

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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Sex Female | Date of birth 18/03/1984 | Nationality Greek

WORK EXPERIENCE

09/2014-12/2017

Adjunct Lecturer

Cyprus University of Technology, Faculty of Communication and Internet Studies (30, Archbishop Kyprianos street, 3036, Limassol, Cyprus, www.cut.ac.cy)

- My main duties include teaching the Ethics and New Media, the Internet-based Research methodologies courses (Undergraduate program) and Children and New Media (Postgraduate program) at the faculty of Communication and Internet Studies. Theses supervision has also been among my main responsibilities.

10/2015-present

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, (1, Aristeidou and Sofokleous str. 10559, Athens, Greece)

- My main duties include teaching the workshop in research within cultural studies (Postgraduate Program) and
- Giving lectures within the Porn Studies Seminar (Undergraduate Program)

03/2017-present

Hellenic Open University, Faculty of Social Sciences (18 Aristotelou street, 26335, Patras, Greece)

- My main duties include teaching the 'Journalism Ethics' module within the 'Contemporary Studies in Journalism' MA course

10/2015-01/2016

Metropolitan College (AKMI Group), Faculty of Culture and Communication Studies, (125, Patision ave, Athens 11251)

- My main duties include teaching the Research Methodologies in Media Studies and the Information and Digital Management courses within the undergraduate program.

10/2016-present

Guest lecturer

Aikaterini Laskaridis foundation (169, Praxitelous & Bouboulinas, 185 35, Piraeus, Greece)

- Invited by the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation to give lectures on Audience Reception of Horror to high school students.

10/2010-07/2011

Research Methodology Workshops Facilitator

Institute of Education, UCL, University of London

- I served as a research methodology workshops facilitator within the Doctoral School of the Institute. The workshops were focused on different research methodologies within humanities and social sciences.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

September 2009 - September 2014

PhD in Media and Communication

Department of Social, Political and Geographical Sciences, Loughborough University (UK). Thesis Title: 'Young People's accounts of sexual content during childhood and teenage life' (Supervised by Professor David Buckingham)

Replace with EQF (or other) level if relevant

- Children and the media
- Audience reception studies
- Children and Sexuality

September 2006-June 2009

MA in Political Communication and New Technologies

Communication and Media Studies Faculty, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece)

- Political Communication
- Research Methodology in Media Studies
- Children and the Media
- Social Constructionism

October 2001-September 2005

BA in Communication, Media and Culture

Faculty of Communication, Media and Culture, Panton University of Social and Political Sciences (Athens, Greece)

- Media and Communication Theory
- Media and Communication Practice

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

Greek

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1/2	C1/2	C1/2	C1/2	C1/2
	Cambridge Proficiency				
French	C1/2	C1/2	B1/2	B1/2	B1/2
	Sorbonne I				

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

- Alongside my research activity, since 2007, and my participation in conferences and research projects within different national and research cultures I developed excellent communication skills.
- My active and continuous presentation in conferences, workshops, talks and project meetings helped me build a broad international network of colleagues with whom I work in the different projects I am involved.

Organisational / managerial skills

I developed a range of organisational/managerial skills mainly throughout my research activity since 2007.

- (2007-2009) As a research assistant in different projects at the Communication and Media Studies Faculty (University of Athens) I was also engaged with the organisation of academic conferences, workshops and press conferences that have been part of our activity for the projects in progress. I was also in charge of training and co-ordinating teams of undergraduates (10 to 16 people) to participate in data collection and research dissemination. In addition as a part-time researcher within the EU Kids Online Network I gained valuable experience in disseminating research findings and building a continuous network of contacts and stakeholders.
- (2009-2013) Throughout my doctoral studies I developed my organisational and managerial skills even further as I got engaged with more research projects within cultural studies and mass communication, that required more intense work on the design and co-ordination of the fieldwork and those participating in data collection, while research dissemination became more demanding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Conference organisation

I have been involved in conference organisation since 2007 through which I enhanced my managerial and administrative skills, including my academic network.

