIES

- Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Athens (1983-1988)
- Theological School of Athens University (1988-1993)
- Ph.D. in Folklore Department of Education University of Athens, under the supervision of Professor M. G. Meraklis (1991)
- Postdoctoral research studies at the Universite Catholique de Louvain (Louvain - la - Neuve) in Belgium (1996-1997)

PROFESSIONAL AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- Professor of Folklore, Department of History and Ethnology, Democritus University of Thrace (2011 seq.)
- Vice chairman of the Department of History and Ethnology, Democritus University of Thrace (2010-2014)
- Head of the Department of History and Ethnology, Democritus University of Thrace (2016, 2016-2018, 2018-2020)
- Director of the Laboratory of Folklore and Social Anthropology / School of Classics and Humanities / Democritus University of Thrace (2015 seq.)
- Vice-President of the Greek Folklore Society (2009 seq.)

- Special secretary of the Philological Society “Parnassus” (2010-2011)
- Member of the Senate of the Democritus University of Thrace (1997-1998, 2010-2014, 2016 seq.)
- Secretary of the Organization Culture of Samos Prefecture (OPONAS) (2008-2010)
- Member of the Board the Center of Folk Rituals (1995-2003)
- Member of the Special Synodical Committee on Church Art of the Greek Orthodox Church (2006-2009)
- Member of the Special Synodical Committee for Cultural Identity of the Greek Orthodox Church (2010 seq.)
- President of the Scientific Committee for the Conferences about the Greek Revolution of 1821 of the Greek Orthodox Church (2018-2021).
- President of the Scientific Committee for the Conferences about the Asia Minor War and Refugees (1922-1924) of the Greek Orthodox Church (2022-2024).
- Member of the Synodical Committee for Education and Christian Pedagogy of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa (2014 seq.)
- Member of the Board Brotherhood of the Officials of the Ecumenical Throne “Pammakaristos Virgin” (2005-2008)
- Director of the Center of Ecclesiastical History and Tradition of Greece (2011 seq.)
- Member of the Board of Academia of Folk Civilization and Oral History, of the Holy Metropolis of Dimitrias and Almyros (Greece, 2017 seq.)
- Columnist on ecclesiastical and historical issues in newspaper “Kivotos tis Orthodoxias” (2015 seq.)
- Organization and Participation in international, European, national and local scientific congresses, and literary symposia on contemporary folklore and ecclesiastical history and tradition
- Member of the Scientific Committee and Vice Director of the Historical Section of I. S. G. E. S. I. [Istituto di Studi Giuridici, Economici e Sociali Internazionali, in L’ Apuila Italia (2018 seq.)
- Member of the International Scientific Board of the European Center for Science, Education and Research (EUSER) (2018 seq.)
- Member of the International Institute of Social and Economic Sciences (IISES) in Prague, Czech Republic (2019 seq.).
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the Open Free University and of the Library of the Municipality of Peristeri / Athens (2019).
- Member of «International Society for Folk Narrative Research (ISFNR)» (2020).
- Dean of the School of Classics and Humanities in the Democritus University of Thrace (2021 – 2024).
- Member of Μέλος της «International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF)» (2021).
- Μέλος της «Balkan History Association» (2021)
- Member of the Board of Folklore and Ethnological Museum of Macedonia and Thrace, in Thessaloniki / Greece (2021).

- Lifetime Member of the Board (Mega Sygkathedron) of the Ancient Patriarcical Order of the Paravalaneis, of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa (2021).

