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### Research Interests

Economics of International Migration	Labor Economics
International Economics	Migrant Integration Policies

### Education

November 2019	<b>PhD, Topic: Essays on the Macroeconomic Implications of International Migration,</b> Awarded with Distinction. University of Macedonia, Department of International and European Studies.
June 2012	<b>Certificate of Pedagogical and Teaching Competence,</b> Grade: 9.5/10. ASPETE, General Department of Education.
January 2010	<b>Master of Science in International and European Economics,</b> Grade: 8.77/10. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Faculty of Law, Economics and Political Science, School of Economics.
May 2007	<b>Bachelor of Applied Arts in International, European, Economic and Political Studies,</b> Major: Political Studies and Diplomacy. Minor: Economics Grade: 8.14/10. University of Macedonia, Department of International, European, Economic and Political Studies.

### Teaching Experience

12/ 2022- today	<b>Adjunct Lecturer, Master's Degree in European Policies on Youth, Entrepreneurship, Education and Culture, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia.</b>  Organization and Operation of the EU, fall semester of 1 <sup>st</sup> year of studies (co-teaching)  Labor Market and Migration in the EU, spring semester of 1 <sup>st</sup> year of studies (co-teaching)
10/ 2020- today	<b>Adjunct Lecturer, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia.</b>  Labor Economics, fall semester of 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of studies Migration Policy, fall semester of 4 <sup>th</sup> year of studies The Economics of Migration, spring semester of 4 <sup>th</sup> year of studies
10/ 2017- 1/ 2020	<b>Teaching Assistant, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia.</b>

Introduction to Microeconomics, fall semester of 1<sup>st</sup> year of studies

11/ 2016- 10/  
2018

**Teaching Assistant, MSc in International Relations and Security/ MA in International Studies, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia**

Tutoring, holding office hours, invigilating tests or exams, assisting professors with lecture classes by teaching students in recitation, laboratory, or discussion sessions.

### **Research Experience**

1/2020- 2/2023

**Crisis' Emerging Diaspora's Tendencies Towards Greece.** 1st call of the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation for funding research of Researchers and Academic Staff and research equipment. University of Macedonia. Member of the Research Team.

Our goal is 1. to explore whether Greek crisis emigrants contribute or have the intention to contribute to the Greek economy through remittances; and, if so, to investigate in what direction their money are going: towards consumption or investments, 2. to explore whether and under what conditions Greek crisis emigrants are willing to return to Greece and contribute with the know-how acquired abroad to the public or private sectors, 3. to explore whether the members of the emerging diaspora are willing to promote Greece's interests and image abroad, 4. to explore what policies would be appropriate in order for Greece to harness the valuable capital of the crisis emerging diaspora, through focus groups and semi-structured self-report questionnaires.

11/2019- 4/2023

**Migration Governance and Asylum Crises (action), HORIZON 2020-sc6-migration 2018-2019-2020.** Coordinator: University of Liege, Beneficiary: University of Macedonia. Member of the Research Team.

The University of Macedonia, as a partner of the project, participates in work packages which investigate a) the effect of asylum seekers concentration in space in times of crisis paying specific attention to the labor market, social welfare, education and environment governance in Europe, b) the multi-scalar study of crisis the response. Particular emphasis is placed on the research of migrant labor market integration in the host country using quantitative methods.

10/2017- 10/2019

**The Hellenic National Defence General Staff Chair in Strategic Studies- Thucydides,** Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia. Member of the Research Team

	Preparing assessments and evaluation reports on issues related to international migration.
8/2006- 9/2007	<b>Political Research and Communication Center, Non-profit organization, Think-tank.</b> Internship. Extensive research on current affairs, handling databases, administrative duties, handling the daily schedule, arranging and preparing meetings, organizing a series of events.
6/2006- 10/2006	<b>UNESCO Chair of Intercultural Policy for an Active Citizenship and Solidarity, University of Macedonia.</b> Internship. Comparative research and translations in a series of important legal documents. Maintaining contacts with governmental and non-governmental institutions, NGOs, academia etc.
11/2005- 12/2005	<b>International Relations Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</b> Internship. Research on Balkan issues, legalizing documents and filling protocol procedures.
<b>Participation in EU-funded projects</b>	
4/2021- 12/2021	<b>PROMoting Social entrePreneurship in higher Education for a prospeRous society,</b>
6/2022- 12/2022	Erasmus+ KA203, Strategic Partnerships for higher education, University of
3/2023-5/2023	Macedonia. Member of the Research Team. Participation in the creation of a gamified blended learning course on "Tackling real-world challenges through social entrepreneurship" and a teachers training toolkit to support the implementation of the course.
3/2021- 8/2021	<b>Project Management Board Game,</b> ERASMUS+, KA204-, Strategic Partnerships,
1/2022- 6/2022	University of Macedonia. Member of the Research Team. Participation in a stakeholder analysis to transfer project management principles through a blended learning approach that combines traditional teaching with new training tools such as simulation and board games and results from the operational implementation of the course.
1/2021- 6/2021	<b>Systems Thinking as a core competence for sustainability and digital transformation,</b>
1/2022- 5/2022	ERASMUS + KA2 Strategic Partnerships, University of Macedonia. Member of the Research Team. Participation in the development of a guide on training needs in Europe and the use of systems thinking in digital transformation and sustainable development as well as

