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Education

2022 - PRESENT

PhD Candidate | Department of Planning and Regional Development | University of Thessaly, GR

Thesis Topic: Regional inequalities, political discontent and the anatomy of integration and disintegration in Europe in the context of DISINREG research project, funded by the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.)
Advisory Committee: Georgios Petrakos (Supervisor), Dimitris Kallioras (UTH), Spyros Niavis (UTH)

2017 - 2020

Master of Science (M.Sc.) in New Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Development | Department of Planning and Regional Development, Department of Economics and Department of Mechanical Engineering | University of Thessaly, GR

Grade: 8.71/10

Research Thesis: Performance analysis of Small and Medium Enterprises using financial ratios: the cases of food industry and retail in Greece (in Greek). 10/10
Supervisor: Y. Stamboulis, Assistant Professor of Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship

2006 - 2010

Master's Degree in International Economics | Department of International and European Studies | University of Macedonia, GR

Grade: 8.80/10

Research Thesis: The impact of Greek FDIs on Bulgaria's economic growth (in Greek). 10/10
Supervisor: F. Siokis, Assistant Professor in Macroeconomics

2001 - 2006

Bachelor's degree in International and European Economic and Political Studies | Department of International and European Economic and Political Studies | University of Macedonia, GR

Grade: 7.65/10

Specialization: International and European Economic Studies

Experience

09/2022 – PRESENT

Researcher, Team Member | DISINREG research project | Department of Planning and Regional Development | University of Thessaly, GR

- Econometric analysis and economic modeling
- Analysis of international economic theories and regional development theories
- Literature review and academic writing

Research Project funded by the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.).

08/2021 – 02/2022

Economist, Team Member | "Small Business Clinic" project | Department of Planning and Regional Development | University of Thessaly, GR

- Revision and optimization of economic indicators
- Incorporation of data from other European countries

Project funded under the "Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation" program (EPAnEK).

06/2019 – 10/2021

Economist – Social Entrepreneurship Consultant | Centre for Social and Solidarity Economy of Magnesia | Volos, GR

Project funded under the "Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning" Operational Program (NSRF 2014-2020).

11/2017 – PRESENT

Economist – SME Consultant | Self-employed | Volos, GR

08/2013 - 10/2014

Office Employee | TEKMIRIOSI LTD | Volos, GR

11/2008 - 04/2010

Team Member | Research Institute of Applied Economics and Social Sciences | University of Macedonia, GR

- Consumer Confidence Survey for 2010,
- Survey of public opinion on the establishment of a dairy industry in the Region of Western Macedonia
- Survey of public opinion on the role of the University of Macedonia
- Survey of public opinion on the role of the Film Festival in the city of Thessaloniki.

12/2008 - 07/2009

Economist | Management Body of the National Marine Park of Alonissos Northern Sporades | Volos, GR

Journal Publications

Sotiriou, A., Petrakos, G. and **Alexiou, S.** (2024). The drivers of regional discontent in the EU. *Global Challenges & Regional Science*, 1, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gcrs.2024.100002>

Conference presentations

Alexiou, S., “A generalized model of growth, integration, discontent and endogenous cohesion policy”, Early Career Colloquium 2025, Regional Science Association – British & Irish Section, January 23 – 24, 2025.

Alexiou, S., Petrakos, G. and Sotiriou, A., “Endogenous Cohesion Policy”, 1st Scientific Conference on Spatial Planning and Development: Challenges and Prospects, Department of Planning and Development, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, June 17–18, 2024.

Petrakos, G., Sotiriou A. and **Alexiou S.**, “Detecting the sources and drivers of political discontent in the EU”, 18th Annual Scientific Conference of European Regional Science Association – Greek Section, Athens, September 22-23, 2023

Alexiou, S. and Petrakos, G. “The impact of integration on regional growth and cohesion in Greece”, 10th PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus, Hellenic Observatory Hellenic Observatory European Institute, LSE, London, May 26, 2023.

Brimpou, V., Stamboulis, Y., **Alexiou, S.** and Vetsikas, A., “Determinants influencing the profitability of firms: A case study on the Greek retail sector”, 5th International Conference of Development and Economy (I.CO.D.ECON.), University of Peloponnese, Kalamata, October 21-23, 2022.

Digital Skills

Econometric analysis and forecasting (STATA, E-Views) • Microsoft Office (Word Excel Access PowerPoint VBA)

Language Proficiency Levels

Greek (Native) • English - Proficient (C2) • French - Advanced (C1) • Italian - Advanced (C1)