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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), with expertise in social stratification. His current research interest focuses upon working-class identities and nationalism in a crisis and post-crisis context. Drawing on cultural approaches of social class, he explores the emotional and cultural components of class identifications and their political implications. 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. Giorgos is member of the Board of the Hellenic Political Science Association (www.eepe.gr) and co-founder of the EEPE's research network "Methodology in Political Science" (www.methodosnet.gr).

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

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

Work Counselling ▪ 1/2013 – 8/2015

Network for Employment and Social Care ▪ An/hou Vlachakou 38-40, Piraeus

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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.

Research/Training Activity

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) ▪ 3/2017 up today.

Postdoctoral researcher at 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 ▪ 6/2017 – 12/2018

National Expert and associate of 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/RCDCCR/Apprenticeships_for_Adults/014/16) ▪ 3/2017 up to 12/2017

National expert and associate of 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 up to 03/2018.

Research fellow, Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences - Coordination of research activities for the Project «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 of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens/“Pythagoras” Research Programme: Organized Interests and Representation in post-dictatorial Greece. ▪ University of Athens, 2005-2012.

Selected List of Publications:

Books:

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

Articles:

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

Chapters:

(Forthcoming) Qualitative analysis of life stories collected 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).

(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.

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.

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>

(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

(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. 6th 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

(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, 10th 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. 11th 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 Halyvourgia" (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.