the creation of a course on systems thinking.

10/2017- 4/2019     **SUSTAIN-Game-based learning on urban sustainability, Erasmus+, KA2, Strategic Partnerships in the field of higher education, University of Macedonia. Member of the Research Team.**

Preparation of an e-book on urban sustainability decision-making and simulation modeling for sustainable development.

9/2017- 10/2017     **Motivate-Promoting citizens' active involvement in the development of sustainable travel plans in Med cities with seasonal demand, Interreg Europe MED 2014-2020 Program. University of Macedonia. Member of the Research Team.**

Evaluation of existing sustainable mobility measures and assessment of importance of future sustainable mobility measures.

## **Publications**

### **Book Editing**

- Papathanasiou, J., Tsaples, G. and Blouchoutzi, A. (eds.) (2021). *Urban Sustainability. A Game-Based Approach*. Switzerland: Springer. <https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783030670153>

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

- Blouchoutzi A. and Nikas C. (2020). Immigration and Growth: The Case of Greece, In Nikas C. (eds.), *Economic Growth in the European Union*, Berlin: Springer. <https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783030482091>
- Blouchoutzi, A., Tsaples, G., Manou, D., Nikas, C. (2022). Strengthening EU Resilience: Labor Market Integration as a Criterion for Refugee Relocation. In: Cabral Seixas Costa, A.P., Papathanasiou, J., Jayawickrama, U., Kamissoko, D. (eds), *Decision Support Systems XII: Decision Support Addressing Modern Industry, Business, and Societal Needs. ICDSSST 2022. Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing*, vol. 447. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-06530-9\\_6](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-06530-9_6)

### **Papers in Scientific Journals**

- Blouchoutzi, A. and Pedi, R. (forthcoming) In-betweenness and Migration Interdependence: Lessons from Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine. *Studies in European Affairs*, 1/2023.
- Tsaples, G., Blouchoutzi, A. Stanković, J., Marjanović, I. and Marković, M. (forthcoming). Economic-Innovation efficiency in EU countries: A multi-perception DEA approach, *Int. J. of Decision Support Systems*.
- Blouchoutzi, A., Tsaples, G., Manou, D. and Papathanasiou, J. (2023). Investigating Public–Private Cooperation in Migrant Labor Market Integration: A System Dynamics Study to Explore the Challenge for Greece. *Economies*,

11(38). <https://doi.org/10.3390/economies11020038>

- Blouchoutzi, A., Manou, D., & Papathanasiou, J. (2022). The Regional Allocation of Asylum Seekers in Greece: A Multiple Criteria Decision Analysis Approach. *Sustainability*, 14(10), 6046.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/su14106046>
- Manou, D., Blouchoutzi, A. and Papathanasiou, J. (2021). The Socioeconomic Integration of People in Need of International Protection: A Spatial Approach in the Case of Greece. *Social Sciences*, 10: 454.  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10120454> (Research Award from the Research Committee of the University of Macedonia)
- Blouchoutzi, A., Manou, D., Papathanasiou, J. (2021). A PROMETHEE MCDM Application in Social Inclusion: The Case of Foreign-Born Population in the EU. *Systems*, 9(45). <https://doi.org/10.3390/systems9020045> (Research Award from the Research Committee of the University of Macedonia)
- Blouchoutzi A., Digkoglou P. Papathanasiou J. and Nikas C. (2021) An evaluation on the effectiveness of labor market integration policies in EU Member States using PROMETHEE, *International Journal of Operations Research and Information Systems*, 12(1), pp. 73-84
- Blouchoutzi A. (2019) The unemployment-output relationship for the native labour force in Greece: Focusing on the differences between Okun's coefficient for the natives and the immigrants in the country, *Archives of Economic History*, XXXI (1-2), pp. 99-109
- Blouchoutzi A. and Nikas C. (2014) Emigrants' remittances and economic growth in small transition economies: The cases of Moldova and Albania, *East- West Journal of Economics and Business*, XVII (2), pp. 97-117
- Nikas C. and Blouchoutzi A. (2014) Emigrants' remittances and the "Dutch Disease" in small transition economies: the case of Albania and Moldova, *Romanian Statistical Review*, 1/2014, pp. 45-65
- Blouchoutzi A. and Nikas C. (2010) The macroeconomic implications of emigrants' remittances: The case of Romania, Bulgaria and Albania. *Post-Communist Economies*, 22(4), 547-558

