

Curriculum Vitae

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Degrees:

March 1997: Ph.D. in history, Harvard University

March 1992: M.A. in history, Harvard University

June 1989: B.A. in history, University of Athens

Studies:

1990-1997: Graduate student, History Department, Harvard University.

1989-1990: Graduate student, Université de Paris I.

1985-1989: Undergraduate student, Department of History and Archeology, University of Athens.

Εργασιακή εμπειρία:

From September 2009 to the present: Assistant Professor of Byzantine History at the Department of History and Archeology, University of Crete (tenured since June 2013).

December 2001-September 2009: Lecturer in Byzantine History at the Department of History and Archeology, University of Crete.

September 2000-December 2001: Special instructor in Byzantine History at the Department of History and Archeology, University of Crete.

March 2000- July 2008 and October 2009 to the present: collaborating instructor (SEP) at the Hellenic Open University.

January 1997-January 1998: Lecturer in Byzantine History, Harvard University.

1992-1996: Teaching Fellow, Harvard University.

Courses taught:

As a special instructor, lecturer and assistant professor at the Department of History and Archeology of the University of Crete, I have taught the following full courses:

A. Lecture courses

1. Byzantium under the Palaiologoi: History, society, culture (Fall 2000-1)
2. The Crusades (Spring 2000-1, Spring 2004-5, Fall 2010-11, Spring 2014-15)
3. Byzantium and Europe (Fall 2001-2, Fall, 2007-8)
4. From Herakleios to the Macedonians (Spring 2001-2, Spring 2010-11)
5. Peasants and masters: Rural society in Byzantium (Fall 2002-3, Fall 2006-7, Fall 2012-13, Fall 2016-17)
6. Ruling an Empire: Central government and provincial administration in Byzantium (Spring 2002-3, Spring 2009-10, Spring 2013-14)
7. Women in Byzantium (Fall 2003-4)
8. The Byzantine Empire, 800-1000 (Spring 2003-4)
9. Late Antiquity: A world transformed (Fall 2005-6, Spring 2008-9, Fall 2014-15)
10. State, society and culture in Byzantium, 11th- 12th C. (Spring 2005-6)
11. The early Palaiologoi, 1259-1354 (Spring 2006-7, Fall 2013-14)
12. Gender topics in Late Antiquity and Byzantium (Spring 2007-8, Spring 2012-13)
13. From sources to synthesis: The craft of the historian of the Byzantine Middle Ages (Spring 2008-9, Fall 2015-16)
14. Justinian I and his time (Spring 2011-12)
16. The Byzantine Empire, 1000-1200: Two centuries of change (Spring 2015-16)

B. Undergraduate seminars:

1. Aspects of private life in Byzantium (Fall 2000-1)
2. The Byzantine aristocracy, 9th- 14th C. (Spring 2000-1)
3. Byzantine Asia Minor: Topics of historical geography (Fall 2001-2, Spring 2009-10)

4. Army and warfare in the Byzantine world (Spring 2001-2, Spring 2006-7, Fall 2013-14)
5. The Byzantine court (Spring 2002, Spring 2011-12)
6. Byzantine historians as observers of “decline” (Spring 2003-4, Fall 2012-13)
7. Coins and seals as sources for Byzantine history (Spring 2004-5, Fall 2008-9, Spring 2014-15)
8. Justinian I and his time (Fall 2005-6)
9. Criticism and contestation in the Late Byzantine period (Fall 2006-7, Fall 2010-11, Fall 2016-17)
10. Medieval Thrace. Topics of historical geography (Fall 2007-8)
11. Trade and politics in the Mediterranean, 13th-15th C. (Fall 2009-10)
12. Byzantium and nationhood (Spring. 2013-14)
13. The founding and early history of the monastic community of Athos (Fall 2014-15)
14. Poetry and history in Byzantium (Fall 2015-16)
15. Byzantine Constantinople. History of a city (Spring 2015-16)

C. Graduate seminars:

1. Sources for the agrarian history of Byzantium (Fall 2002-3, Spring 2012-13)
2. The end of Antiquity in the Mediterranean world. A historiographical survey (Fall 2003-4)
3. Society and economy in Athonite documents before 1204 (Spring 2005-6)
4. Iconoclasm (Spring 2007-8)
5. The “difficult 14th century” in Byzantium. A historical commentary of John VI Kantakouzenos’ *Histories* (Spring 2010-11)

I have supervised four completed master’s theses and I am actually supervising a PhD thesis in progress.

