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## Summary Profile

Giorgos Bithymitris holds a PhD, from Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Social Policy Department. He is a Researcher at the National Centre for Social Research ([www.ekke.gr](http://www.ekke.gr)), with expertise in social stratification. His current research interest focuses upon working-class identities in crisis and post-crisis contexts. Drawing on cultural approaches of social class, he explores the emotional and cultural components of class identifications and their political implications as well. He has published a book on trade union movement, and several academic articles and book chapters on collective identities, nationalist discourses, Greek trade unionism, industrial relations.

## Education

- Social Policy Department, Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences, Athens, Greece. Title Thesis: "Strategies of Greek Trade Union Movement in the Context of European Integration: the Case Study of Metal Branch". 1/2011 ▪ PhD title
- Political Science and Sociology, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Athens. 10/2005 ▪ Master's degree
- Political Science and History, Department of Political Science and History, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. Grade: 8.57 (Excellent). 5/2003 ▪ Bachelor Degree

## Research Experience

Academic Advisor, University of Peloponnese ▪ Project title: "The cultural terms of the class identity formation: culture and working-class in Piraeus and Thriasion". Project funded by the Action «Υποστήριξη ερευνητών με έμφαση στους νέους ερευνητές – κύκλος Β'», EPANAD-DVM, ESPA 2014-2020 ▪ Supervision of the research activities and contribution to the analysis of the collected material ▪ 09/2019 – 12/2020.

Research fellow, Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences ▪ Project title: «Sodanet in Action» (MIS: 5023637) Supervision of the research activities ▪ 10/2018-08/2021.

Principal researcher, National Centre for Social Sciences ▪ Project title: International Network for Migrants (INEM), led by Ambito Territoriale Sociale Campobasso, Fondo Asilo, Migrazione e Integrazione 2014-2020, Obiettivo Specifico - 2. Integrazione/Migrazione legale, Obiettivo nazionale 3. Capacity building ▪ Networking with stakeholders, contribution to the project's outputs ▪ 03/2019-09/2020.

Postdoctoral researcher, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences ▪ Project title: "Working-class identities under negotiation: the case of West Piraeus", The research has received a grant from the State Scholarship Foundation (IKY) as part of the

Action "Support for Postdoctoral Researchers", OP "Development of human resources, education and lifelong learning" with priority axes 6, 8, 9, co-funded by the European Social Fund - ESF and the Greek State ▪ Delivery of 3 conference papers and 2 publications ▪ 6/2017 – 12/2018

National Expert, Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini (FGB) in the implementation of the framework contract with Cedefop on "Apprenticeships for adults" (Contract notice 2016/S 153-276539, 10/08/2016AO/DLE/RCDCR/Apprenticeships\_for\_Adults/014/16) ▪ 3/2017 - 12/2017

National expert, Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini (FGB) in the CEDEFOP project "Governance of EU skills anticipation and matching systems: in-depth country reviews AO/DSL/KPOUL-JVLOO/ skills-governance/ 005/16) ▪ 06/2017 - 12/2019.

Research fellow, Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences ▪ Project title: «CESSDA ATTIKH» - "Support and development of Greek partners for participation in Consortia of European Research Infrastructures in the context of ESFRI 2006." (98 -Α.Π.: 1991/536/A2) / Supervision of research activities exploring the organizational density of trade unions and employers' associations and reporting ▪ 01/2014-01/2015.

Research Fellow, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens ▪ Project title: "Organized Interests and Representation in post-dictatorial Greece", Action funded by EPEAEK II - Pythagoras II, ESPA 2007-2013 ▪ 1/2005 - 12/2006.

## List of Publications:

### Books:

(2017) *Market, Class, Society: Exploring the Identity of the Trade Union Movement*, Athens: Gutenberg (In Greek).

(2011) *Strategies of the trade union movement in the context of the European integration: the case of metal sector*, PhD Thesis, Athens, Panteion University.

### Articles:

(Forthcoming) (co-authors, Spyropoulou V. & Klironomos N.) Costumes, ties and blue collars: traits of class voting 2014-2019. *Science and Society: Journal of Political and Moral Theory* (in Greek).