- (2008) Globalisation, Media and Adult/Sexual Content: Challenges to Regulation and Research, 29-30 September Institute of Audiovisual Media, Athens, Greece. Organised by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Faculty of Communication and Media Studies), hosted by the Institute of Audiovisual Media and partly funded by the British Academy (UK), Conference assistant.
- (2009) Porn cultures: Regulation, Political Economy, Technology, 15-16 June, University of Leeds, UK. Organised and hosted by the University of Leeds (School of Media and Communication) and partly funded by the British Academy, UK. Conference assistant
- (2017) Sexualities and Digital Cultures in Europe, 26-27 May, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece. Organised by the Gender and Communication section and the Digital Cultures section of ECREA. Hosted by the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens). Conference organiser

Job-related skills

- Throughout my doctoral studies and after the completion of my doctorate I developed teaching skills in different topics within media studies, by teaching both media theory courses and research methodology in media and communication in different academic cultures (Greece, Cyprus and the UK). The main topics taught include Ethics and New Media, Research Methodology in Cultural Studies, Research Methodology in Media Studies, Research in children and the media.

Computer skills

- Very good command of Microsoft Office™ tools
- Very good command of iWork (Mac) Tools
- Good command of SPSS
- Very good command of NVivo

Books

- (forthcoming 2019) *The Greek Porn Project: Consumption and Production of mainstream pornography in Greece*, Athens: Papazisis (in Greek) (with L. Tsaliki & S. Poulakidakos)
- (forthcoming 2018) *Anxiety over youth and childhood across cultures*, London: Palgrave Macmillan (edited with L. Tsaliki)
- (forthcoming 2018) *Journalism ethics: A guide to the Journalism Ethics course of the MA in Modern Journalism Studies*, Patras: Hellenic Open University

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- (2016) 'Producing the porn self: an introspection of the mainstream Greek porn industry', *Porn Studies*, 3(2): 175-186 (with L. Tsaliki)
- (2016), 'Rethinking the pornography debate in Greece: a country-specific reading of an 'old' argument', *Continuum: Journal of Media and Cultural Studies*, 29(6): 811-820 10.1080/10304312.2015.1073687 (with L. Tsaliki)
- (2013) 'Young people's accounts from experiences with sexual content during childhood and teenage life', *Communication Review*, special issue, 16 (1-2): 61-69
- (2010), 'The Vatopedi monastery scandal: What does the media coverage of the scandal show about the contemporary social and political role of Greek Orthodox Church?', *Perspective*, 4: 161-182

Invited Journal Articles

- (2014), 'Young adults' stories with sexual content during childhood and teenage life: An alternative approach to an ever-going debate', *International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics*, 10(1): 105-111
- (2010), 'Book review: Atwood, F. (2010)(ed), *Porn.com: Making sense of online pornography*', *Communication Issues (Zitimata Epikinonias)*, 11: 124 (in Greek)
- (2010), 'Book Review: Gilbert, N. (2006) (ed), *From Postgraduate to Social Scientist: A Guide to Key Skills*', *Educate~*, 1: 38-39

