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Education

1999-2004 Ph.D in History, Department of History, University of Essex.
Thesis Title:
The Commercial Bourgeoisie of the Ionian Islands under British rule, 1815-1864. Class Formation in a semi-colonial society.

1998-1999 MA in Social and Cultural History, University of Essex.

1993-1998 BA in History, Ionian University, Corfu, Greece

Professional Experience

2006-08 Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow, European University Institute
Project: *Class, Ethnicity and Religion in 19th Century Mediterranean Ports*

Teaching: ‘The History of Seas and World History’ (with Professors Conrad, Curto and Molho)

2005-06 Research Fellow, Global Economic History Project (GEHN), LSE

2003-05 Teaching Fellow, Economic History Department, LSE
Courses (2nd-year): ‘Foundations of the Industrial Economy’, and ‘The Integration of Europe’s Economy, 1815-1990’
Other duties: Supervision of MSc students, marking of undergraduate and postgraduate examination scripts.

2004-07 Teaching on MSc in Historical Demography, History Department, Ionian University (part-time).

2001-03 History Data Service, UK Data Archive, University of Essex
Information and Acquisitions Assistant (part-time).

2001-02 Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Essex
Courses: 'The Making of the Modern World 1789-2000' and 'From Disunity to Unity: An Introduction to the History of Europe in the 20th century'.

Awards Received

2006-08 Max Weber Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research, European University Institute, Florence

2005-06 Economic History Research Training Network Post-doctoral Fellowship. Project: 'Pan-European Economic Development', Jagellonian University, Krakow (awarded but turned down).

2002-03 Economic History Society/Institute of Historical Research Anniversary Fellowship

1999-2002 ESRC Tuition Fees award

Academic Activities

September 2008 Co-organiser, Conference 'Bourgeois Seas: Revisiting the Middle Classes of Eastern Mediterranean Port Cities', European University Institute, Florence

December 2006 Co-organiser, Workshop on 'World History and the History of Seas', History Department, EUI

June 2002 Co-organiser, 4th Graduate Conference, Department of History, University of Essex. Title: 'A critical condition? Class and the Practice of History in the Twenty-First Century'

Publications

- ‘Compradors to Cosmopolitans? The historiographical fortunes of Merchants in Eastern Mediterranean Ports’, in Malte Fuhrmann and Vangelis Kechriotis (eds.), *The Late Ottoman Port Cities and Their Inhabitants: Subjectivity, Urbanity, and Conflicting Orders* (forthcoming).
- ‘Merchants into businessmen. The emergence of a business culture in the Ionian Islands under British rule’, *Business History* (forthcoming).
- ‘Banking Expansion, Success and Failure in the British Mediterranean; the Ionian Bank, 1840s-1930s’ in Gabriel Tortella, John Consiglio, Juan Carlos Martinez Oliva (eds.), *Banking in the Mediterranean: A Historical Perspective*, Ashgate Publishing (forthcoming), (with Alexander Apostolides).
- ‘Class and national identities in the Ionian Islands under British rule’ in Roderick Beaton (ed.), *The Making of Modern Greece: Nationalism, Romanticism, and the Uses of the Past (1797-1896)*, Ashgate, 2008 (forthcoming)
- ‘Public Health in Crete under the rule of Mehmed Ali in the 1830s’, *Egypt/Monde Arab* 4, 3, 2007: 35-54 (with Panagiotis Krokidas).
- ‘Thesmoi kai Eksousia stin Poli tis Kerkyras sta mesa tou 19ou aiona’ [Institutions and Power in Corfu town in the mid-nineteenth century], *Istor* 15, 2007: 107-144.
- ‘The South Asia Textiles Industry in a Globalizing World; 8th GEHN Meeting, Pune, India, 18-20 December 2005.’ Conference review in *Textile History*, 37, 2, 2006: 203-04.
- ‘Ellinikes poleis-limania to dekato enato aiona; istoria, istoriografia kai sygkriseis’ [Nineteenth-Century Greek Port Cities. History, Historiography and Comparisons], in L. Sapounaki-Drakaki (ed), *Ellinikes Poleis stin Istoría* [Greek Cities in History], Dionikos and European Association of Urban Historians, Athens 2005.
- ‘The Port Jews of Corfu and the ‘Blood Libel’ of 1891: A Tale of Many Centuries and of One Event’ in *Jewish Culture and History* 7, 1-2, 2004: 171-196, in D. Cesarani, G. Rommain (eds), Special issue on *Jews, Seaports and International Commerce 1550-1950*.
- ‘The merchants of the Ionian Islands between East and West. Forming local and international networks’ in M.S. Beerbuhl and J. Vogele (eds), *Spinning the Commercial Web. International Trade, Merchants, and Commercial Cities, c. 1640-1939*, Peter Lang, Frankfurt 2004.