(2022) (co-author Papadopoulos, O.) Learning liminality: a case of Continuing education in Greece. *Urbanities*, 12 (5): 82-98. <https://www.anthrojournal-urbanities.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/10-Bithymitris-Papadopoulos.pdf>

(2021) The (Im)possibility of Class Identity: Reflections on a Case of Failed Right-Wing Hegemony, *Critical Sociology*, 47(3): 475-490. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0896920520959425>

(2021) (co-author Christodoulou, M., Koustenis, P., Iliopoulou, F. & Spyridakis, M.) The social production of vulnerability: Sub-regional and class inequalities in Attica. *Social Cohesion*

and Development, 16 (1): 5-27.

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(2020) (co-author M. Spyridakis) Union Radicalism versus the Nationalist Upsurge. The case of Greek shipbuilding workers, *Dialectical Anthropology*.

(2018) Feeling the class: class identities, emotions and political attitudes in the Ship-repair Zone of Perama, *The Greek Review of Social Research*, 151: 43-94 (in Greek).

(2018) (co-author L. Kotsonopoulos) Transformations of the Greek trade union movement from post-dictatorial period up to the economic crisis: continuity and discontinuity, *Greek Political Science Review*, 44(1): 1-24 (in Greek).

(2017) Socio-cultural aspects of neo-nationalism in crisis contexts: An empirical analysis of liminal workers' perceptions in Greece (2011-2015), *Acta Politologica*, 9 (1): 61-74.

(2017) (co-author Z. Lialiouti) A Nation under Attack: Perceptions of enmity and victimhood in the context of the Greek crisis, *National Identities*, 19(1): 53-71.

(2016) Union militancy during economic hardship: The strike at the Greek steel company 'Hellenic Halyvourgia', *Employee Relations*, 38(3): 373 – 389.

(2013) (Co-author Z. Lialiouti) Crisis, hegemony and Mass Media: The case SKAI/Kathimerini. *Hellenic Review of Political Science*, 40: 139-173 (in Greek).

(2011) From 'Europeanization from above' to 'De-europeanization from below'? Aspects of the relationship between trade unions and the European Union. Article published in *Hellenic Review of Political Science*, 39: 88-119 (in Greek).

(2008) Trade union strategies and the case of the Greek metal sector: Theoretical and methodological concerns, *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, 3 (9): 37-48.

### **Chapters:**

(Forthcoming) (co-author Koustenis, P.) The Red and the Black: Working class and Nationalism in Ship Repair Industry. In Ch. Varouxli, M. Kakepaki, N. Sarris, A. Tramountanis & Ch. Tsekeris (eds) *The Political portrait of Greece, Old and new cleavages*. Athens, EKKE (in Greek).

(2019) Imagined working-classes and where to find them: life stories from shipbuilding employees, in M. Christodoulou (ed.) *Emotions, Temporalities and Working-Class Identities in the 21st Century*, New York: Nova Science Publishers.

(2018) The unions: Protest, negotiation, social dialogue, participation, in Th. Sakellaropoulos, Ch. Economou, Ch. Skamnakis, M. Angelaki (eds.) *Social policy*. Athens, Dionikos (in Greek), 547-565. (in Greek)

(2018) A pertinent case of socialdemocratic union identity: PASOK and unions from post-dictatorial period to crisis, in Ch. Tassis and V. Assimakopoulos (eds.) *PASOK 1974-2017: Political organization, ideological shifts, governmental policies*. Athens, Gutenberg, 134-161. (in Greek)

(2017) (Co-author O. Papadopoulos) "Learning" liminality: the case of a voucher-type VET program in Tourism, in Ch. Karakioulafi and M. Spyridakis, (eds.) *Society, Unemployment and Social Reproduction*, Athens, Gutenberg, 349-373. (in Greek)

(2016) Collective identity under reconstruction: The case of West Piraeus (Greece), in Ch. Karner, and B. Weicht, (eds.) *The commonalities of global crises: Markets, Communities and Nostalgia*. Palgrave Macmillan, 167-193.