LITERARY WORK

- He has published many studies, alone or in scientific journals and books, both in Greek as in English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Serbian, Turkish, Russian, Arabic, Rumanian and Bulgarian. His bibliography includes about 4000 publications, including 140 books and self-contained essays, studies 1150, 870 scientific articles and 1114 book reviews.
- Editor of the journals “Samian Studies”, of the Cultural Foundation Samos Nikolaos Dimitriou, “Deltion Samiakon Spoudon”, of the Center of Ecclesiastical History and Tradition of Greece, “Ecclesiasticos Faros” of the Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa and “Epetiris tis Sxolis Klasikon kai Anthropistikon Spoudon” of Democritus Univeristy of Thrace.
- Reviewer of the journals *Epistimi tou chorou* (2006), *Peri Thrakis* (2007), *Mare Ponticum* (2011-2013), *Journal of Alternative Perspectives in the Social Sciences (JAPSS)* (2015), *Journal of Asia Pacific Studies* (2015), *Neograeca Bohemica* (2016), *Papers in Ethnology ans Anthropology. Journal of the Serbian Ethnological and Anthropological Society-Оригинални научни рад УДК: Етнолошко-антрополошке свеске-Εθνολοško-antropološke sveske του Βεληγραδίου* (2017), *Deltio Kentrou Mikrasiatikon Spoudon* (2017) and *Academia Letters* (2021).
- Director of the scientific editorial series "Pilgrimage of Orthodoxy", publishing "Chelandion" (2005 seq.) - "Greek places and cultures," publishing "Truth" (2006 seq.) - "Sources of Patriarchal History and Memorabilia", of the Patriarchal Library of the Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa (2007 seq.)
- On the invitation of foreign universities and scientific societies have made speeches and lectures except Greece and Cyprus, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, France, Rumania, Australia, Israel, Denmark, Sweden, Serbia, Finland, Egypt, Turkey, Italy, Georgia and Bulgaria, Russia.

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

1. Literary Society "PARNASSOS" (founded: 1865)
2. Greek Heraldry and Genealogical Society
3. British Folklore Society (1994)
4. American Folklore Society (1995)
5. Greek Folklore Society (1992)
6. International Oral History Association (1997)
7. Asociacion Cultural Hispano - Helenica (2012)
8. Union der Schweizer und Heimkunde Griechen (2013)
9. Instituto di Cultura Universitaria e di Studi Superiori (2015)
10. «Giuseppe Sciacca» International Premiums (2018)

11. S. G. E. S. I. (Istituto di Studi Giuridici, Economici e Sociali Internazionali) (2018)
12. Association «Human and Society», of «Giuseppe Sciacca» Foundation (2018)
13. American Society of Diplomacy and Political Science (2020).

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Honorary Member of “Accademia Bonifaciana” (Rome 2013)
- Honorary Member of “Accademia Constantina” (Rome 2013)
- Corresponding Member of “Institut of Anatolic Studies” of the Patriarchic Library of Alexandria (2013)
- Honorary Member of “Norman Academy” (Rome 2014)
- Ordinary Member of “Accademia Tiberina” (Roma 2014)
- Academic Correspondent a l’estranger of Real Academia de Buenas Letras / Reial Academia de Bones Lletres of Barcelona (2015)
- Academician of “International Academy of Social Sciences” [IASS] (U.S.A. 2015)
- Honorary Member of “Real Academia Sancti Ambrosii Martyris” (2016)
- Société royale des Médailles et Décorés de Belgique (2017)
- Ordinary Member of “Academia Scientiarum et Artium Europaea / European Academy of Sciences and Arts” (2018).
- Honorary Member of the Royal Society of the Armigers of Spain (2019).
- Honorary Member of the Greek “Commit of Pontic Studies” (2019).
- Ordinary Member of “European Academy of Sciences and Research” (2020).
- Honorary Member of the Fondazione Internazionale Papa Clemente XI – Albani of Albania (2020).
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the Global Council of Linguistic Anthropology, in SOAS, University of London (2020).
- Member of «Global Association of Hellenic Linguistics and Anthropology» (GAHLA), University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies) (2021).

