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EMPLOYMENT

- December 2015 –* **City University of London**
Department of International Politics
Reader (Associate Professor) (2018-)
Senior Lecturer (2015-2018)
- July 2013 –*
November 2015 **Queen’s University, Belfast**
Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation & Social Justice
Research Fellow
- August 2012 –*
June 2013 **Princeton University**
Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- January 2012 –*
August 2012 **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**
Department of Political Science and Public Administration
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

EDUCATION

- July 2011* **Queen’s University, Belfast**
Ph.D., School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy
- December 2006* **University of Wales, Aberystwyth**
MScEcon International Politics
(Awarded with Distinction)
- May 2005* **Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences,**
Ptychion Political Science and History

GRANTS, INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018	Honorable Mention for the Best Book Award, by the International Law Committee of the International Studies Association (ISA)
2016-2019	'Truth, Accountability or Impunity? Transitional Justice and Economic Crisis' [ESRC Standard Research Grant, (Principal Investigator, total £521,277)]
2015-2016	'Missing Migrants and Deaths at the EU's Mediterranean Border: Humanitarian Needs and State Obligations' [ESRC 'Strategic Urgency' Grant, (Co-investigator, total £199,443)]
2014-2015	'Missing Migrants in the Mediterranean' [Small Research Grants, Principal Investigator, British Academy/Leverhulme, (£ 4,750)]
2014-2017	'Legal, Ethical and Moral Issues in Researching Conflict, Violence and Peace', ESRC Advanced Training Initiative, (Co-Investigator) [£ 29,745]
2012	Basil Chubb Prize for best PhD thesis (awarded by the Political Studies Association of Ireland)
2012	Mary Seeger O'Boyle Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Princeton University
2011	Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens ('Support of Postdoctoral Researchers'), Principal Investigator
2009	Travel Grant for Field Research in Cyprus by Press and Information Office (PIO), Cyprus [€ 2,000]
2008	Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant, Cyprus and Divided Societies Workshop at Queen's University, Belfast 20-21, May 2008 (awarded to the Organizing Committee, April 2008 in collaboration with the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy-ELIAMEP- € 6,000)
2007	International PhD Studentship by Queen's University of Belfast (2007-2010) [£ 37,000]
2007	Fulbright Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies in the United States (Declined)
2003	Ranked 3 rd in the department of Political Science and History (Panteion University) and received the departmental scholarship and Greek State Scholarship Foundation (IKY).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Grassroots Activism and the Evolution of Transitional Justice. The Families of the Disappeared*, 2017 Cambridge University Press
 - Honorable Mention, ILaw Section, of the *International Studies Association*
- *Truth Recovery and Transitional Justice. Deferring Human Rights*, 2014, Routledge
 - Reviewed in *Journal of Politics, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, and Political Studies Review*.

Journal Articles

- ‘Explaining Disappearances as a Tool of Political Terror’, *International Political Science Review*, in Press, 2018, with Paloma Aguilar.
- ‘Truth Commissions after Economic Crises: Political Learning or Blame Game?’, *Political Studies*, Volume: 66 issue: 1, pp.173-191 (with Shaun McDaid & Ragnar Hjalmarsson).
- ‘Exposure to Violence, War-Related Losses and Attitudes Towards Transitional Justice: Evidence from Post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina’, *Political Psychology*, Vo.39(2), pp.345-363 (with Jonathan Hall, Djordje Stefanovic & Neophytos Loizides).
- ‘Death as the border: Managing missing migrants and unidentified bodies at the EU's Mediterranean frontier’. *Political Geography*, (2016) Vol.55, pp.40-49 (with Simon Robins).
- ‘The Greek Debt Crisis and Southern Europe: Majoritarian Pitfalls?’, *Comparative Politics* (2014), Vol. 47(1), pp.1-20 (with Neophytos Loizides)
- ‘Explaining Prolonged Silences in Transitional Justice: the Disappeared in Cyprus and Spain’, *Comparative Political Studies*, (2013) Vol. 46, pp. 730-756
- ‘Cultures of Rioting and Anti-Systemic Movements in Southern Europe’, *West European Politics*, (2012) Vol. 35(4), pp. 707-725 (with Katia Andronikidou)
- ‘Delinkage Processes and Grassroots Movements in Transitional Justice’, *Cooperation and Conflict*, (2012) Vol. 47(1), pp.88-105
- ‘Protracted Peace processes: Policy (Un)learning and the Cyprus Debacle’, *Ethnopolitics*, (2012) Vol. 11, No. 4, 406–423 (with Neophytos Loizides).