Book Chapters

- (forthcoming 2018) 'Female Audience's Reception of American Horror Story in Greece' In S.Gerrard (ed) *Gender in Horror Television: TV Collection*, London: Emerald (with L. Tsaliki)
- (forthcoming 2018) 'Children's sexuality in the context of digital media: Sexualisation, sexting and experiences with sexual content in research perspective' In L. Green, D. Holloway, L. Haddon, K. Stevenson and T. Leaver (eds) *Routledge Companion of Children and Digital Media*, London: Routledge (with L. Tsaliki)
- (forthcoming 2018) 'Children and online sexual content' in K. Ross, I. Bachmann, V. Cardo, S. Moorti & M. Scarcelli (ed) *Encyclopaedia of Gender, Media and Communication*, New York: Wiley-Blackwell
- (forthcoming 2018) 'Audiences, gender and horror' in K. Ross, I. Bachmann, V. Cardo, S. Moorti & M. Scarcelli (ed) *Encyclopaedia of Gender, Media and Communication*, New York: Wiley-Blackwell
- (2017) 'Class representations in American series aired in Greek TV of the 90s', in A.Gazi, V. Vamvakas, P. Panagiotopoulos & I. Vovou (eds), *American Series in Greek TV* (with L. Tsaliki)(in Greek), pp. 473-502
- (2017) 'Mainstreaming the transgressive: Greek audiences' readings of drag culture through the consumption of RuPaul's Drag Race (RPDR)', in D. Gudelunas & N. Brennan (eds) *RuPaul's Drag Race: Shifting the Visibility of Drag Culture and the Boundaries of Reality TV*, London: Palgrave MacMillan, pp.197-212
- (2017), 'Debating representations of sexuality in advertising' in C. Smith, F. Attwood, & B. McNair (eds) *Routledge Companion to Media, Sex and Sexuality*, London: Routledge
- (2016) 'What do news media teach about sex? Approaching young people's understanding of the media framing of sexuality', in L. Allen & M.L. Rasmussen (eds) *Handbook of Sexuality Education* (to be published in the section about 'New Technologies, Space and Sexual Cultures', edited by A. McKee & K. Albury), London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.423-437
- (2014), 'Saving the Children? Pornography, Childhood and the Internet', in S. Wagg & J. Pilcher (eds) *Thatcher's Grandchildren? The Politics of Childhood in the Twenty First Century*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan (with D. Bukingham)
- (2012), 'Young explorers/smart users: young people's use of sexual content', in K. Sarikakis & L. Tsaliki (eds), *The sex industry in the mass media and popular culture*, Athens: Papazisis (in Greek), p.59-88
- (2010), 'The Vatopedi monastery scandal: What does the media coverage of the scandal show about the contemporary social and political role of Greek Orthodox Church?' in S. J. Miri (ed), *Social Theory, Religion and Critical Discourses: Critical Theory in the Postmodern Globe*, Saarbrücken: Lambert Academic Publishing

Research Reports

- (2014), Experiences with Sexual Content: What we know from the research so far, London: Kids Online, <http://www.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline/EU%20Kids%20III/Reports/SexualContent.pdf> (with L. Tsaliki & K. Ólafsson)
- (2013), The Sexualisation Report, edited by F. Attwood, C. Bale, & M. Barker, funded by the Wellcome Trust, UK (contribution to the section about Young People and Pornography)
- (2013), Innovative approaches for investigating how children understand risk in new media: Dealing with methodological and ethical challenges, edited by M. Barbowski, L. Green, & S. Vandoninck, London, LSE: EU Kids Online (contribution to the section about Ethics in research with children)
- (2013), How to research children and online technologies? Frequently asked questions and best practice, London, LSE: EU Kids Online, <http://www.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline/BestPracticeGuide/FAQ/FAQsReport.pdf>
- (2012), Greek Children Go Online: The research findings, Report produced for the General Secretariat of Youth, Athens: National and Kapodistrian university of Athens (in Greek), <http://www.neagenia.gr/frontoffice/portal.asp?cpage=RESOURCE&resrc=1997&cnode=51> (with L. Tsaliki)
- (2011) Children's perspective in Europe: Main Project findings and policy recommendations from the EU Kids Online Project with children 9-16 and their parents in 25 European countries, edited by S. Livingstone, L. Haddon & A. Görzig, [http://www.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline/EU%20Kids%20II%20\(2009-11\)/EUKidsExecSummary/GreeceExecSum.pdf](http://www.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline/EU%20Kids%20II%20(2009-11)/EUKidsExecSummary/GreeceExecSum.pdf)
- (2009) What do we know about children's Use of Online Technologies? A report on Data availability and Research Gaps in Europe (2nd ed), edited by E. Staksrud, S. Livingstone, L. Haddon & K. Ólafsson, LSE, London: EU Kids Online, <http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/24367/1/What%20do%20we%20know%20about%20children's%20use%20of%20online%20technologies%28Isero%29.pdf>
- (2009) A cross-national European analysis of press coverage of children and the internet, edited by L. Haddon & G. Stald, LSE, London: EU Kids Online, [http://www.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline/EU%20Kids%20I%20\(2006-9\)/EU%20Kids%20Online%20I%20Reports/MediaReport.pdf](http://www.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline/EU%20Kids%20I%20(2006-9)/EU%20Kids%20Online%20I%20Reports/MediaReport.pdf)
- (2008) Cross-cultural contexts of research: Factors influencing the study of children and the Internet in Europe, edited by G. Stald & L. Haddon, D.2., LSE, London: EU Kids Online, <http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/24380/1/Cross-cultural%20contexts%20of%20research%28Isero%29.pdf>