#### **Publications in Conference Proceedings or Book of Abstracts**

- Tsaples, G. and Blouchoutzi, A. (2022) Socio-economic efficiency of European countries with a modified, two-stage Data Envelopment Analysis method, ICDSST 2022 Proceedings, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece, 23-25/5/2022
- Manou, D., Blouchoutzi, A. and Papathanasiou, J. (2022) Multilateral Development Banks and Migration: from a country-specific approach to shared responsibility. The Migration Conference 2022, Rabat, Morocco, 7-10/9/2022.
- Manou, D., Blouchoutzi, A. and Papathanasiou, J. (2021). The Covid-19 pandemic and its impacts on migration governance in Greece, The Migration Conference 2021, London, United Kingdom, 6-10/7/2021

- Manou D., Blouchoutzi A. and Papathanasiou J. (2019) Local initiatives for integration of migrants in Greece, The Migration Conference 2019, Bari, Italy, 18-20/6/2019
- Blouchoutzi A., Digkoglou P. Manou D. and Nikas C. (2019) Analyzing Labor Market Integration Policies in EU Member States Using PROMETHEE, The Migration Conference 2019, Bari, Italy, 18-20/6/2019
- Blouchoutzi A. (2019) The Impact of Immigration on Growth and Vice Versa. An empirical analysis of the Greek case from 1998 to 2017, 9th Biennial Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus, The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, 15/6/2019
- Digkoglou P., Blouchoutzi A., Papathanasiou J. and Nikas C. (2019) An evaluation on the effectiveness of labor market integration policies in EU Member States using PROMETHEE, 6th Hellenic Student Conference, Operational Research and National Production Model, Hellenic Operational Research Society, Xanthi, 28/2/2019-2/3/2019
- Blouchoutzi A. and Nikas C. (2018) The Unemployment of Natives and Immigrants in a country in deep recession: The case of Greece, International Conference on International Business, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, 17-20/05/2018
- Blouchoutzi A. and Nikas C. (2013) Emigrants' remittances and the "Dutch Disease" in small transition economies with flexible exchange rates: the case of Albania and Moldova, 3rd International Conference on Applied Economics, University of Thessaly, Volos, 17-18/05/2013
- Blouchoutzi A. and Nikas C. (2012) Emigrants' Remittances and Economic Growth in Small Transition Economies: The Cases of Moldova and Albania, International Conference on International Business, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, 17-19/05/2012
- Blouchoutzi A. and Nikas C. (2010) On the macroeconomic implications of emigrants' remittances: The case of Romania, Bulgaria and Albania, The Economies of Balkan and Eastern Europe Countries in the changed world, Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Institute of Technology, Kavala, 07-09/05/2010

#### **Presentations in International Peer-Reviewed Conferences**

- Blouchoutzi, A. and Nikas, C. (2022) War amid a Pandemic: The impact of Russia's invasion in Ukraine on remittances flows towards the Central Asia countries, The international impact of the war in Ukraine. Conference in memory of Professor Ilias Kouskouvelis, Thessaloniki, 20-21/10/2022
- Blouchoutzi, A. (2021). The application of PROMETHEE multi-criteria decision making method to EU migration governance, h- Promethee Days 2021, Thessaloniki, Greece, 12-15/10/2021
- Manou, D., Blouchoutzi, A. and Papathanasiou, J. (2021). Migrants and refugees in the Greek educational system: towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4, 18<sup>th</sup> IMISCOE Annual Conference "Crossing borders, connecting cultures", Luxembourg, 7-9/7/2021