- ‘Non-Apologies and Prolonged Silences in Post-Conflict Settings’, special issue on “Memory and Historical Injustice”, *Time and Society*, (2012) Vol.21(1), pp.71-88 (with Kathleen Ireton)
- ‘Delaying Truth Recovery for Missing Persons’, *Nations and Nationalism*, (2011) Vol. 17(3), pp.520-540 (with Neophytos Loizides)
- ‘The UN’s Moral Responsibility in the ‘Spill-Over’ of Genocide from Rwanda to the Democratic Republic of Congo’, *The African Journal of International and Comparative Law*, (2011) Vol. 19(1), pp.145-163.
- ‘The Parliamentary Election in Greece, October 2009’, *Electoral Studies*, (2010) Vol. 29(2), pp.293-296
- ‘Unearthing the Truth: The Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain’, *History and Anthropology*, (2008) Vol. 19(4), pp.371-390.

*Book Chapters &
Online Entries [peer-
reviewed]*

- ‘Post-Conflict Transitional Justice’ (2016), *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*, Patrick James (Ed), Oxford University Press.
- Katherine Stefatos and Iosif Kovras, (2015) ‘Buried Silences of the Greek Civil War’, in *Necropolitics: Mass Graves and Exhumations in the Age of Human Rights*. Francisco Ferrándiz and Antonius Robben (eds), University of Pennsylvania Press (Human Rights Series) pp.161-184
- Iosif Kovras and Simon Robins, (2017) ‘Missing Migrants: Deaths at Sea and Addressing Migrant Bodies in Lesbos’, *Border Crossings* (eds) Hastings Donnan, Madeleine Hurd, and Carolin Leutloff-Grandits (Manchester University Press)

Special Issues

- ‘Federalism, Reconciliation and Power-Sharing’, *Federal Governance*, 8 (2). pp. 1-14 (guest editor with Neophytos Loizides and Kathleen Ireton)

Policy Briefings

- Addressing Migrant Bodies on Europe’s Southern Frontier An agenda for research and practice [with Simon Robins and Anna Vallianatou] (translated in Arabic)
- Missing Migrants: Management of Dead Bodies in Lesbos, August 2016 [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carasco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Greek)

- ‘Missing Migrants in the Mediterranean: Addressing the Humanitarian Crisis’, September 2016 [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carasco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Arabic, Italian, Greek)
- ‘Missing Migrants: Management of Dead Bodies in Sicily’, September 2016 [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carasco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Italian)
- ‘The impact on families of a relative missing in migration across the Mediterranean’, September 2016, [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carasco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Arabic)

Book Reviews

- Book Review of Adam Rosenblat, *Digging for the Disappeared. Forensic Science After Atrocity*. Stanford University Press, *Human Rights Review* (2016)
- Book Review of Antonis Ellinas, *The Media and the Far Right in Western Europe. Playing the Nationalist Card*, Cambridge University Press, *Journal of Politics* (2013) [also reviewed for The Athens Review of Books [in Greek]
- Book Review of Jennifer Lind, *Sorry States: Apologies in International Politics*, *The Athens Review of Books* [in Greek] (2010)
- Book Review of Omar Encarnación, ‘Spanish Politics. Democracy after Dictatorship’, *Cyprus Review*, (2009) Vol. 21(1), pp.259-261