Working papers

- ‘A global history of Ottoman cotton textiles, 1600-1850’, European University Institute, Max Weber Working Paper, MWP 2007/25.
- ‘Business Culture and Entrepreneurship in the Ionian Islands Under British Rule, 1815-1864’, *LSE Working Papers in Economic History*, No 89, 2005

Reviews

Ina Baghdiantz McCabe, Gelina Harlaftis, and Ioanna Pepelasis Minoglou (editors) *Diaspora Entrepreneurial Networks: Four Centuries of History*" Economic History Services, Jul 15, 2005, URL : <http://www.eh.net/bookreviews/library/0960.shtml>

Languages

Greek (native speaker), English (fluent), Italian (working knowledge), German (working knowledge), Turkish (basic)

Professional Bodies - Membership

Since 2002 Economic History Society
Since 2005 World History Association
Since 2005 Mediterranean Studies Association

Conference and Seminar Papers

- June 2007 ‘Banking Expansion, Success and Failure in the British Mediterranean; the Ionian Bank, 1840s-1930s’ in Annual Conference of the European Association of Banking History, Malta., 1-3 June
- April 2007 ‘Merchants into businessmen. Ionians before the ‘Ionian phase’ of Greek merchant networks’ in Moving Frontiers Mediterranean Entangled Histories (15th-21st centuries) 25-26 April, Volos, Greece
- March 2007 ‘Criminalization and the development of a criminal justice system in the Ionian State, 1815 – 1864’, SOLON Partnership Conference on Crime, Violence and the Modern State, Rethymno, Crete., 8-10 March.
- January 2007 ‘Costs and benefits of British rule in the Ionian Islands; some tentative views’, in Economic History Seminar.
<http://www.hdoisto.gr/Keimena/gekas.pdf>

- September 2006 'Class identities in the Ionian Islands under British rule', The Making of Modern Greece: Nationalism, Romanticism and the Uses of the Past, King's College London.
- August 2006 'Credit, Religion and Power in Ionian Towns under British Rule, 1815-1864', in XIV International Economic History Congress, Helsinki, Session 45 "History of Insolvency and Bankruptcy in an International Perspective".
- November 2005 'News from Crete: The *Vekayi Giridiye* and the rule of Muhammad Ali in Crete' (with Panos Krokidas). Conference commemorating the bicentennial of Muhammad Ali, organized by the Alexandria and Mediterranean Centre, Bibliotheca Alexandrina.
- June 2005 'Class Formation in the Ionian Islands during the period of British Rule, 1814-1864', in Hellenic Observatory, 2nd LSE Symposium on Current Social Science Research on Greece.
- October 2004 'Nineteenth-century Greek port-cities; history, historiography and comparisons', 7th European Association of Urban Historians Conference, Athens.
- April 2004 'Nineteenth-century Greek port towns; History, Historiography and Comparison. The case of the marine insurance industry', in Economic History Society Annual Conference, Royal Holloway.
- January 2003 'History, Historiography and the Ionian Islands under British Rule', in Imperial History Seminar, Institute of Historical Research.
- January 2003 'The Port Jews of Corfu, 1800-1891', in Conference on Port Jews in Cosmopolitan Maritime Trading Centres, 1550-1950, Cape Town.
- February 2002 'The merchant elite of the Ionian Islands under British rule, 1815-1864', in 4th European Social Science History Conference, The Hague.