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STUDIES

- 1974 Degree from the School of Philosophy. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
1975-1980 Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies in Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies and Medieval History. University of Vienna
1980 Ph.D. in Byzantine Studies. University of Vienna (supervisor Prof. H. Hunger)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- 1981-1982 Assistant (*Epimeletes*) to the Chair of Medieval History. Faculty of History and Archaeology. School of Philosophy. University of Ioannina
1982-1996 Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor of Byzantine History at the same Faculty
1996-2001 Professor of Byzantine History at the same Faculty
2001- present Professor of Public and Private Life in Byzantium. Faculty of Philology. School of Philosophy. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
2006 Visiting Professor. École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Centre of Byzantine, Neohellenic and Southeastern European Studies. Paris
2006-2011 Director. Institute for Byzantine Research (I.B.R.) / National Hellenic Research Foundation (N.H.R.F.). Athens
2016 Visiting Professor. Nankai University. Tianjin, China
2013- present Director. Institute of Historical Research (I.H.R.) / N.H.R.F. Athens

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Byzantine military history
- The phenomenon of war in the Middle Ages
- Everyday life of the Byzantines
- Byzantine society

RESEARCH AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

- Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the National Hellenic Research Foundation
- President of the Administrative Board of the Greek Committee of Byzantine Studies
- Editor (and creator) of the international electronic academic journal *Byzantina Symmeikta*
- Member of the Sectorial Scientific Council for the Arts and Humanities of the National Council for Research and Innovation (2018- present)
- Member of the National Council for Research and Technology (2008-2010)
- Member of the Administrative Board of the Society for Byzantine Studies
- Vice-president of the Board of Directors of the International Association of South Eastern European Studies (A.I.E.S.-E.E.)
- Member of the Academic and Administrative Board of the Faculty of Slavic Studies. University of Athens (2010-2012)
- Member of the Senate of the University of Ioannina (1986-1990)
- Vice-Director of the Faculty of History and Archaeology. University of Ioannina (1997-1999)
- Head of the Department of the Department of Ancient and Medieval History. University of Ioannina (1996-1997)
- Member of the Research Committee of the University of Ioannina (1993-1996)
- Member of the Administrative Council of the War Museum. Athens (1996-1998)
- Member of the Academic and Administrative Board of the Faculty of Philology. University of Thrace (1996-1997)
- Member of the Academic and Administrative Board of the Faculty of Turkish and Modern Asian Studies. University of Athens (2006-2010)
- Academic supervisor (in cooperation with Prof. A. Kolia-Dermitzaki) of the University of Athens distance learning programme "Hellenism and the Western World" (2004- present)
- Member of the Greek National Committee for the UNESCO Programme "Memory of the World"

- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the WissenschaftsCampus Mainz: Byzanz zwischen Orient und Okzident of the Römisch-Germanischen Zentralmuseum and the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
- Academic coordinator of the European Union student-exchange programme "Erasmus/Socrates". Department of History and Archaeology. University of Ioannina (1996-2000)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Supervising professor of many PhD dissertations
- Supervisor of postdoctoral researches
- Main organiser or member of Scientific Committees of national and international conferences
- Collaborator of the academic journal *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* (1991-2007)
- Collaborator of the *Lexikon des Mittelalters* (1988-1997)
- One of the first collaborators of the research project on "Everyday life and Material Culture in Byzantium". Austrian Academy of Sciences (1978)
- Academic supervisor for the research project "The Thesaurus of Historical Events in Asia Minor during the Byzantine Period" (Project implemented by the Foundation of the Hellenic World and the University of Ioannina) (1998-2001)
- Scientific supervisor for the curation of the "Byzantine Wing" of the War Museum. Athens (1992-1993)
- Academic supervisor for the research project of the University of Athens "Man and Animals in Byzantium (8th-11th Cent.): Everyday Life, Material Culture, Society, Economy" (Pythagoras II) (2004-2007)
- Scientific supervisor of the Research Programme "Kyrtou Plegmata: Networks of economy, power and knowledge in the Greek world from prehistoric times to the modern era: documentation – mapping – synthetic approaches". I.H.R. / N.H.R.F. (National Strategic Reference Framework, Greece, 2007-2013)
- Academic supervisor (in cooperation with Dr Dimitrios Letsios) of the Research Programme of I.H.R., in collaboration with the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives "Byzantine Literary Sources for the History and Civilization of Arabs and Arabia"
- Scientific supervisor of the Research Programme "Anabathmis", I.H.R. / N.H.R.F. (National Strategic Reference Framework, Greece, 2014-2020)
- Scientific supervisor (for I.H.R./N.H.R.F.) of the Research Programme "Digital Roots in Greek History's Paths – RoGH", in the framework of "Research–Create–Innovate", Operational Programme Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation 2014-2020 (EPAnEK)

PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES

- Editor of the international electronic academic journal *Byzantina Symmeikta*
- In the capacity of director of I.H.R. and I.B.R publication of upwards of 45 volumes
- Editor of the series "Byzantine Military Handbooks", Kanaki Publications
- Member of the Editorial Board of the academic journal *Byzantinoslavica* (Prague)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the academic journal *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* (Vienna)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the academic journal *Journal of Medieval and Islamic History* (Cairo)
- Member of the Scientific Editorial Board of the academic journal *Rivista di letteratura comparata, italiana, bizantina e neoellenica* (Pisa – Roma)
- 1st Conference of the Byzantinologists of Greece and Cyprus. 25-27 September 1998. School of Philosophy, University of Ioannina. Plenary Papers – Abstracts (in Greek), Ioannina 1999 (in collaboration with E. Tsouri)
- *Animals and environment in Byzantium (7th-12th centuries)* (I.B.R. / N.H.R.F. International Symposium 21), Athens 2011 (in collaboration with I. Anagnostakis and E. Papadopoulou)
- Co-editor of *AUREUS, volume dedicated to Professor Evangelos K. Chrysos*, I.H.R. / N.H.R.F. (Athens)

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

- *Byzantinische Waffen. Ein Beitrag zur byzantinischen Waffenkunde von den Anfängen bis zur lateinischen Eroberung* [Byzantina Vindobonensis 17], Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna 1988
Bulgarian edition: Vizantiiski orazia. Prinos kam vizantiiskoto orazeino izkustvo (ot negovoto natsalo / kraia na IV v. – do latinskoto nasestvie / 1204 g.) [Studia Militaria Balcanica 1], Veliko Tarnovo 2012
- *Nikephoros II Phokas (963-969). The Emperor-General and his reforms* (in Greek) [Ιστορικές Μονογραφίες 12], Athens 1993
- "Kriegsgefangene, Sklavenhandel und die Privilegien der Soldaten. Die Aussage der Novelle von Ioannes Tzimiskes", in: *ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΣ. Studia byzantina ac slavica Vladimiro Vavrinek ad annum sexagesimum quintum dedicata*, Prague 1995 = *Byzantinoslavica* 56 (1995), p. 129-135
- "Aspekte der byzantinischen Gesellschaft im 10. Jahrhundert", in: *3000 Jahre griechische Kultur*, ed. E. Trapp [Die Antike und ihr Weiterleben 1], Bonn 1997, p. 63-81

- "Military Aspects of the Conquest of Constantinople by the Crusaders", in: *Urbs capta: The Fourth Crusade and its Consequences. La IVe Croisade et ses conséquences*, ed A. Laiou [Réalités byzantines 10], Paris 2005, p. 123-138
- "Die Versorgung des byzantinischen Marktes mit Tieren und Tierprodukten", in: *Handelsgüter und Verkehrswege. Aspekte der Warenversorgung im östlichen Mittelmeerraum (4. bis 15. Jh.). Akten des Internationalen Symposions. Wien, 19-22. Oktober 2005*, ed. E. Kislinger – J. Koder – A. Külzer [Österr. Akad. d. Wiss. Phil.-hist. Kl., Denkschr., 388. Bd. Veröff. z. Byzanzforschung, Bd. XVIII], Vienna 2010, p. 175-184
- *The Book of Eparch of Leo VI the Wise* (in Greek) (introduction, translation in Modern Greek, commentary) (in collaboration with M. Chrone) [Κείμενα βυζαντινής ιστοριογραφίας], Kanaki Publications, Athens 2010
- "The Horse in the Byzantine World", in: *Le cheval dans les sociétés antiques et médiévales. Actes des Journées internationales d'étude* (Strasbourg, 6-7 novembre 2009), ed. S. Lazaris [Bibliothèque de l'Antiquité tardive 22], Turnhout: Brepols 2012, p. 87-97
- "Das Feuer im byzantinischen Kriegswesen", in: *Il fuoco nell'alto medioevo* [Settimane di Studio della Fondazione Centro Italiano di Studi sull'Alto Medioevo 60], Spoleto 2013, p. 839-855
- "The Byzantine Army" (in Greek), in: *Βυζάντιο. Ιστορία και Πολιτισμός. Ερευνητικά πορίσματα. Τόμος Β' Υλικές και ιδεολογικές δομές*, ed. T. Loughis – E. Kislinger, Athens 2015, p. 111-133