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**CURRENT POSITION**

08/2017- **Department of Political Science, University of Crete, Greece**  
Associate Professor of Political Analysis and Methodology (tenure)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Public Sector:**

12/2013-12/2014 **Greek Ministry of Development and Competitiveness**  
Co-leader of the project for the reform of the investment licensing system

07/2012-12/2014 **Greek Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change**  
Leader of the environmental license reform project (implementation of the Greek Law 4014/2011) as well as project leader of the organizational restructuring of the Ministry.

03/2011-07/2012 **Greek Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change**  
Secretary of State  
In charge of the portfolio for the Environmental Policy and Climate Change. Responsible for the administration and financial services of the Ministry. Launched the environmental license reform project (draft adoption and implementation of the Greek Law 4014/2011). Launched the project for the reorganization of the Ministry.

09/2010-03/2011 **Greek Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Minister's Cabinet**  
Communication Director

09/2009 – 08/2010 **Greek Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Minister's Cabinet**  
Advisor to the minister. Designed the Regulatory reform programme of the ministry to improve business environment according to the "Doing Business" methodology of the World Bank. Coordinated the draft and adoption of the Greek Law 3853/2010 for the company establishment reform and initiated the draft of Law 3982/2011 to reform the operation licensing procedures for industrial activities.

10/1999-04/2000

**Greek Ministry of Education**

Special Advisor to the Minister for the reform of the education system of Greece

**Private Sector:**

More than 10 years experience as a freelancer in business development, strategy and organizational restructuring consulting

**ACADEMIC  
POSTS HELD**

01/2009-08/2017

**Department of Political Science, University of Crete, Greece**

Assistant of Political Analysis and Methodology

01/2003-10/2009

**Department of Political Science, University of Crete, Greece**

Lecturer of Political Analysis and Methodology

10/2001-12/2002

**Department of Political Science, University of Crete, Greece**

Temporary Lecturer of Political Analysis

10/2000-10/2001

**University of Athens: Interdisciplinary Program in Human Resources Management and Administration**

Temporary Lecturer of Political Analysis

**RESEARCH  
INTERESTS**

Veto Players and Public Policy Reform, The Regulatory Role of the State, EU Political System, Decision making, Corruption, Comparative Politics and Neo-Institutional Analysis

**TEACHING**

Public Policy Analysis, Theories of Regulation, EU Policy-making, Game Theory, Rational Choice Institutionalism, Comparative Politics (USA, Europe), Comparative Methodology

**EDUCATION**

1993-2000

**European University Institute, Florence**

Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences

Thesis title: "The Commission of the European Union as Policy Innovator: Bureaucratic Politics in Perspective"

Supervisors: Professor G. Majone and Professor A. Heritier

1991-1992

**University of Southampton, Department of Economics, UK**

Postgraduate Diploma in Economics and Econometrics

1990-1991

**University of Southampton, Department of Politics, UK**

Master of Science in Social Science in Public Policy and Administration

1988-1990

**University of Athens, Department of Economics**

Courses in Economics

1982-1987

**University of Athens, Department of Physics**

First degree (Ptychion) in Physics

## GRANTS

02/2007-05/2007

### **Fulbright Research Grant**

Visiting Scholar in The Department of Political Science of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)

2006-2007

### **Research Committee of the University of Crete**

Academic Research Grant: “The Legislative Process in the 3rd Greek Republic (1974-)”

1993-1997

### **Greek State Scholarship Foundation (IKY) and European University Institute**

Postgraduate scholarship

10/1995-03/1996

### **Commission of the European Union, DGIII-Industry/ Directorate of Capital Goods Industry/ Maritime Industries:**

Paid in-service traineeship

## LANGUAGES

Greek (native), English (excellent), Italian (fair)

## PUBLICATIONS

2015

Transforming Public Policy in Greece under the MoUs: Structural Changes in the Political System and Reform Strategies in Makridimitris (et.al.) *Public Administration in Greece: Challenges and Alternatives*, Athens: Sakkoulas, A. (forthcoming) (in Greek)

2011

Greece: Government as the Dominant Player in Rasch, Tsebelis, *The Role Of Governments in Legislative Agenda Setting*, London: Routledge

2010

The Contribution of Costas Filinis to the Introduction of Game Theory in the Greek Political Science, *Synchrone Themata (Contemporary Issues)*, Vol. 108 (in Greek)

2009

The Independent Authorities of Economic Regulation in Greece: The Commission for Competition, The Regulatory Authority for Energy, The National Commission for Telecommunication and Postal Services with Pasiopoulos and Theodosiadi, in Makridimitris, Maroudas (eds), *Contemporary Trends in Public Administration*, Athens: Sakkoulas, A. (in Greek)

2008

The Reform and the Efficiency of the UN Security Council: A Veto-Players Analysis, with Bourantonis in Bourantonis, Yfantis, Tsakonas (eds), *Multilateralism and Security Institutions in the Era of Globalization*, London: Routledge

