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Functional Scientific Personnel grade C

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Studies

1993-1994 **Master of Science in Social & Applied Psychology**
Department of Social and Applied Psychology,
University of Kent at Canterbury - UK

1988-1992 **Bachelor in Psychology**
Department of Psychology, School of Social Sciences
University of Crete

Research Interests

The main research topics of interest include all socially vulnerable groups, whose social conditions are the main key of social policy and in particular:

- Psycho-social Rehabilitation and Vocational Integration of Persons with Mental Health Problems
- Alternative Forms of Employment - Social Entrepreneurship for Vulnerable Population Groups
- Long-term care structures for the elderly and support measures
- Psychosocial Support and Social Integration of Immigrants and Refugees
- Social support for the homeless
- Demographic Developments and Family

Professional and Administrative Experience

from ... to	Description
2015 - to date	Functional Scientific Personnel, grade C – National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)
from .. to	Description
2010 - 2015	Functional Scientific Personnel, grade D – Institute for Social Policy, National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)

from .. to	Description
2000 to date	Member/Executive in Special Account for Research Funds of EKKE <i>Organization and management of research projects (national, European, co-financed, self-financed), implemented by EKKE's Special Account for Research Funds.</i>

from .. to	Description
2008 - 2010	Member of the Committee of EKKE's Special Account for Research Funds

from .. to	Description
1997-2000	Research Collaborator, Institute for Social Policy, National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)

Research experience

from ... to	Description
2022 to date	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: <i>"MILE - Promoting the participation of migrants in the design and implementation of integration policies (AMIF-2020-AG-CALL-03)"</i> , funded by the DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission.

from ... to	Description
2021 to date	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: <i>"Surveying the situation of women with disabilities and the needs of parents and guardians of children with disabilities"</i> , funded by Research Centre for Gender Equality (KETHI).

from ... to	Description
2021 to date	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: <i>"EU survey on Gender-Based violence against women and other forms of interpersonal violence (EU-GBV) in Greece (2020-EL-GBV)"</i> , funded by European Commission – EU Statistics

from ... to	Description
2021	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: <i>"Evaluation of consulting tools of the consulting private company APOPSI SA"</i> , funded by APOPSI SA

from ... to	Description
2021 to date	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: "Social Representations Attitudes and Stereotypes about Domestic Violence Against Women in Greece" , funded by Research Centre for Gender Equality (KETHI).

from ... to	Description
2020-2022	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: "Maximising Previously Acquired Competences in Europe - MaxiPAC.eu" , 2019-1-BE02-KA203-060340, http://www.maxipac.eu , funded by ERASMUS + Strategic Partnership Project

from ... to	Description
2020 to date	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: "Disrupting polarization: building communities of tolerance through football - DIALECT" , funded by the European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers, JUST/2018.

from ... to	Description
2020 -2021	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: "Development and operation of a specialized Database for professions and professional rights - Section 2 Collection, processing and posting of data in 160 regulated professions / specialties in the Database of professions and professional rights" in the framework of implementing the Operation <i>"Specialized system interfaces and analysis of developments in industries, professions, specialties and skills"</i> with MIS 5004206, funded by the General Confederation of Greek Workers - Labour Institute.

from ... to	Description
2019 - 2020	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: "Provision of integration courses to beneficiaries of international protection" , in the framework of the project <i>"Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International Protection - HELIOS"</i> , funded by DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission.

from ... to	Description
2018 -2021	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: "Inter4Ref - CVET and accreditation framework to up-skill interpreters to support the social inclusion of refugees" , funded by the European Commission in the framework of Erasmus+, Key Action 2.

from ... to	Description
2018 to date	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: “European Social Policy Network (ESPN) – National Independent Experts” , funded by the European Commission (Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Social Inclusion).

from ... to	Description
2017 to date	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: “Research, Education and Infrastructures: the triangulation of EKKE strategic axes - REDI” , funded by the General Secretariat of Research and Technology in the framework of EPAnEK 2014-2020 (Operational Programme, Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship & Innovation).

from ... to	Description
2012 - to date	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: «The establishment and operation of a Social Economy Observatory» , funded by EKKE.

from ... to	Description
2017-2018	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: “European Social Policy Network (ESPN) – National Independent Experts” , funded by the European Commission (Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Social Inclusion).