Presentations

- (2018) Guest lecturer at the Department of Communication, University IUSVE (Venice) and the Department of Sociology, University of Padua (Padua), May, 3, 2018, IT (Lecture title: 'Children and online technologies: an introspection to cultural studies research')
- (2016) Guest speaker at the OKANA training workshops for therapists, November, 25, 2016, OKANA, National Organisation Against Drug Use, Athens, GR (Speech title: 'Female sexuality in Western culture: The cultural construction of femininity')
- (2013) 'Communication Issues' Round Table, 'The Greek Porn Project: Preliminary Findings', April 16, 2013, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, GR (Paper presented: "Pornography Audiences in Greece: Preliminary results of the online survey")
- (2012) LSE Research Dialogues, Department of Media and Communication, November 21, 2012, London School of Economics, UK (Paper presented: "Young people's experiences with sexual content: Public debate and academic research")
- (2011) Research Students' Colloquium, School of Social, Political and Geographical Sciences (CaMaRG), November 30, 2011, Loughborough UK (Paper presented: "The nature of young people using sexual content online: Emerging discourses from views about pornography and sexual content")
- (2011) BSA Regional Postgraduate Seminar, *Sexualisation: A cause for concern?* July 5th 2011, ScHARR, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK ("Young People's Use of Sexual Online Content: Nature and emerging discourses")
- (2010) ESA RN 18 Communications and Media Research Interim meeting, "Europe and the Media – new developments in social theory and research", October 29-30, 2010, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, GR (Paper presented: "Young users of online pornography: The nature of teenagers and children using sexually explicit material online in Greece and Denmark")
- (2009) 'Communication Issues' Round Table, "Children and young people online: Risks and Opportunities", May 05, 2009, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, GR (Paper presented: "Children Online in the Mediterranean")

Projects

- **EU Kids Online Project IV.** Part-time researcher within the Greek Team contributing to research design, data collection, data analysis and research dissemination (2014-present)
- **Game of Thrones project** Part-time researcher contributing to research design, data collection, data analysis and research dissemination (2016-present)
- **World Hobbit Project** Part-time researcher within the Greek Team contributing to research design, data collection, data analysis and research dissemination (2013-present)
- **CEDAR Network: Consortium on Emerging Directions in Audience Research** (2013-present)
- **EU Kids Online Project** (I, II, III). Part-time researcher within the Greek Team contributing to research design, data collection, data analysis and research dissemination (2007-2014)
- **The Greek Porn Project.** Principal investigator (alongside Liza Tsaliki, Assistant Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) (2011-2013)
- **The Sexualisation of young preteen girls debate.** Part-time researcher, contributing to data collection
- **Greek Children Go Online.** Research Assistant in research design, data collection and processing and team co-ordinator (2008-2009)
- **The representation of Albanians within contemporary Greek Media.** Research assistant in data collection (2008)
- **Institute for Social Research in the Media.** Research Assistant in data collection and data organization for a number of media content analysis projects (2007-2009)