I have also taken part in the supervising and defence committees of several Master’s and PhD theses.

Languages:

Greek and Modern Greek, English, French (excellent), German (very good), Italian, Turkish (reading knowledge). Also Latin.

Scholarly interests:

My main field of expertise is Byzantine history. I have studied in particular the social and economic history of Late Byzantium, especially the Byzantine aristocracy, which was also the subject of my doctoral thesis. In more recent years, my research interest has expanded to other periods and thematic fields. As part of a broader interest in agrarian economy I have studied the villages of Asia Minor and, later, state landed resources in Late Byzantium and, in general, the organization of production in the frame of large estates during that period. My other major interest is institutional history. My initial approach to the subject produced my study on the judicial system after the 12th century. Gradually, in the context of a broader investigation of Byzantium's place in the development of political ideology and practice in Medieval Europe, I was led to my current research, the process of collective deliberation and the importance of councils and assemblies throughout Byzantine history. This has already produced two articles, and several presentations so far, whereas I am presently preparing a monograph on the topic.

My teaching activity at the University of Crete covers a broad spectrum of topics from the entire Byzantine period, with some emphasis on social issues, as well as the relations between the Byzantine world and Europe.

During my graduate study I had the chance to specialize in ancient Greek, Western Medieval and Ottoman History, and teach, as a fellow, in related courses at Harvard.

Finally, I have a good training in Greek paleography and Byzantine numismatics and sigillography.

Scholarly papers and publications:

-The Late Byzantine Aristocracy in the Thirteenth and Early Fourteenth Centuries, Ph.D. Dissertation, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 1997 (PhD thesis completed under the supervision of A. E. Laiou and M. McCormick)

-«The ‘common chrysobulls’ of cities and the pattern of ownership in Late Byzantium»,
Symmeikta 1999, σελ. 229-245

-«Κράτος και αριστοκρατία την εποχή του Ανδρονίκου Β΄: το αδιέξοδο της στασιμότητας»
(State and Aristocracy under Andronikos II: The impasse of stagnation, in Greek), in *Ο Μανουήλ
Πανσέληνος και η εποχή του* (collective volume), Αθήνα 1999, σελ.17-194.

-(with K. Smyrlis) «Les villages du littoral égéen de l’Asie Mineure au moyen âge», in J.
Lefort, C. Morrisson, J.P. Sodini (eds.), *Les villages dans l’empire byzantin*, Réalités Byzantines 10,
Paris 2005, 437-451

-“Some remarks about imperial courts of justice in Late Byzantium”, in Fl. Evangelatou-
Notaras and Tr. Maniati-Kokkini (eds.), *Κλητόριον εις μνήμην Νίκου Οικονομίδη*, Athens 2005, 303-
325

-«Η Άλωση και το τέλος του βυζαντινού πολιτισμού» (the fall of Constantinople and the end
of Byzantine culture, in Greek), in T. Kiousopoulou (ed.), *1453. Η άλωση της Κωνσταντινούπολης και
η μετάβαση από τους μεσαιωνικούς στους νεότερους χρόνους*, Herakleion 2005, 161-172

-« Από χωρικοί, στρατιώτες: άλλο ένα σχόλιο σε γνωστό χωρίο του Παχυμέρη (XI.9)»
(Turning peasants into soldiers: Once more on Pachymeres XI.9, in Greek), in O. Gratziou, Ch. Loukos
(eds.), *Ψηφίδες. Μελέτες Ιστορίας, Αρχαιολογίας και Τέχνης στη Μνήμη της Στέλλας Παπαδάκη Okland*,
Herakleion 2009, 87-94.

-“Revolts in Late Byzantine cities. Is a reappraisal possible?”, in T. Kiousopoulou (ed.), *Οι
Βυζαντινές πόλεις (8^{ος}-15^{ος} αι.). Προοπτικές της έρευνας και νέες ερμηνευτικές προσεγγίσεις*, Rethymnon
2012, 263-275.

-“The imperial council and the tradition of consultative decision-making in Byzantium
(eleventh to fourteenth centuries)” in D. Angelov and M. Saxby (eds.), *Power and Subversion in
Byzantium*, UK Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies and Ashgate Publishing, Farnham,
2013, 57-69.