(2014) (Co-author Z. Lialiouti) Implications of the Greek crisis: Nationalism, enemy stereotypes and the European Union, in B. Stefanova (ed.) *The European Union beyond the crisis: Evolving governance, contested policies, disenchanted publics*. Lanham, Boulder, New York and London, Lexington Books, 249-268.

(2014) (Co-author A. Kafe) Representation crisis within the Greek trade union movement before and after the crisis: the case of the unemployed and contingent employees, in S. Seferiades (ed.) *The democratic function at the crossroads: Challenges and threats in the early 21st century*. Athens, Nisos, 509-532. (in Greek)

(2014) Working-class identities under negotiation: the West Piraeus case, in Kiridis, A. (ed.) *Social identities and social cohesion: Challenges and prospects*. Digital proceedings of the 4th Conference of Hellenic Sociological Association, 400-414. (in Greek)

(2013) (Co-author Z. Lialiouti) 'The Nazis Strike Again': the concept of 'the German Enemy', party strategies and mass perceptions through the prism of the Greek economic crisis, in C. Karner and B. Mertens (eds) *The Use and Abuse of Memory: Interpreting World War II in Contemporary European Politics*. New Brunswick and London, Transaction Publishers, 155-172.

(2011) Security over the precarious risks, or precarity within security services? Decentralization in social services in Greece from EMU to the crisis, in V. Ioakimides (ed.) *Critical approaches in the development of social work in Greece*. Athens, ION, 91-104. (in Greek)

(2011) Employee Representation in the Era of "Governance", Proceedings of 11th Scientific Conference of S. Karagiorgas Institute, 6 – 8 of November 2008. Athens, Panteion University, Athens, ISK, 476-498. (in Greek)

(2009) (Co-author V. Ioakimides) Promoting labour well-being in a 'classless' society: an initial examination of the unfulfilled prophecy, in N. Thompson and J. Bates (eds) *Promoting workplace well-being: A critical approach*. London, Palgrave Macmillan, 203-221.

(2008) The myth of the end of the working class in the contemporary context: data from the two waves of European Social Surveys (2002/3 and 2004/5), in Kallas, G., Kondyli, D. and Karagiannis G. (eds) *Methodological Issues and Research Infrastructure in Social Sciences*, Athens: Potamos Pbl. (in Greek)

## **Book Reviews**

(2013) 'The role of the unions and their organizational materiality. Reflections on the Collected Volume edited by Gall, G. *Union Revitalization in Advanced Economies: Assessing*

*the Contribution of Union Organizing*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009' ▪ Science and Society, Vol. 30. (in Greek)

### **Working Papers**

(2018) 'Theorizing class and far right politics through a cultural materialist framework: towards a new research agenda', Working Paper No 2, *Hellenic Political Science Association*, January 2018, Available at: <http://hpsa.gr/index.php/ekdoseis/keimena-ergasias>

(2015) Vocational training in the industrial zone of Piraeus: upskilling as a collective response to labour market fragmentation?, in ADAPT Bulletin, 13/1/2015.

(2007) "Union Movement Strategies and the Contentious Dimension: the case of PAME (Pan-hellenic Workers' Militant Front)", *Seminar of Organized Interests in Post-dictatorship Greece*, mimeo, Athens, 2007.

### **Presentations in Academic Conferences (selected list)**

(2019) The (im-)possibility of class identity: reflections on a victorious labour struggle against right-wing extremism. International Conference titled "Class without consciousness – The Politics of Fragmented Class Identities", Department of Social Science, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, 14-15 November 2019.

(2018) (In collaboration with P. Koustenis) What do the social classes feel? Findings from the World Value Survey. Workshop organized by the National Centre of Social Research and Dianeosis, Athens, 12 December 2018.

(2018) (In collaboration with P. Koustenis and Ch. Tselios) Class Under Siege: Studying the Spatial Dimensions of the Working-Class Vote in Piraeus and Western Attica. 11th International Conference of the Hellenic Geographical Society, Lavrion, 12-15 April 2018.

(2018) (In collaboration with A. Kollias, A. Anastasopoulou and O. Papadopoulos) A spatial analysis of unemployed youth's vocational profiles in Attica. 11th International Conference of the Hellenic Geographical Society, Lavrion, 12-15 April 2018.