Under Review

- ‘Crisis and Punishment? Explaining Bankers’ Prosecutions in Post-Crisis Europe’, (with Stefano Pagliari)
- ‘Who’s sorry now? Explaining (Non) Apologies in Post-Crisis Europe (with Kieran McEvoy)
- ‘Individual Accountability: The Missing Piece in the Agenda of International Economic Institutions?’ (with Stefano Pagliari)
- ‘The Perils of Accountability’ (with Nadia Hilliard & Neophytos Loizides)

Databases

- ‘Policies of Accountability after Crisis’ (including on prosecutions, truth commissions and apologies in Ireland, Greece, Iceland, Cyprus, Spain and Portugal in the period 2010-2017)
- *Enforced Disappearances, Political Violence and Acknowledgment* (available on request)
- Referendums in Peace Processes Dataset, contribution with two entries: ‘Spain 6 December 1978’ and ‘the Basque Country and Catalonia, 25 October 1979’

MEDIA & EDITORIALS

Research appeared in: *The Associated Press, the New York Times, The Economist, Washington Post*

- 2018 ‘How to Deal with the Next Financial Crisis – Take Some Lessons from Iceland’, *The Conversation*, 4 October 2018 [republished by the *World Economic Forum, Metro, and Global Policy* among others]
- 2017 ‘Should we Prosecute Political Leaders after a Crisis? Lessons from Iceland’, *LSE EUROPP blog*, 5 December 2017 (with Ragnar Hjalmarrsson)
- 2016 ‘Italy votes Sunday on changing its political system. Here are 3 lessons from Greece’. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*, November 2016 (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2015 ‘The Problem with Recurrent Elections’, [in Greek] August 2015, *Protagon.gr* (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2015 ‘The Problem with the Greek Democracy’, *Wall Street Journal*, 9 January 2015 (with Neophytos Loizides) (translated in Greek)
- 2015 ‘(How) Do We Learn from the Past?’, [in Greek] *Kathimerini*, 10 May 2015, (with Phyllis Papadavid)
- 2015 ‘SYRIZA: The Radical Left’s Greek Spring?’, *Open Democracy*, 30 January 2015, (with Neophytos Loizides), (translated in Turkish)
- 2012 ‘Governing Greece: Consensus should be the Priority’, [in Greek] *to Vima*, and *Radikal* [in Turkish]

- 2012 ‘The Greek Tragedy in Comparative Perspective: Similarities and Differences among Southern European States and the Sovereign Debt Crisis’, *Samenleving en politiek (Society and Politics)* [in Dutch]
- 2011 ‘Truth and Justice in the Management of the Greek Crisis’ [in Greek], *Kathimerini*
- 2010 ‘Unearthing the Truth in Post-conflict settings’, 10 March, *The Economist*
- 2008 ‘The Northern Ireland Peace Process: Lessons and Prospects’, *Politis*, [in Greek], Greek Cypriot Daily
- 2008 ‘The Exhumations of Truth’, *Politis*, [in Greek], Greek-Cypriot Daily

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Reviewer
- Member of the ESRC Peer Review College;
 - British Academy;
 - Leverhulme Trust
- Administrative Duties (City University of London)
- Director, BSc Politics (December 2015-)
 - Director, Research Committee (December 2016 -)
 - Director, Ethics Committee (January 2016 – December 2016)
- Occasional ad hoc reviewer *International Journal of Transitional Justice, Political Geography, Cooperation and Conflict, Party Politics, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Ethnic & Racial Studies, and Social Movement Studies.*
- 2010 Fellow guest editor of a Special Issue on ‘Federalism, Power-Sharing and Reconciliation’, *Federal Governance*, online Postgraduate Journal.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 22 May 2018 *Accountability after Economic Crisis*, (Organizer) ESRC-funded interdisciplinary conference with academics, policymakers and activists from European countries
- 5 May 2013 *Modern Greece: Works in Progress*, Princeton University, (organizing Committee)
- 20-21 May 2008 *Cyprus and Divided Societies*, Queen’s University, Belfast (Organizing Committee)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

