

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Sofia BOUTSIOUKI

Date of Birth: 27-4-1964

Position: Assistant Professor on Strategic planning for policies on education, employment and culture in the European Union at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia

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EDUCATION

- 2000 – 2006: Full time Doctoral Studies (Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D) at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia (Greece), conducting research and preparing a thesis on the topic: “Formation and development of education policies of the European Union and transformations in the labour market. An evaluative approach of the Institutes of Vocational Education”. Grade: Excellent.
- October 2001 – June 2002: Postgraduate Certificate of Specialization in Business Administration at the University of Macedonia (Greece).
- September 1996 – June 1998: Postgraduate Studies (Master of Arts) in Modern History at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece) conducting research and preparing a thesis on the topic: “The Greek Affair in the United Nations (1946-1952). Also, prepared an extended essay on “Human Rights in the Framework of the United Nations and the Council of Europe”. Grade: Excellent.
- February – April 1998: Seminar on “Information and Training of Executives in European Integration Issues” (3rd round of courses), organised by the European Commission – Representation in Greece.
- June – July 1995: Seminar on “International and European Affairs” organised by the Greek National Centre for Public Administration - Institute of Continuing Training.
- September 1982 – October 1986: Full-time studies at the Department of History and Archaeology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece). Degree in History with a General Grade: “Very Good” (8.3/10). Received a scholarship for excellence during the first two years of studies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- August 2018 – Today: Assistant Professor at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki), specialising on the Strategic planning for policies on education, employment and culture in the European Union.

Areas of expertise: European Union policies, policies in education/training/lifelong learning, employment, entrepreneurship, youth, social policy, culture and cultural diplomacy.

Teaching courses on EU policies with special focus on employment, education/lifelong learning, culture and cultural diplomacy, and structural reforms in the European environment, distributing supplementary lectures' material and supervising undergraduate and graduate dissertations on relevant issues.

Courses taught

[Undergraduate] "Social Europe. Policy and Economy", "EU regulatory and budgetary governance & national choices", "Social policy and lifelong learning", "Special issues of international and European policy in education", "Cultural diplomacy (Unesco Chair)", "European policies of convergence and international assistance".

[Postgraduate] "European policy. Education and culture", "European social policy, culture and youth", "Education policy and lifelong learning", "Cultural and educational diplomacy", "Counselling in entrepreneurship and vocational orientation in the labour market".

- January 2014 – July 2018: Lecturer at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki), specializing on the Strategic planning for employment and social policy of the European Union.

Areas of expertise: European Union policies in employment, education/training/lifelong learning, entrepreneurship, youth, social policy, culture.

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[Postgraduate] "European social policy, culture and youth", "European policy. Education and culture", "Cultural and educational diplomacy", "European regional policy".

- September 2006 – June 2013: Adjunct Lecturer the Department of International and European Studies and the Department of Educational and Social Policy of the University of Macedonia.
- September 1993 – June 1995, January 2000 – June 2000, September 2004 – June 2006: Research Fellow at the Department of Philosophy and Pedagogy of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece). Educator and supervisor in university students training programmes with a focus on knowledge, guidance and implementation of teaching practices in secondary schools.
- January 1988 – January 2014: Teacher in secondary education in the public education system.
- November 1986 – December 1987: Teacher in private education institutions.