from ... to	Description
2016-2018	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: “ReCULM – A VET course for Cultural Mediators to address the refugee crisis' skills needs” , funded by the European Commission in the framework of Erasmus+, Key Action 2.

from .. to	Description
2015-2017	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: “SEED - Social Entrepreneurship in a European Dimension” , funded by the European Commission in the framework of Erasmus+, Key Action 2.

from .. to	Description
2015-2017	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: «Socio-economic impact of energy management and renewable energy sources» on the basis of the Cooperation Agreement between NCSR/GSRT/IKY/SIEMENS

2014-2016 «**Social impact and public policies in the fields of energy, industry, urban planning and internet infrastructure**» funded by the General Secretariat for Research and Technology.

from ... to	Description
2015-2017	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: "DIVERCITIES - Governing Urban Diversity: Creating social cohesion, Social Mobility and Economic Performance in Today's Hyper-diversified Cities" , funded by European Commission - 7 th Framework Program - Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities.

from ... to	Description
2013-2014	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: 'Evaluation of the programme "Bridges to Employment - A holistic intervention program for the promotion of employment of persons with psychosocial problems in the open labour market" , funded by the National Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Vocational Rehabilitation (P.E.P.S.A.E.E.) in the framework of Operational Programme "Human Resources Development" 2007-2013.

from ... to	Description
2013-2015	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: "Dynamic Management of Social Databases & Mapping Representations (SoDaMap) , funded by the General Secretariat of Research and Technology in the framework of National Strategic Reference Framework 2007-2013.

from ... to	Description
2012-2015	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the 'Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) Round 2' according to OECD guidelines , funded by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, in the framework of Operational Programme 'Education and Lifelong Learning', co-funded by the European Union (European Social Fund-ESF) and the National Strategic Reference Framework 2007-2013.

from ... to	Description
2012 -2014	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: "Specialized Surveys on Human Resource and Labour Markets Issues" , funded by the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises and Industries under the Operational Programme 'Human Resources Development' (Greek NSRF 2007-2013).

from ... to	Description
2011 -2015	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the European programme: «Data Without Boundaries (DwB) , funded by EC – 7 th Framework Programme – Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities.

from ... to	Description
2008 -2010	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the European programme: “The progress of psychiatric reform in Greece and the development of Social Cooperatives for persons with mental health problems - Technical Support to the competent European Commission Services” , funded by the Management Organization Unit of EU co-funded Development

from ...to	Description
2008 -2010	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the European programme «Preparatory phase project for a major upgrade of the Council of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA) Research Infrastructure» , funded by EC – 7 th Framework Programme – (DG RTD).

from ... to	Description
2005-2008	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme “Network to Eliminate Social Exclusion of Women - DP ALKISTIS” , funded by the Ministry of Employment and Social Protection in the framework of EQUAL II Initiative for Greece, (2005-2008).

from ... to	Description
2005-2008	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme “Promoting Competitiveness & Employment in the Travel Agencies industry through Adjustment of Workers and Entrepreneurs in New Labour Requirements in Tourism - ‘DP ALWAYS TOURISM” , funded by the Ministry of Employment and Social Protection in the framework of EQUAL II Initiative for Greece, (2005-2008).

from ... to	Description
2005-2006	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme: “Examining and evaluating the operation and the providing services of the SOS Children's Villages in Greece” funded by the SOS Villages in Greece.

from ... to	Description
2003-2008	Member of EKKE's research team for carrying out the programme “The

establishment and operation of an Observatory on the socio-economic integration of persons with psycho-social problems in Greece”, funded by the Ministry of Health (3rd Community Support Framework 2000-2006).

from ... to	Description
1998-2001	Scientific collaborator of EKKE’s research team for the programme « <i>Fertility and Family in Greece</i> », funded by the General Secretariat of Research and Technology.

from ... to	Description
1998-2001	Scientific collaborator of EKKE’s research team for the european programme “ <i>The Impact of Policies on the Division of Paid and Unpaid Labour in Families</i> ”, funded by the Dutch Science Foundation.

from ... to	Description
1997-1998	Scientific collaborator of EKKE’s research team for the programme “ <i>Family, Fertility and Labour in the prefecture of Athens</i> ”, funded by the General Secretariat of Research and Technology.

from ... to	Description
1994-1995	Member of the research team of the programme “ <i>Investigation of the National Identity of Young People in Greece</i> ”, funded by the Research Committee of University of Patras.

