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STUDIES

2002: Ph.D., history, Paris I-Sorbonne.

1996: D.E.A., Byzantine history, Paris I-Sorbonne.

1995: M.A., Byzantine Studies, Birmingham University.

1992: Degree in Law Athens University Law School.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2022–present: Senior researcher, Institute of Historical Research, National Hellenic Research Foundation.

2019–2022: Associate researcher, Institute of Historical Research, National Hellenic Research Foundation.

2012–2019: Associate professor, History Department, New York University.

2006–2012: Assistant professor, History Department, New York University.

2002–2006: Assistant professor, History Department, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Byzantine society and economy, 9th-15th c.
- State finances and individual status.
- The history of Byzantine Monasteries.
- The Byzantine documents of Mount Athos.
- Byzantine diplomatics and palaiography.

RESEARCH AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Secretary of the Association pour l'Etude et la Publication des Archives de l'Athos, Paris, 2012–present.

- Co-editor of the *Archives de l'Athos* series (1946–present). My contribution includes editing and commenting on the medieval documents kept in the archives of Mount Athos monasteries in Greece, 2001–present.
- Advisory board of academic editions and journals: *New Directions in Byzantine Studies*, I.B. Tauris (2014–). — *Endowment Studies*, Brill (2016–). — *Journal of Late Antique, Islamic, and Byzantine studies* (2020–). — *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* (2023–).
- Associate Member of the UMR 8167 Orient & Méditerranée, Monde byzantin (Paris), 1998–present.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- *La fortune des grands monastères byzantins, fin du x^e–milieu du xiv^e siècle* (Paris: Centre de Recherche d'Histoire et Civilisation de Byzance-Collège de France, Monographies 21, 2006).

Edition of documents (*Archives de l'Athos series*)

- *Actes de Vatopédi III, de 1377 à 1500*, *Archives de l'Athos* 23, ed. J. Lefort, V. Kravari, Ch. Giros, K. Smyrlis and R. Estangüi Gómez (Paris: Peeters, 2019).
- *Actes de Vatopédi II, de 1330 à 1376*, *Archives de l'Athos* 22, ed. J. Lefort, V. Kravari, Ch. Giros and K. Smyrlis (Paris: Lethielleux, 2006).

Co-edited volume

- *Lire les Archives de l'Athos. Actes du colloque réuni à Athènes du 18 au 20 novembre 2015 à l'occasion des 70 ans de la collection refondée par Paul Lemerle*, ed. O. Delouis and K. Smyrlis, *Travaux et Mémoires* 23/2 (Paris: Association des Amis du Centre d'Histoire et Civilisation de Byzance, 2019).

Articles and book chapters

- A merchant of Thessalonike: Kasandrenos and his ledger of 1356–1357, in *State and Society in the Palaiologan Era (13th-15th centuries)*, ed. M.-H. Blanchet and R. Estangüi Gómez (London: Routledge, 2025), 23–88.
- The *Demosia*, the Emperor and the Common Good: Byzantine Ideas Regarding Taxation and Public Wealth, Eleventh–Twelfth Century, in *Identities and Ideologies in the Medieval East Roman World*, ed. Y. Stouraitis (Edinburgh: Edinburgh Byzantine Studies, 2022), 62–99.
- Contextualizing Theodore Metochites and his refoundation of the Chora, *Revue des Etudes Byzantines* 80 (2022), 69–111.
- S'enrichir grâce à l'État: élites impériales et ressources publics à Byzance au xii^e siècle, in *Lire les Archives de l'Athos. Actes du colloque réuni à Athènes du 18 au 20 novembre 2015 à l'occasion des 70 ans de la collection refondée par Paul Lemerle*, ed. O. Delouis and K. Smyrlis, *Travaux et Mémoires* 23/2 (Paris: Association des Amis du Centre d'Histoire et Civilisation de Byzance, 2019), 389–404.

- The Fiscal Revolution of Alexios I Komnenos: Timing, Scope and Motives, in *Autour du Premier humanisme byzantin et des Cinq études sur le XI^e siècle, quarante ans après Paul Lemerle*, ed. B. Flusin, J.-C. Cheynet, *Travaux et Mémoires* 21/2 (Paris, 2017), 593–610.
- Wooing the Petty Elite: Privilege and Imperial Authority in Byzantium, Thirteenth–mid Fourteenth Century, in *Le saint, le moine et le paysan. Mélanges d'histoire byzantine offerts à Michel Kaplan*, ed. O. Delouis, S. Métivier, P. Pagès (Paris: Byzantina Sorbonensia 29, 2016), 657–681.
- Mount Athos in the Fifteenth Century: Crisis and the Beginning of Recovery, in *Το Άγιον Όρος στον 15^ο και 16^ο αιώνα* [*The Holy Mountain in the 15th and 16th Century*] (Thessaloniki: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2012), 33–55.