PUBLICATIONS

- Published two books, many book chapters and papers in scientific journals and conference proceedings.
- Participated in international conferences on issues of European policies, education, training and lifelong learning, employment, social policy and culture.
- Literary editing of three books.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- December 2019 – Today: Head of the Hi.Ed.WEP research project that is financed by ELIDEK (Greek Research and Innovation Foundation). The aim of the research project is to study the work experience programmes organised by Greek higher education institutions and to design a model, which will be able to achieve greater effectiveness, better responsiveness to the labour market needs and increased involvement of social partners.
- December 2016 – August 2019: Researcher in the research project «Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence_Research on the crucial issues of European Integration» of the University of Macedonia. I participate in the Research Axis 5 «Education and research policies of the EU» [5.2 «European Educational Area and Lifelong Learning» and 5.3 «Research, Education and Youth Policies of the EU»]. My involvement includes the participation in research activities and conferences and in the writing of research papers and articles.
- September – October 2016: Research expert and author of the national report on the development of employment in Greece during the last two decades with a special emphasis on the situation of young people and on the policy interventions and the particular programmes targeting youth. The report is part of the research project EXCEPT (Social EXCLUSION of Youth in Europe: Cumulative Disadvantage, Coping Strategies, Effective Policies and Transfer), which is financed by Horizon 2020, and will be used for the final report regarding the “Assessment of the diffusion and effects of youth inclusion policies” of the EXCEPT project (9 participating countries).
- November 2012 – June 2013: Head of the design and the implementation of the educational programme «Volunteerism is civilization», which was realized in a secondary education institution.
- November 2011/2011 – June 2012: Head of the design and the implementation of an educational programme in Environmental Education that was realised in a secondary education institution. The programme referred to organic farming and to the management of the chain of production and trade of organic products.
- December 2003 – February 2004: Researcher and author of a report in a project regarding the «Development of the applied and laboratory character of studies» at the Department of International and European Studies. The report explored the modern international approaches regarding the formation of the higher education curricula and the implementation of innovative teaching methodologies, studied best practices of prestigious higher education institutions of other countries and formulated a proposal for the revision of the department’s programme of studies. The project was part of a programme for the restructuring the curriculum at the University of Macedonia (EPEAEK II) and defined the department’s curriculum for the following academic years.
- 2003: Conducted interviews with residents of semi-urban and rural areas of the Prefecture of Thessaloniki, who were actively involved in local government entities and in local economic and cultural associations. The interviews explored the restructuring of employment and the participation of the population in social transformation processes.
- 2001 – 2002: Researcher in a research project that was implemented in semi-urban and rural areas of the Prefecture of Thessaloniki under the scientific supervision of Dr Magdalini Psarrou, Professor at the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia. The research project referred to issues of socioeconomic change and regional development. Besides my role as a researcher, I was the supervisor of the training of the groups of researchers, and the responsible for the implementation of the research and the statistical analysis of the collected data.

OTHER

a) Languages

Greek (native speaker)

English: Very good knowledge ("First Certificate in English", awarded by the University of Cambridge, grade A and IELTS, 7/9)

French: Good knowledge ("Certificat de Langue Française, 1er degré", grade: Très bien).

b) ICT

Certification in the implementation of ICT in teaching

Excellent knowledge of MS Office and SPSS

c) Supervisor of many undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations and of one doctoral dissertation; Examiner in many postgraduate dissertations and member of the examining committee for the evaluation of two doctoral theses.

d) Member of the scientific and the organising committee in many conferences.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. At institutional level

- 10/2019 – Today: Member of the board of directors of the Lifelong Learning Center of the University of Macedonia.
- 06/2019 – Today: Member of the board of directors of the Center of Vocational Education of the University of Macedonia.
- 03/2015 – Today: Responsible of the action United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) at the University of Macedonia (organization and coordination of various actions that refer to the promotion of the UN values and principles, communication with the UN authorities, submission of the annual institutional reports, representation of the university in scientific meetings for the promotion of the UNAI network principles).
- 11/2014 – Today: Member of the institutional Erasmus Committee, which is responsible for the planning of the strategy for the internationalization of the university within the framework of the action «International Credit Mobility».
- 01/2017 – Today: Member of the «Group of Volunteers of the University of Macedonia», which focuses on supportive initiatives for vulnerable groups and the activation of the academic community.
- 10/2014 – Today: Member of the Committee that represents the Department of International and European Studies at CREAN (Children's Rights Erasmus Academic Network).

B. At departmental level

- 03/2014 – Today: Member of the Group for the Internal Evaluation of the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia.
- 05/2018 – Today: Responsible for the Erasmus+ traineeships of the Department's students.
- 03/2017 – Today: Member of the Coordinating Committee of the Programme of Postgraduate Studies in European Policies on Youth, Entrepreneurship, Education and Culture of the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia.

- 01/2014 – Today: Member of various committees that are responsible for administrative issues such as recruitment of teaching and administrative personnel, student examinations and transfer processes, etc.
- 09/2008 – 08/2010: Assistant of the departmental academic supervisor of the Erasmus programme with administrative duties regarding the management of the students' mobility and the conclusion of the learning agreements with foreign universities.