- Blouchoutzi, A., Manou, D. and Papathanasiou, J. (2020). Decision making on internal geographical allocation of immigrants and refugees in Greece: A multi-criteria evaluation, Twentieth International Conference on Diversity in organizations, Communities and Nations, Milan, Italy 10-12/6/2020
- Blouchoutzi, A., Manou, D. and Papathanasiou, J. (2020). A multi-criteria decision analysis on the distribution of migrants' accommodation facilities in Greece., e-Promethee Days 2020, Rabat, Morocco 2-5/6/2020
- Blouchoutzi A. (2019) Remittances in the in between Russia and the West lesser states: one more source of vulnerability? Insights from Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, 13<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Sofia, Bulgaria 11-14/9/2019
- Blouchoutzi A. and Nikas C. (2018) Immigrants' unemployment in Greece during deep economic crisis and their labor market integration, 3rd International Scientific Conference "Greece's Productive Reconstruction: Alternative Strategies", Technological Educational Institute of Western Macedonia, Kozani, 7-8/12/2018

### **Technical Reports**

- Pedi, R., Blouchoutzi, A., Simaioforidou, M. (2021) Deliverable 1 Literature Review Report. HFRI Research Project entitled Crisis' Emerging Diaspora's Tendencies Towards Greece.
- Papathanasiou, J., Tsaples, G., Blouchoutzi, A. (2021) Game Based Learning in Higher Education. Erasmus+ Project entitled Promoting Social Entrepreneurship in Higher Education for a Prosperous Society.
- Manou, D., Blouchoutzi, A., Papathanasiou, G. (2021) Migration governance in Greece: exploring the socioeconomic dimensions of allocation policies. In. P. Puskarova et al. Completion of Case Studies. MAGYC project.

### **Invited Presentations/ Workshops/ Other Lectures**

- Migrant Labor Market Integration and its Contribution to Resilience in the EU, Migration and asylum policies in the EU and Greece today: New serious challenges for the human rights protection, University of Macedonia UNESCO Chair of Intercultural Policy for an Active and Solidarity citizenship, Students' Conference, Thessaloniki, 14-15/6/2022
- Employment of Migrants in the EU: A contribution to systemic resilience, *Common Security and Defence Policy Orientation Course*, European Security and Defence College, Thessaloniki, 14-18/3/2022
- Migrant labor market integration in the host country, Master's Program in European Policies on Youth, Entrepreneurship, Education and Culture, University of Macedonia, 4/6/2021
- The impact of Covid-19 pandemic on migration and remittances, *The global economic perspective after covid-19*, United Nations Society, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 28/3/2021
- Resilient Europe: The Dimension of Labor Market Integration Policies through the New Pact on Migration and Asylum, *Common Security and Defence Policy Orientation Course*, European Security and Defence College,

Thessaloniki, 1-5/3/2021

- Business Strategies and Decision Making, Research Seminar organized by three international universities in UK, Greece and Japan, 16/11/2020
- The Macroeconomic Implications of International Migration, Master's Program in European Policies on Youth, Entrepreneurship, Education and Culture, University of Macedonia, 17/01/2020
- The Macroeconomic Implications of International Migration, Master's Program in Human Rights and Migration Studies, University of Macedonia, 15/01/2020
- Migration and Resilience: The value of Labor Market Integration Policies, *Common Security and Defence Policy Orientation Course*, European Security and Defence College, Thessaloniki 11-14/2/2020
- A comparative analysis of migrant integration policies in EU member states, *The Impact of Migration in Europe. Governance responses to mass migration and refugees*, Workshop Series DAAD-Hochschuldialog Greece-Germany, University of Macedonia, Greece, 13-15/12/2018
- Remittances in Small States in Times of Crisis: One More Source of Vulnerability? Insights from Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia, *Small Power's Security and Strategy in Times' of Change*, University of Macedonia, Department of International and European Studies, Thessaloniki, 29-30/11/2018 (co-authored with Revecca Pedi)
- Good practices to labor market integration of immigrants and refugees and the challenge for Greece, *The Impact of Migration in Europe. Governance responses to mass migration and refugees*, Workshop Series DAAD-Hochschuldialog Greece-Germany, University of Erfurt Germany, 3-5/09/2018

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  - Akçay, S. and Demirtaş, G. (2015). Remittances and Energy Consumption: Evidence from Morocco, *International Migration*, 53, 125-144. doi:[10.1111/imig.12202](https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12202).
  - Nenovsky, N., Tochkov, K. and Turcu, C. (2013). Monetary regimes, economic stability, and EU accession: Comparing Bulgaria and Romania, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 46 (1), 13-23, ISSN 0967-067X, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.postcomstud.2012.12.002>.
  - Par Kpégo Didier Anatole GBENOU (2015) Impacts des transferts de fonds des migrants dans les pays de l' UEMOA. Document d'Etude et de Recherche N° DER/14/03, Banque Centrale des Etats de l' Afrique de l' Ouest.
2. Nikas, C. and Blouchoutzi, A. (2014). Emigrants' remittances and the "Dutch Disease" in small transition economies: the case of Albania and Moldova, *Romanian Statistical Review*, 1/2014, pp. 45-65
  - Nguyen Phuc Hien, Cao Thi Hong Vinh, Vu Thi Phuong Mai, Le Thi Kim Xuyen (2019). Remittances,



real exchange rate and the Dutch disease in Asian developing countries, *The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, ISSN 1062-9769, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.qref.2019.10.006>.