- 2018 'Grassroots Activism & the Evolution of Transitional Justice', September 2018, Anahuac University, Mexico (invited talk)
- 2018 '*Who's Sorry Now? Explaining (Non)Apologies in Post-Crisis Europe*' (With Kieran McEvoy), Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, August 2018
- 2018 '*Crisis & Punishment? Explaining post-crisis bankers' prosecutions*' (with Stefano Pagliari). Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Kyoto, July 2018.
- 2018 'Truth Commissions After Economic Crises: Learning or Blame Game?', International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 2018.
- 2016 '*Forensic Truth Recovery: Merits & Pitfalls*', Conference Confronting Violent Pasts and Historical (In)Justice, Amsterdam, 3 December 2016
- 2014 '*Addressing Migrant Bodies in Europe's Southern Frontier: The Case of Lesbos*', Vrije University, Amsterdam
- 2013 '*The 'Missing' Tale of Human Rights*', Working Papers Series, ISCT&SJ, Queen's University, Belfast
- 2013 '*The Social and Political Reactions to the Politics of Austerity in Southern Europe*', University of Cyprus (invited talk)
- 2013 '*Post-Transitional Justice and Prolonged Silences in Spain and Greece*', LSE IDEAS, International Workshop II: The Road to Democracy in Southern Europe: The International Dimension Lisbon (FCSH-UNL)
- 2013 '*Missing Persons and Transitional Justice*', International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco
- 2012 '*Post-Transitional Justice and Truth Recovery for Missing Persons: Lessons from Southern Europe*', Yale University
- 2012 '*The Politics of Exhumations and Reconciliation in Southern Europe: Cyprus, Spain and Greece*', Princeton University

- 2012 *Prolonging Silences of Post-Civil War Victims' Groups*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2011 *'Comparative Politics and Culture'*, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 2010 *'Interstate and Internal Negotiations: Cyprus Stalemate?'*, Breaking Patterns of Conflict Workshop: Britain, Ireland and the Northern Ireland Problem. Institute for British-Irish Studies, UCD, (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2010 *'Truth Recovery in Spain: Political Opportunities and International Human Rights Norms'*, Violent Conflicts and Societies in Transition, Queen's University, Belfast
- 2009 *'The impact of Europeanization on the Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain'*, organized by Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Cyprus
- 2009 *'Hegemonic Beliefs and Delay in Truth Recovery for Missing Persons in Spain and Cyprus'*, PRIO- International Peace Research Institute, Cyprus Center (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2008 *'Unearthing the Truth in Cyprus and Spain'*, PSAI Annual Conference: The Politics of Peace and Conflict, Galway
- 2008 *'The EU as a tool and context for reconciliation and conflict resolution: the role of culture and social values'*, organized by Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Cyprus
- 2008 *'Unearthing the Truth: The Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain'*, Cyprus and Divided Societies, Queen's University, Belfast

MODULE DESIGN & TEACHING

- Modules designed*
- Human Rights & Reconciliation after Conflict (3rd Year, YG)
 - The Puzzles of Comparative Politics (1st Year, UG)
 - Comparative Methods in the study of Conflict Transformation (offered as a mini-module) -
 - Conflict Analysis
 - International Politics
 - Transitional Justice (also offered as a mini-module)
- Lecturing*
- Human Rights & Reconciliation after Conflict (3rd Year, YG) - 2016
 - The Puzzles of Comparative Politics (1st Year, UG) - 2017
 - Comparative Methods in Conflict Transformation (also offered as a mini-module to postgraduate students in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences,

Queen's University, Belfast), 2014

National and Ethnic Conflict Management (Postgraduate), Queen's University, Belfast, 2015.

Comparative Politics (Undergraduate – year 3) University of Athens, 2012

Politics of Deeply Divided Societies (Undergraduate – year 3), Queen's University, Belfast, 2014.

'Researching the Disappeared', ESRC Advanced Training Course, Queen's University, Belfast, 30 July 2015

'Post-Conflict Transitional Justice' (Summer School).

LANGUAGES

Greek: Native

English: Proficiency

Spanish & French: Advanced