Conferences

- (2017) International Symposium (ECEA Gender and Communication Section & Digital Culture Section), Sexualities and Digital Culture in Europe, Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, May 26 & 27, Athens (Paper presented: *'Is it art or is it porn? Young people's interpretations of representations of sexuality in artistic and digital context'*)
- (2012) PhD Meeting (COST Meetings), *Audiences: A cross-generational dialogue*, Facultes Universitaires Saint-Louis, Brussels (April, 11, 2012): A meeting of PhD candidates with five audience research academics (mentors)
- (2011) VI International Conference Communication and Reality "Life without Media", June 30-July 1, 2011, Barcelona, Spain (Paper Presented: *Is the internet more dangerous for minors today, than was a bookstore before the screen media era?*) Examining young people's experiences with sexual content) (partially funded by the Faculty of Children and Pedagogy, Institute of Education, University of London)
- (2011) ESA 10th Conference, *Social Relations in Turbulent Times*, 7-10 September 2011, Geneva, Switzerland (Paper presented: "Do girls talk porn? Young girls' discourses about sexual content online")
- (2010) Media@LSE Postgraduate Workshop 2010 and summer symposium on communication, information and culture: "Emerging questions, conceptual innovations and changing approaches to research", London, 07/06/2010 (Paper presented: "Young users of online pornography: The nature of teenagers and children using sexually explicit material online in Greece and Denmark")
- (2010) Aoir Conference, "Internet Research 11.0 – Sustainability, Participation, Action", Gothenburg, October 21-23, 2010 (Paper to be presented: "Factors shaping children's internet use: domestic arrangements, family structures and 'bedroom culture' in Greece and Portugal", Liza Tsaliki & Despina Chronaki)
- (2010) International Journal of Arts and Science Conference, Harvard University, Boston, 31 May-3 June, 2010 (Paper to be presented: "The Vatopedi Monastery Scandal": How Do Media Cover Topics Where Representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church Are Involved?")
- (2009) 7th OMEP conference, "Childhood and Mass Media", Athens, 6-8 November 2009 (Paper presented : "Children's and parents' agenda of online risks in comparison to the press agenda in Greece")
- (2008) ECREA, 2nd European Communication Conference, Barcelona 25-28/11/2008 (Paper presented: "Take a walk on the wild side: the representation of online risks for children in contemporary Greek Press", Liza Tsaliki and Despina Chronaki)
- (2008) Globalisation, Media and Adult/ Sexual content: Challenges to Regulation and Research, Athens Conference 29-30/09/2008 (Paper presented: "Villains, victims and heroes: the representation of pornography in contemporary Greek Press", Liza Tsaliki and Despina Chronaki)
- (2008) 6th Workshop of the three national academic institutions for media studies (General Secretary of Communication- General Secretary of Information), Athens, 15-16/05/2008 (Project

- Presentation “Memories from Greek Election Campaigns” and “Greek TV News’ Internalization”
- (2008) 6th Workshop of the three national academic institutions for media studies (General Secretary of Communication- General Secretary of Information), Athens, 15-16/05/2008 (Project Presentation: “The domestication of Greek television news”)

Theses' Supervision

In my capacity as an adjunct lecturer at the Cyprus University of Technology (Department of Communication and Internet Studies) and the Hellenic Open University, I have been supervising undergraduate and postgraduate students' dissertations on topics such as children and the media, gender representations in TV, children and media literacy, audiences of celebrity, audiences of pornography and the sex industry since 2015.

Consultations

- **National Advisory Board of Saferinternet.gr**, Hosted by Safer Internet Hellas at Democritus Institute, Athens, Greece
- **Invitation as a Porn Studies expert** at the workshop for the “Effects that Access and Exposure to Pornography has on Children and Young People” report; organised and hosted by Children’s Commissioner’s Office, UK (05 March 2013)
- **Research Evaluator** at **Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation**, Cyprus
- **Research Evaluator** at **General Secretariat of Research and Technology**, Greece

Honours and awards

- (2009-2013) **State scholarship for Doctoral Studies Abroad**- Greek State Scholarships (IKY)
- (2011-2012) **Research Funding for the support of Doctoral Research** - Greek State Scholarships (IKY)
- (2012) **Graduate School Conference Fund** (Loughborough University) for the ‘Audiences: A cross-generational dialogue’ workshop, COST action ‘Transforming Audiences Transforming Societies’ in partnership with ECREA, St Louis University, Brussels, 11th April 2012
- (2011) **Doctoral School Conference Fund** (Institute of Education, UK) for the ‘Social Relations in Turbulent times’ conference, University of Geneva, Geneva, 7-10 September 2011
- (2011) **Faculty of Children and Pedagogy Conference Fund** (Institute of Education, UK) for the VI International Conference ‘Communication and Reality: Life without Media’, Barcelona 30th June- 1st July 2011

Memberships

ECREA (European Communication Research and Education Association)

- 2017-2019: Gender and Communication Section (Vice-chair) (