Teaching Experience

from ... to	Description
2020	Development of an online seminar course for Humanitarian Interpretation (in collaboration with H.-K. Gerakopoulou): “An experiential approach in interpreting for vulnerable groups in particular contexts”. The course was held as part of a five-day international online seminar (November 28 - December 2, 2020) for the project “ <i>CVET and accreditation framework to up-skill interpreters to support the social inclusion of refugees - Inter4Ref</i> ” (Erasmus + Program) with more than 130 trainees.

from ... to	Description
2013-2014	Internship Programme in EKKE: Supervision of a student at the National School of Public Administration and Local Government (ESDDA).

from ... to	Description
1996	Technological Educational Institute of Patras, Faculty of Social Health and Care, Department of Social Work - Temporary research associate (training subjects: <i>Social Psychology and Introduction to Social Research Methods</i>)

Publications

Books

- Symeonidou, H., Cavouriaris, E., Kandilorou, E., Magdalinos, M., Mitsopoulos, G., Tsachalides, J., Vezyrgianni, K. (2000). *Expected and Actual Family Size. Life-Cycle Events. A Follow-up Study: 1983-1997*. Athens: EKKE (in greek).

Book Chapters in collective volumes

- Demertzis, N., Gerakopoulou, P. and Vezyrgianni, K. (2022). Emotional Reflexivity and Humanitarian Interpretation. In P. Pumares et al (eds.) *Handbook on Interpreting and Refugees* (provisional title), Spain: Tirant Lo Blanch (in Spanish) (forthcoming).
- Iliou, K. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2018). Energy and Private Investors. In J. Tsiganou and R. Kinti (eds.) *Energy and Local Communities* (pp. 149-187, in greek). Athens: EKKE found at <http://ekke.gr/wp>.
- Ziomas, D. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2010). New approaches for the socio-economic integration of the mentally ill: the case of Social Cooperatives of limited liability in Greece. In Naoumi M., Papapetrou, G., Spyropoulou, N., Fronimou, E., Chrysakis, M., (eds), *The Social Portrait of Greece 2010*. Athens: National Centre for Social Research - Institute of Social Policy (in greek).

Published Research Reports

- Capella, A., Konstantinidou, D., Theodoroulakis, M. and Vezyrgianni, K. (2020). “ESPN Thematic Report on Contribution to the 2021 SPC-COM report on long-term care for older people in the EU - Greece, *European Social Policy Network (ESPN)*, Brussels: European Commission (in English) (forthcoming).
- Ziomas, D., Konstantinidou, D., Capella, A. and Vezyrgianni, K. (2019). “ESPN Thematic Report on National strategies to fight homelessness and housing exclusion – Greece, *European Social Policy Network (ESPN)*, Brussels: European Commission (in English). <https://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=21603&langId=en>
- Ziomas, D., Konstantinidou, D., Vezyrgianni, K. and Capella, A. (2018). “ESPN Thematic Report on Challenges in long-term care - Greece”, *European Social Policy Network (ESPN)*, Brussels: European Commission (in English), available at: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=19849&langId=en>
- Symeonidou, H. with the contribution of Cavouriaris, M., Magdalinos, M., Mitsopoulos, G.P., Tassopoulos, A. and Vezyrgianni, K. (2002). *Fertility and Family Surveys in Countries*

in the ECE region. Standard Country Report - Greece. N. York and Geneva: United Nations (ISBN 92-1-116802-3).

- Symeonidou, H., Mitsopoulos, G.P. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2001). *The Division of Paid and Unpaid Work in Greece*. Tilburg University: WORC (ISBN 90-75001-31-2).