-“Political and constitutional crisis at the end of the twelfth century” in A. Simpson (ed.),
Byzantium, 1180-1204: ‘The Sad Quarter of a Century’?, Athens 2015, 97-111.

Book reviews:

Review of D. Korobeinikov, *Byzantium and the Turks in the Thirteenth Century*, Oxford 2014, in *Symmeikta* (2016), 483-486

Online publications:

In the *Encyclopedia of the Hellenic World*, on the following site

<http://constantinople.ehw.gr/forms/fmain.aspx>

I wrote, following assignment, the following entries on Constantinople (available in Greek and English):

- Recapture of Constantinople, 1261 (<http://www.ehw.gr/l.aspx?id=10822>)
- Fall of Constantinople, 1453 (<http://www.ehw.gr/l.aspx?id=10825>)
- Constantinople in the Palaiologan period (<http://www.ehw.gr/l.aspx?id=10862>)
- Society in the Late Byzantine Constantinople (<http://www.ehw.gr/l.aspx?id=10839>)
- Intellectual life in Palaiologan Constantinople (<http://www.ehw.gr/l.aspx?id=10849>)
- Senate in Constantinople (<http://www.ehw.gr/l.aspx?id=10947>)

(These entries are addressed to a broader public, but they follow scholarly criteria and methodology.

Some are mostly based on current bibliography, whereas in others I follow the results of my own research).

Non-scholarly publications:

-« Η Αγγελική Λαΐου ως διδάσκαλος» (Angeliki Laiou as a teacher, in Greek), *Πρακτικά της Ακαδημίας Αθηνών*, 84B, 279-282

Papers presented in conferences:

-‘The Common Chrysobulls of Cities in Late Byzantium’, paper presented at the 21st Byzantine Studies Conference, New York, November 1995.

-«L' aristocratie byzantine sous les premiers Paléologues», paper given at the colloquium “L'aristocratie méditerranéenne à l'époque médiévale et au début de la période moderne”, organized by the Centre des études du bassin Méditerranéen, στη Fondation des Treilles, France, June 1996.

-‘State and aristocracy under Andronikos II (in Greek)’, paper given at the symposium ‘Manuel Panselenos and his time’, organized by the Institute for Byzantine Research, Athens, November 1997.

-(with K. Smyrlis) «Les villages de l' Asie Mineure», presentation at the round table on Byzantine villages, at the 20th International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Paris, August 2001.

-‘The Fall of Constantinople and the “end of Byzantine culture” (in Greek)’, paper given at the international symposium ‘The Fall of Constantinople and the transition from medieval to modern times, Rethymnon, October 2002.

-“The structure of the late Byzantine system of *offikia*”, presentation on the workshop on Paeudo-Kodinos organized by D. Angelov-R. Macrides, Birmingham, May 2006.

- “Reconsidering the economic functions of the State in late Byzantium”, free communication at the 21st International Congress of Byzantine Studies, London, August 2006.

-“Peasant and Soldier in the Byzantine Countryside. The Evolution of a Relationship”, paper presented at the international conference “War, Armies and Empires”, Rethymnon, November 2007.

-‘Absolutism and negotiation’ Political changes under the Palaiologoi (in Greek)’ paper presented at the symposium “ Migrations, gender and the economy in Byzantium. A symposium in memory of Angeliki Laiou”, Gennadius Library, Athens, October 23 2009.

-“Fourteenth-century urban revolts in Byzantium. Is a reappraisal possible?”, paper presented at the international symposium “Byzantine cities, 8th-15th centuries”, Rethymnon, October 20 2009.

-“ Decision-making, consensus-building and autocracy held in check: the imperial council in Byzantium”, paper presented at the 43^d spring symposium of Byzantine studies, « Byzantium Behind the Scenes: Power and Subversion», Birmingham, March 27 2010.

-“ The Ox-Emperor’s Downfall. Political and Constitutional Crisis at the End of the Twelfth Century”, paper presented at the conference «Byzantium, 1180-1204: ‘The Sad Quarter of a Century’?», Athens, June 20 2014.

-‘Methodological challenges of sketching a social profile. The example of Byzantine aristocracy in the 13th and 14th centuries (in Greek)’, paper presented at the conference “ ‘Social’ profiles and ‘social’ groups. Views on social position in Byzantium”, Athens, December 19 2014.