(2018) (In collaboration with S. Gialis and A. Saroukou) Interpretations and analysis in the Greek crisis context. 11th International Conference of the Hellenic Geographical Society, Lavrion, 12-15 April 2018.

(2018) Unionism in precarious zones: the case of the Metal Workers Union of Attica. 6<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Hellenic Sociological Association, Athens, 29-31 March 2018.

(2017) (In collaboration with O. Papadopoulos) Vocational habitus in liminal contexts: the case of a Greek training voucher in Tourism sector. 13th Conference of the European Sociological Association "(Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities", Athens, 29 August – 1 September 2017.

(2017) (In collaboration with Z. Lialiouti) The Battle for hegemony in the midst of the economic crisis: Greek elites, national identity and Europe. 24th International Conference of Europeanists, Glasgow, July 12-14.

(2017) Class and national identity under negotiation: the case of the industrial zone of Piraeus. 5th Annual Conference, Greek Elections Public Opinion and Parties Group (GrEPOP) June 8 – June 9 2017, Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences.  
[https://gropop.files.wordpress.com/2012/01/gropop\\_programme.pdf](https://gropop.files.wordpress.com/2012/01/gropop_programme.pdf)

(2015) Vocational training in the industrial zone of Piraeus: upskilling as a collective response to labour market fragmentation?. 36th Annual Conference of the International Working Party on Labour Market Segmentation (IWPLMS), Athens, 22-24 June 2015.

(2014) (In collaboration with L. Kotsonopoulos) The transformations of the Greek trade union movement and the representation problem, 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Political Science, 18-20/12/2014.

(2013) Contentious trade unionism and class solidarity in the age of crisis; the case of Greece. Lecture given in the context of the academic seminar *Challenging Europe's austerity drive: responses from social movements*, Durham University, School of Applied Social Sciences, 1/7/2013, <https://www.dur.ac.uk/sass/events/events/?eventno=16374>

(2013) (In collaboration with Z. Lialiouti) A nation under attack: Perceptions of victimhood and enmity in the context of the Greek crisis. 11<sup>th</sup> ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux 5-7/9/2013.

(2013) Contentious unionism and economic crisis context: An assessment on the post-conflict situation at Greek Steel Company "Hellenic Halvourgia" (H.H.), International Association Strikes and Social Conflicts, 2nd Biannual Conference, Dijon, 14-15 May 2013.

(2012) (In collaboration with Z. Lialiouti) 'The Nazis Strike again': the concept of German occupation, party strategies and mass perceptions under the prism of the Greek economic crisis. Nation states between memories of World War II and contemporary European politics, University of Nottingham, 27-29 June 2012.

## **Other research-related activities**

Co-founder of the Research Network "Methodology in Political Science" of the Hellenic Political Science Association ▪ Core activity of the Network is its interdisciplinary seminar ([www.methodosnet.gr](http://www.methodosnet.gr)) ▪ 3/2017 up today.

## **Work Experience**

**Researcher** ▪ 9/2018 up today  
National Centre for Social Research ▪ Kratinou 9 and Athinas, Athens

**Project Manager** ▪ 11/2012 up to 8/2018  
Network for Employment and Social Care ▪ An/hou Vlachakou 38-40, Piraeus

**Career Counselling** ▪ 1/2013 – 8/2015  
Network for Employment and Social Care ▪ An/hou Vlachakou 38-40, Piraeus  
KEK SARONIS ▪ An/hou Vlachakou 38-40 Piraeus

## **Teaching Experience**

Lecturer at the Department of Political Science and History, Panteion University of Social and Political Science ▪ Contemporary Trade Union Movement: Ideology, Politics, Organisation, Institutions ▪ 2015 – 2018.

Research Fellow at the TEI Patras, School of Business and Economy, Business Administration Department ▪ History of European Culture ▪ 2006 – 2007 and 2007 – 2008.

Trainer of the National Confederation of Commerce and Entrepreneurship ▪ Training of Unionists ▪ 2013 and 2014.