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EMPLOYMENT

- March 2020-* **University of Cyprus**
Department of Social and Political Sciences
Associate Professor of Political Science
- December 2015 –
March 2020* **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 3rd 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

- ‘Crisis and Punishment? Explaining Politicians’ Appetite for Retribution in Post-Crisis Europe’, *Comparative Politics* (forthcoming), with Stefano Pagliari
- ‘The Perils Of Accountability After Crisis: Ambiguity, Policy Legacies, And Value Trade-Offs’, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, in Press 2020, with Nadia Hilliard and Neophytos Loizides.
- ‘Explaining Disappearances as a Tool of Political Terror’, *International Political Science Review*, (2019), 40(3), pp.437-452. (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

- ‘Individual Accountability: The Missing Piece in the Agenda of International Economic Institutions?’ (with Stefano Pagliari)
- ‘The Road not Taken: Learning and accountability after the crisis in the EU’ (with Mustafa Kutlay)

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
 - Member of the book award committee (ISA, ILAW section, 2018-2019)
- 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 (keynote lecture)

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