DISTINCTIONS – DECORATIONS

A. ECCLESIASTICAL

- The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew honored him with the offikio (title) of “Archon Protector of Letters” of the Holy Great Church of Christ (2005)
- His Beatitude the Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa Theodoros II awarded him the offikio (title) of the “Archon Chartophylax” at the Throne of Alexandria (2007)

- His Beatitude Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III proclaimed him a “Crusade of the Holy Sepulchre” of Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem (2011)

B. HOUNERS

- Awarded the honour title of “Kentucky Colonel” from the Governor of Kentucky State (U.S.A. 2013)
- Awarded the honour title of “Arkansas Traveller” from the Governor of Arkansas State (U.S.A. 2014)
- Awarded the honour title “Fellow of the Royal House of Bunyoro - Kitara, Ouganda” (2012)
- Honorary Citizen of the Municipality of Chios (Greece, 2017)
- Honorary Citizen of the Municipality of Oinousses (Greece, 2017)
- Honorary Distinction of the AHEPANS (USA, 2017)
- Fellow of International Agency for Standards and Ratings (2020).

E. UNIVERSITIES AND ACCADEMIC AWARDS

- Award of Academy of Athens (2010)
- Gold Medal of Arts and Sciences, the International Albert Schweitzer Institution (2011)
- “Great Gold Cross” of the International Albert Schweitzer Institution (2012)
- “Grand Award” of the Institution of Pedagogic Studies of Greece (2015)
- Award “Epicuros” of the Institution “Kon. & Mar. Zimalis” of Greece (2015)
- Honorary Doctor of Divinity of St. Seraphim School of Orthodox Theology (USA, 2015)
- Honorary LL. Doctorate – Doctor of Letters of the Theological College and Seminary, of Saint Stephen Harding University (USA, 2015)
- Capitolino Award of the Studiorum Universitas Ruggero II (Florida U.S.A. – 2015)
- Honorary Distinction of Trakya Üniversitesi / Sosyal Bilimler Enstitüsü / Görsel Kültür Anabilim Dalı (Edirne, Turkey 2016).
- XV Premio Internazionale «Giuseppe Sciacca» (2017).
- Professor Honoris Causa of Facultății de Limbi și Literaturi Străine / Departamentul de Filologie Clasică și Neogreacă [Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures / Classical and Modern Greek Philology Department] / University of Bucharest (Romania 2017).
- Honorary Research Fellow, Institute of Ethnography, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA) [ЕТНОГРАФСКОГ ИНСТИТУТА - СРПСКЕ АКАДЕМИЈЕ НАУКА И УМЕТНОСТИИЗ БЕОГРАДА, РЕПУБЛИКА СРБИЈА] (2017).
- Gold Medal and Honorary Diploma of Euroclassica: Fédération Européenne des Associations de Professeurs de Langues et de Civilisations Classiques (2017).
- Gold Medal of Academia Homerică (2017).

- Medal of Honor, Centro de Estudios Bizantinos, Neogriegos y Chipriotas, Universidad de Granada (2020).
- Honorary Distinction of Trakya Üniversitesi / Edebiyat Fakültesi (Edirne, Turkey 2018).
- Honorary Distinction of İstanbul Üniversitesi / Edebiyat Fakültesi (İstanbul, Turkey 2019).
- World Championship 2019 in Anthropology, of International Agency for Standards and Ratings.
- Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Bucharest, Romania, in 2019.
- “Caballero de Merito” of the “Noble Company of Bernardo de Galvez” in the Catholic University of New Spain (Universidad Católica de Nueva España), Miami, Florida USA (2019).
- Honorary Doctor of Letters (HDrL) the Catholic University of New Spain (Universidad Católica de Nueva España), Miami, Florida USA (2020).
- Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of the Aegean, Greece, in 2021.
- Award for Excellent Academic Teaching of the Democritus University of Thrace (2020).
- Award of A. Kautantzoglou, of the Philosophical School of the National University of Athens (2021).
- Grandofficer / 2nd. Class, του IGFVT Order of Merit / Internationale Gesellschaft für Friedensarbeit, Völkerverständigung und Traditionspflege (FK HuDM) (2021).