2007

“Public Policy Reform and the Role of Public Bureaucracy in Greece’ in Makridimitris (et.al.) *Public Administration and Society: Theory and Praxis*, Athens: Sakkoulas, A. (in Greek)

2007

“Epistemic Communities and Collective Action: The case of Labor Institute of Greek Confederation of Workers (G.S.E.E.) in Karagiorgas Foundation (ed), *Labor and Politics: Trade Unions and Interest Representation in*

*Greece 1974-2004*, Athens: Savvalas (in Greek)

- 2006 “Institutional Solutions to Overcome Developmental Stalemate in Greek Economy”, with T. Pelagidis, in Pelagidis, Mitsopoulos, *Political Analysis of the Greek Economy: Rent seeking and Policy Reforms*, Athens: Papazisis (in Greek)
- 2005 “Political Theory and Institutional Design against Corruption in Public Sector Hiring”, in Koutsoukis, Sklias (eds) “Corruption in Greek Public Policy and Administration”, Athens: Sideris (in Greek)
- 2004 “Veto Players in the Greek Political System” in Kontogiorgis, Lavdas, Chrissochoou et. al. (eds.) *1974-2004, Thirty Years of Democracy: The Third Greek Republic*, Athens: Kritiki (in Greek)
- 2002 “Invisible Politics and Bureaucratic Conflicts: the Role of European Commission in the Federal Building of European Union”, *Tetradia Politikis Epistimis (Journal of Political Science)* Vol.1 (in Greek)
- 2002 “Analyzing the “paradox” of participation in collective action: The role of ideas in mobilizing large groups to collective goals”, *Eirmos, Periodical of Social Science*, Vol.3 (in Greek)
- 2002 “Developmental Stalemate in Greek Economy: Incentives for Escaping the Deadlock” with T. Pelagidis, *Epilogi, Greek Economic Review*, Special Edition (in Greek)
- 2000 *The European Commission as Policy Innovator: Bureaucratic Politics in Perspective*, European University Institute (EUI), Italy (PhD thesis)
- 1995 “Theory Synthesis in International Relations; Problems and Possibilities” with P.A. McCarthy, *E.U.I. Working Paper Robert Schuman Center*, RSC 95/14, Italy

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

- 2005 Tsebelis, G. *Nested Games*, Athens: Papazisis (2004, the Greek edition) in *Greek Political Science Review*, Vol.25 (in Greek)
- 2003 Ostrom, E., *Governing the Commons*, Athens: Kastaniotis (1999, The Greek edition) in *Tetradia Politikis Epistimis (Journal of Political Science)* Vol.2 (in Greek)

### **BOOK INTRODUCTIONS**

- 2005 Tsebelis, G. *Veto Players: How Political Institutions Work*, Athens: Papazisis (the Greek edition)

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- Introducing a risk based approach to environmental regulatory framework in Greece: The environmental licensing reform (law4014/2011)
- Veto Players and Government formation in the Greek Political System
- Policy Efficiency and the Institutional Design of Independent Regulatory Authorities in Greece
- Can expansion lead to a more efficient UN Security Council? A Veto Players Analysis (revise and resubmit in International Interactions)

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Memberships:** The scientific Committee of **The Business Environment Observatory** under the **Greek Federation of Enterprises** an organization formed for the promotion of policy reforms that enhance competitiveness of enterprises (2012-present)
- The Scientific Council of **The Hellenic Centre for European Studies (EKEM)**, an independent research centre under the **Ministry for Foreign Affairs** (2005-2009)
- The Scientific Council of **Athens Development and Governance Institute (ADGI – INERPOST)**, a non-partisan NGO focusing on governance and development issues in Greece, Europe and neighbouring countries (2004-present)
- Guest Lectures:** National School of Public Administration, Athens Greece (2006-present), Hellenic Open University (2014-present)
- Editorial Boards:** Tetrada Politikis Epistimis (Journal of Political Science) (2004-2005) (in Greek)
- Referee for Journals:** European Journal of Political Research, (2013-present)  
Journal of European Integration (Essex, UK) (2004-present)
- Book editor:** Tsebelis, G. Veto Players: How Political Institutions Work, Athens: Papazisis (the Greek edition) (2005)
- Shepsle, K., Bonchek, M. Political Analysis: Rationality Behavior and Institutions, Athens: Typothyto (the Greek edition) in progress
- Referee for Research Projects:** Greek Ministry of Education and Commission of the European Union (Heraclites, Pythagoras research projects) (2003-present)

## CONFERENCES

- 2015 Governance Failure and reform challenges in Greece under the MoUs, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference of the Greek Administrative Studies Association held in Kalamata, Greece, 16-18 October
- 2014 Transforming Public Policy in Greece of EMU: structural changes in the political system and reform capacity in the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Political Science Association, Athens, Greece, 18-20 December
- 2014 Introducing a risk based approach to environmental regulatory framework in Greece: The environmental Licensing reform (law4014/2011) in the Greek-German workshop *Demokratisch-Funktionale Analyse der Öffentlichkeitsbeteiligung im Umwelt und Infrastrukturecht* organized by the Departments of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the University of Trier, Thessaloniki, Greece, 4-6 December
- 2014 The introduction of Company Social Responsibility in Greek business community, the responsibility of Greek State in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of