-“Allocation, collection et affermage des impôts à Byzance aux XIII^e et XIV^e siècles : données et questions” , paper presented at the symposium ‘Reading the Mount Athos archives’, Athens, November 18-20 2015.

-“The palace and the City as Political Stage: The Theatrics of Public Deliberation in Byzantium”, free communication at the ανακοίνωση στο 23^d International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Belgrade, August 22-27 2016.

-‘ The pagan holy man in the medieval imaginary (in Greek)’, paper presented at the symposium «*Ἑλληνισμοῦ τύχαι*, from Alexander to Mohammad». Aegina, September 24-15 2016.

Other presentations:

-‘Venetians and Genoese in the Byzantine world, 13th-14th centuries’ Rethymnon, Aprin 2003 (in Greek)

-“the evolution of Byzantine society: a bird’s eye view”, lecture for the fellows of the American School of Classicas Studies in Athens, Gennadius Library, February 2004.

-‘Emperor and priest/bishop of Koloneia: When authority acts subversively’, 9th faculty retreat of the Dept. of History and Archeology, April 2004 (in Greek)

-“Les *zégèlateia* byzantins au 14^e siècle”, lecture in the seminar of prof. J. Lefort at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, December 2004

-‘Sins of clergymen in Late Byzantine court cases’, 10th faculty retreat of the Dept. of History and Archeology, May2005 (in Greek)

-‘ “Great was our poor state’s poverty”. Revising the image of public finances in Late Byzantium’, 11th faculty retreat of the Dept. of History and Archeology, April 2007 (in Greek)

-‘Angeliki Laiou as a teacher’, talk at the event in memory of Angeliki Laiou, Academy of Athens, December 2009 (in Greek)

-‘On monks and politics. Around the *mensa profana* of Vatopedi monastery’, 15th faculty retreat of the Dept. of History and Archeology, April 2010 (in Greek)

-‘Court tiles and political control under the Palaiologoi’, lecture at the CHS Greece, Nauplion, June 2013 (in Greek)

-‘The “body politic” in Byzantium and its representation’, 20th faculty retreat of the Dept. of History and Archeology, May 2015

Translations (into Greek):

-Π. Αθανασιάδη, *Ιουλιανός*, Athens, MIET, 2001 (P. Athanassiadi, *Julian: An Intellectual Biography*, London-New York, 1992. The final text was extensively rewritten and augmented by the author)

-C. Morrisson and J.-C. Cheynet, «Τιμές και αμοιβές στον βυζαντινό κόσμο» (Prices and wages in the Byzantine World), in A.Laiou (ed.), *Οικονομική Ιστορία του Βυζαντίου*, v.II, Athens, MIET, 2006, 625-687 (from French).

- C. Morrisson , «Το βυζαντινό νόμισμα: Παραγωγή και κυκλοφορία» (Byzantine coinage: its production and circulation), in A.Laiou (ed.), *Οικονομική Ιστορία του Βυζαντίου*, v.III, Athens, MIET, 2006, 41-131 (from French)

- A. Λαΐου-C. Morrisson, *Η βυζαντινή οικονομία*, Athens, 2011 (A.E. Laiou- C. Morrisson, *The Byzantine Economy*, Cambridge, 2007).

Scholarships and prizes:

-Summer 1994: Summer fellow at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.

-1994-1995: Junior fellow at Dumbarton Oaks.

-1995: Prize for the best paper given by a graduate student at the 21st Byzantine Studies Conference, New York.

Other activities:

I am trying to take part in full at the life and activities of the Department of History and Archeology at the University of Crete. I have been a member of several department committees, such as the Curriculum committee, and the internal evaluation committee. I was part of the organizing committee of the following conferences:

The Fall of Constantinople and the transition from medieval to modern times, Rethymnon, October 2002.

Byzantine cities, 8th-15th centuries, Rethymnon, October 20 2009.

Monasteries, economy and politics from the Middle Ages to modern times, Rethymnon, December 2009

I co-organized the departmental field trips in the years 2003, 2008 and 2014.

I am a member, since 2007, of the editorial board of the scholarly review *Ariadne*. I have collaborated as reader with several international reviews (*Dumbarton Oaks Papers*, *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies*, *Σύμμεικτα*) and as an evaluator for several Greek institutions, such as the State Grant Foundation (IKY) and the General Secretariate for Research.