Other Research Reports

- Bithimitris, G., Linardis, A., Iliou, K., Vezyrgianni, K., Nisiotis, K-S and Klironomos, N. (2021). Evaluation Report of consulting tools & Improvement Proposals for the project Evaluation of consulting tools of the company APOPSI SA. Athens, EKKE (in greek).
- Demertzis, N., Gerakopoulou, P. and Vezyrgianni, K. (2021). Emotional Reflexivity and Humanitarian Interpretation. In Additional learning materials. Handbook: interpreting for refugees (pp. 117-141), *research project CVET and accreditation framework to up skill interpreters to support the social inclusion for refugees -Inter4Ref*. Almeria: CEMyRI-University of Almeria.
- Bithimitris, G., Linardis, A., Iliou, K., Vezyrgianni, K., Nisiotis, K-S and Klironomos, N. (2021). Evaluation Report of Digital Environment and Improvement Proposals for the project Evaluation of consulting tools of the company APOPSI SA. Athens, EKKE (in greek).
- Vezyrgianni K. (2021). Documentation report on primary research findings. The case of Mental Health Professionals for the project *Social Representations, Attitudes and Stereotypes about Domestic Violence Against Women in Greece*. Athens, EKKE (in greek).
- Kandyli, G., Iliou, K., Koutsourakis, J., Pavlakis, M., Sidiropoulou, A., Stratoudaki, H. Varouxi C., Vezyrgianni K. (2021). Evaluation Report, final report for *HELIOS integration Project Provision of Integration Courses to Beneficiaries of International Protection*. Athens, National Centre for Social Research.
- Tsiganou J., & Kavvoura, Th. in collaboration with Varouxi C., Vezyrgianni K., Daskalaki, A., Thanopoulou M., Kinti, K., Kondyli D., Kyprioti, K., Spyropoulou N., Stratoudaki, Ch. & Hatjigianni, A. (2020). *Literature review report of the project Social Representations, Attitudes and Stereotypes about Domestic Violence Against Women in Greece*. Athens, EKKE (in greek).
- Tsiganou J., Kondyli D., Varouxi C., Vezyrgianni K., Thanopoulou M., Spyropoulou N., Kalabaliki D. (2020). Primary and Secondary Research Results – Synthesis Report, WP2 in *Disrupting Polarisation: building communities of tolerance through football – DIALECT*. Athens, EKKE. (english and greek versions).
- Vezyrgianni K. (2020). Interim Report on Primary Research Results. The case of NGOs and CSOs, deliverable WP1 for the project *Disrupting Polarisation: building communities of tolerance through football – DIALECT*. Athens, National Centre for Social Research. (English and Greek versions).
- Kandyli, G., Pavlakis, M., Vezyrgianni, K. (2020). Interim Report for *HELIOS integration Project Provision of Integration Courses to Beneficiaries of International Protection*. Athens, National Centre for Social Research.

- Tsiganou, J. (scientific responsible) et al (2017). Final Report '*Energy for Society (ENERGY SOC)*', WP3, Action Socio-economic impact of energy management and renewable energy sources. Athens: EKKE (in greek).
- Vezyrgianni, K. & Iliou, K. (2016). *Report on Focus group interviews with representatives of electricity private producers and providers*, Action Socio-economic impact of energy management and renewable energy sources. Athens: EKKE (in greek).
- Ziomas, D., Ketsetzopoulou, M., Spyropoulou, N. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2016). "Synthesis Report Capacity Gap Assessment: Final Report on social entrepreneurship dynamics and specific training needs in Belgium, Greece, Italy, FYROM, Romania and Spain", *Social Entrepreneurship in a European Dimension (Erasmus+ programme)*, Athens: National Centre for Social Research (in English) available at [http://www.projectseed.eu/pdf/SEED OUTPUT 2 Synthesis Report FINAL VERSION.pdf](http://www.projectseed.eu/pdf/SEED_OUTPUT_2_Synthesis_Report_FINAL_VERSION.pdf).
- Ziomas, D., Ketsetzopoulou, M., Spyropoulou, N. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2016). "Country Report on Capacity Gap Assessment: Social entrepreneurship dynamics and specific training needs in Greece", *Social Entrepreneurship in a European Dimension (Erasmus+ programme)*, Athens: National Centre for Social Research (in English).
- Ziomas, D., Bouzas N., Hatzantonis, D., Vezyrgianni, K., Capella, A., Bourlessa, K. (2015). 'Evaluation Report of the project "*Bridges to Employment - A holistic intervention program for the promotion of employment of persons with psychosocial problems in the open labour market*". Athens: EKKE (in greek).
- Mouriki, A., Karantinos, D., Vezyrgianni, K. et.al., (2014). Final Report '*Specialized Surveys on Human Resource and Labour Markets Issues*'. Athens: REMACO-EKKE (in greek).
- Jackson, P., Kappi, C., Klein, B., Tubaro, P., Vezyrgianni, K., et al, (2014). Periodic Report '*Researcher accreditation –current practice, essential features, and a future standard, Work Package 3 - Enhancing legal, information security & researcher accreditation frameworks for access to data*' in the framework of EC programme (FP7) "Data Without Boundaries".
- Ziomas, D., Hatzantonis, D., Bouzas, N., Vezyrgianni K., Spyropoulou, N. & Tsigarida, A. (2009). Monitoring and assessing the progress of the operation of the Social Cooperatives in Greece. Athens: EKKE (in greek).
- Kappi, C., Kondyli, D., Tzortzopoulou, M., Vezyrgianni, K. (2009). Data collection strategies: CESSDA organizations & their relation to data collections outside CESSDA RI, Athens: EKKE.
- Ziomas D., Tsigarida, A. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2007). *Brief overview of the evolution of Limited Liability Social Cooperatives (KoiSPE)*, with regard to the socio-economic integration of persons with mental health problems. Athens: EKKE (in greek).
- Ziomas, D., Chryssakis, E. Stamatogiannis, N. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2006). Main findings of two distinct focus group interviews (researchers and postgraduate students) with regard to the socio-economic integration of persons with mental health problems. Athens: EKKE (in greek).
- Sakellis, I. (ed.) with the contribution of Gionakis, N., Ziomas, D., Fagadaki, P., Papaliou, O., Vezyrgianni, K. et al (2006). Main Findings of the Evaluation of the SOS Children's Villages in Greece, Final Report. Athens: EKKE (in greek).