- the Greek Network of CSR organized by the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in Athens, 20 November
- 2014 Externally Imposed Policy Reforms in Parliamentary Democracies: The case of Greece in the era of Troika in the *Perspectives on European Governance in the Comparative Perspective: Interests, Institutions and Policy-making* Conference in the honor of Adrienne Héritier, Berlin, 4-5 July
- 2013 Searching for the lost efficiency in Greek Public Administration: The reform of the Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change in the 5<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference of the Greek Administrative Studies Association held in Komotini, Greece, 28-30 November
- 2013 The legitimacy and reform capacity of government in the Greek Political System due to the EMU recipe, in the *Exiting the Crisis: The Challenge of an Alternative Policy Road Map*, two days forum held by Levy Institute of Bard College and the ADGI-INERPOST in Athens, Greece, 8-9 March
- 2012 It is not the economy but the democracy... stupid in the international workshop, *Greek Politics in the Wake of the Financial Crisis: Temporary Disruption or Long Term Change* held by the Department of Political Science of the University of Oslo in Athens, Greece, 8-9 November
- 2011 The implementation gap of public policy reforms in Greece: a veto players analysis in the 4<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference of the Greek Administrative Studies Association held in Salonika, Greece, 23-25 November
- 2010 Political Science in Greece: from description to causal inference in *Political Science in Greece: Trends and Directions*, "Metaxas" Conference held by the Hellenic Political Science Association and the Department of Political Science of University of Crete in Rethymnon, Greece, 25-27 January
- 2010 Rational Choice in Political Science: Contemporary Trends in Institutional Analysis in *Trends in Contemporary Political Science* workshop held by the Department of Political Science and History of Panteion University in Athens, Greece, 9 February
- 2009 Evaluating the reform laws in Third Greek Republic (1974-) in the 3<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference of the Greek Administrative Studies Association held in Rethymnon, Greece, 8-10 October
- 2009 Veto players theory revisited: low reform capacity in parliamentary democracies with strong governments in *Reform processes and policy change: How do veto players determine decision-making in modern democracies* held by the Centre for European Social Research of University of Mannheim, in Mannheim, Germany: 14-16 May
- 2008 The increased role of European Parliament in EU law-making decreases or increases the democratic deficit of the Union; in *Constitution and Politics: The Contemporary Discussion and the Contribution of Dimitris Tsatsos* conference held by the Department of Political Science of University of Crete and the Tsatsos Foundation in Rethymnon, Greece, 25-27 April
- 2008 The relationship between Government, Parliament and State Council in law-making in the Third Greek Republic: A veto players analysis in the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Political Science Association, Athens, Greece, 26-28 May

- 2007 Policy Efficiency and the Institutional Design of Independent Regulatory Authorities in Greece: The cases of Greek Competition Commission and Greek Telecommunications and Post Commission in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biannual Conference of the Administrative Studies Association held in Chios, Greece, 10-12 October
- 2007 Can expansion lead to a more efficient UN Security Council? A Veto Veto-Players Analysis in the ECPR/SGIR 6th Pan-European Conference on International Relations in Turin, Italy, September
- 2005 Incentives and Strategies for an Efficient and Accountable Regulatory State in *Governance Transparency and Development* held by the ADGI-INERPOST in Athens
- 2005 “Public Policy Reform and the Role of Public Bureaucracy in Greece’ in “Greek Public Administration: Politics and Society” held by the Administrative Studies Association and the Department of Politics of the University of Athens in Athens
- 2005 Epistemic Communities and Collective Action: The case of Labor Institute of Greek Confederation of Workers (GSEE) in *Labor and Politics: Trade Unions and Interest Representation in Greece 1974-2004* held by Karagiorgas Foundation in Athens
- 2005 The Role of Governments in Legislative Agenda Setting: the Case of Greece in the Joint Sessions of Workshops held by the European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) in Granada, Spain
- 2004 “Veto Players in the Greek Political System” in *1974-2004, Thirty Years of Democracy: The Third Greek Republic* held by Department of Political Science, University of Crete in Rethymnon Crete
- 2003 “Political Theory and Institutional Design against Corruption in Public Sector Hiring” in *Corruption in Greek Public Administration* held by Department of Politics, Panteion University in Athens
- 1995 “Theory Synthesis in International Relations; Problems and Possibilities” in *International Relations methodology* workshop held by Robert Shuman Center at the EUI in Florence, Italy

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

- 1995 - Member of the Hellenic Political Science Association
- 2002 - Member of the Economic Chamber of Greece
- 2004 - Member of the Hellenic University Association for European Studies