- Ojapinwa, T.V. and Nwokoma, N.I. (2018). Workers' Remittances and the Dutch-Disease Argument: Investigating the Relationship in Sub-Saharan Africa, *African Development Review*, 30, 316-324. doi:[10.1111/1467-8268.12339](https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8268.12339).
- World Bank (2016). Moldova paths to sustained prosperity. A systematic country diagnostic. Report No. 107502, August 2016, The World Bank Group.
- 3. Blouchoutzi, A. and Nikas, C. (2014). Emigrants' remittances and economic growth in small transition economies: The cases of Moldova and Albania, *East- West Journal of Economics and Business*, XVII (2), pp. 97-117
- Khitarishvili, T. (2015). Gender and employment in the South Caucasus and Western CIS. United Nations Development Programme.
- Olayungbo, D.O. and Quadri, A. (2019). Remittances, financial development and economic growth in sub-Saharan African countries: evidence from a PMG-ARDL approach, *Financial Innovation*, 5, 9, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40854-019-0122-8>.
- Prochazkova Ilinitchi, C. (2019). Fintech revolution in transition countries – remittances and mobile money. *Journal Transition Studies Review*, 27(1), 103-122. <https://doi.org/10.14665/1614-4007-26-2-007>.

#### **Participation in Conference Organizing Committees**

1. Member of the Organizing Committee of h-Promethee Days 2021 Conference, Thessaloniki, 12-15/10/2021
2. Member of the Organizing Committee of the Workshop entitled *Small Power's Security and Strategy in Times' of Change*, University of Macedonia, Department of International and European Studies, Thessaloniki, 29-30/11/2018

#### **Member of Professional and Scientific Associations**

1. European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Expert Evaluator
2. General Secretariat for Research and Innovation Expert Evaluator
3. European Commission Expert Evaluator
4. Member of Economic Chamber of Greece

#### **Seminars**

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| 09-13/10/2017    | CSDP Orientation Course of the European Security and Defense College, Hellenic Supreme Joint War College, Thessaloniki, Greece |
| 20/04-13/05/2010 | Business Administration Course, Lifelong Learning Foundation   |
| 18-22/03/2007    | National United Nations Model, New York - USA  |

07/06/2006	NATO, EU Security and Greece in the 21st century, G.A.A.E.C., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens-Greece
26-30/04/2006	Thessaloniki International Students Model United Nations, Θεσ/νίκη
10-15/04/2006	Hard Realities and Soft Power: Global Politics and Transnational Culture, 1945-2006, American Studies Seminar, Thessaloniki
27-31/03/2006	Harvard World Model United Nations, Beijing-China

## Languages

### English

2004: Certificate of Proficiency in English, University of Cambridge

2004: Certificate of Proficiency in English, University of Michigan

### French

2006: Diplome Dalf C1

### Italian

2004: Diploma Di Lingua Italiana

2004: Certificato Di Conoscenza Della Lingua Italiana Livello B2 CELI3

2004: State Language Certificate Level B2

### Spanish

2005: Diploma De Espanol Como Lengua Extranjera (Nivel Intermedio)

## Technical Skills

ECDL CORE CERTIFICATE. Microsoft Windows, MS-Office, Mac OS, SPSS, Microfit, Eviews, Stata. Database Management. Social media Experience. Web development.

## Professional Experience

03/04/2014-	<b>University of Macedonia.</b>
20/2/2023	Financial management, coordination of educational and social activities, preparation of statistical and sustainability reports of postgraduate programs.
06/09/2012-	<b>Actionline, I-Bank Stores, National bank of Greece.</b>
31/12/2016	Financial and e-banking advisor.
15/03/09-	<b>National Youth Council.</b>
30/10/09	Management of European programs about youth, organizing seminars and events. Financial management.
23/10/07-	<b>Oteplus, Technical and Business Solutions.</b>
13/03/09	Promoting telecommunication and broadband services and products, dealing with customers' requests, conducting market analysis and trends, training new employees.