- Ziomas, D., Chryssakis, E. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2005). Main findings of two distinct focus group interviews in the regions of Central Greece and Peloponnesus with regard to the socio-economic integration of persons with mental health problems. Athens: EKKE (in greek).
- Ziomas, D., Balourdos, D., Bouzas, N., Koumalatsou, E. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2004). Annual report of the progress of development of the socio-economic integration of persons with mental health problems. Athens: EKKE (in greek).
- Ziomas, D., Chryssakis, E., Spyropoulou, N. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2004). Main findings of a focus group interview in the region of Western of Athens with regard to the socio-economic integration of persons with mental health problems. Athens: EKKE (in greek).
- Symeonidou, H. & Vezyrgianni, K. (1998). Family and child in Greece, Analysis and proposals for the creation of National Programs. Report ordered by Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity. Athens, EKKE (in greek).
- Vezyrgianni, K. (1994). MSc Dissertation thesis: Examination Stress in Grammar School Pupils: A test of the Hopelessness Model of Depression. University of Kent at Canterbury: UK.

Tutorial

Demertzis, N., Gerakopoulou, P. and Vezyrgianni, K. (2021). Inter4Ref Learning Materials, Module 6, Emotional Reflexivity and Humanitarian Interpretation within the framework of the research project «CVET and accreditation framework to up skill interpreters to support the social inclusion for refugees - Inter4Ref». Available at: [Module 6 – Inter4REF](#).

Other Scientific Activities

Announcements in Scientific Workshops - Seminars

- Vezyrgianni, K. (2021). *Domestic violence: the exceptional (?) daily life of women. The view of professionals in Mental Health Centers* at the seminar “Domestic Violence Against Women in Greece Today: Social Representations, Attitudes, Stereotypes”, co-organized by Research Centre for Gender Equality (KETHI) and EKKE, (15 December 2021), livestreaming <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJec90ZESFZsd2vM43kNBjA>
- Vezyrgianni, K. (2020). *Racist Violence Recording Cases: A Comparative Presentation of Racist Violence Recording Network Findings for the years 2013 & 2019* at the 3rd Training of Trainers Seminar under the programme "Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International Protection (HELIOS)", METAdrasi ILC, Athens, 23 July 2020.
- Vezyrgianni, K. (2017). “Human Resources Management and Social Enterprises”, at the *Training Course* organised in the framework of the Erasmus + Programme ‘*Social entrepreneurship in a European dimension*’, Athens, 30 May 2017, National Centre for Social Research (in Greek).
- Ziomas, D., Capella, A. & Vezyrgianni, K. (2015). *Forms for the Development of Local Social Capital: The Case of Limited Liability Social Cooperatives (KoiSPE) and the Social*

Cooperative Enterprises (KoinSEp)». Paper presented in the Workshop on 'Social Portrait of Athens' (Athens, 17 February 2015).

- Vezyrgianni, K. (in cooperation with Symeonidou, H.) (2000). «*The Division of paid and unpaid work in Greece*». Paper presented in the scientific Workshop of the *European Network on Policies and the Division of Unpaid and Paid Work* of the University of Tilburg (Rome, 28-30 September 2000).