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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

02/2009-present. Department of Education, Middlesex University, London, UK

Job title: Senior Lecturer in Education.

Roles and responsibilities: Research degrees deputy coordinator. Member of the curriculum development team and tutor for the EdD Programme. Research Leader for Directorate of Education Studies (consists of five programmes). Co-convenor and organiser of the 'Equality and Diversity Research Group'. Advisor to two DProf candidates. Chair of studies for two PhD students (in effect from Jan 2013). Independent chair and ongoing member of the ethics committee of the DProf in Work Based Learning. Mentor of a PGCert student. Module, seminar leader, and joint-leader in various modules (e.g. 'Comparative Education', 'Education and Equality', 'Social Exclusion of Children and Young People in Education and Society', 'Historical Approaches to Education') for the BA in Education Studies (as well for the BA in Early Childhood Studies Programme). Leader of a large, international team for a compulsory, second year module taught in three locations: London, Hong Kong and Singapore. Link tutor for the BA in Liberal Arts programme in partnership with New York City College, USA. Member of the steering committee of the research programme 'ESCalate'.

Former tutor and dissertation supervisor for MA in 'Education'. Programme leader for the BA in 'Education Studies and Philosophy' and the 'Fda in Teaching Studies Foundation' degrees.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

10/2008-01/2009. Ministry of Justice (MoJ), London

Internship awarded through UK-wide competition; fully-funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, ESRC. As a member of the Offender Management and Sentencing (OMS) Analytical Services, I participated in the evaluation, analysis and dissemination of high-impact data and evidence. Also, I took part in the analysis of a large data set (SPCR) of the UK prison population and led the review of the seven pathways for preventing youth re-offending. (Reasons for leaving: completed internship).

12/2007-04/2008. Teamwerk, Stuttgart, Germany

Consultant. As a member of an international consultancy team, I collected and analysed data on the operational viability of a large factory in the UK. Also, I assisted in the

organisational diagnosis of the factory and the presentation of the findings to the Board of Directors and the entire Senior Management Team. (Seasonal contract).

09/2007-12/2007. Institute of Education, University of London, UK

Leader of the MPhil/PhD seminar 'Minorities and Education'. I secured the validation of the course, prepared the syllabus and related materials, and delivered it. (Seasonal contract).

09/2006-01/2007. Department of Sociology, Birmingham City University, Birmingham, UK

Visiting lecturer for BA in Sociology. Module and seminar leader for 'Contemporary Social Theory', third year compulsory module. Supervisor for third year students. (Seasonal contract).

01/2006-06/2006. Centre for Institutional Studies, University of East London, UK

Consultant to Alice Samson, manager of CIS, on issues of social policy and research evaluation. (Seasonal contract).

12/2005-06/2006: Independent Greek School 'St John the Baptist', London.

Secondary school teacher (GSCE, A-Levels). (Hourly-paid contract).

01/2003-12/2005. Centre for Institutional Studies, University of East London, UK

Research fellow. Responsible for the evaluation of one Children's Fund Programme and six Youth Inclusion Programmes commissioned by the Youth Justice Board (YJB). I conducted primary research, organised and presented seminars on youth offending and public policy, disseminated research findings in national and international fora and published research in international journals and national outlets (Contract terminated).

09/2002-10/2002: Soundwell College (Further Education), Bristol, UK

Lecturer in Modern Greek Language and Communication. (Contract terminated).

06/2000-09/2000. Interface, Liberal Studies Centre. Ioannina Greece

Data importer. Data entry as part of the project for the digitalisation of the municipal archives (on 'Access', Microsoft Office). (Hourly-paid contract).

01/1998-07/2000. Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, University of Ioannina, Greece

Research assistant in the project 'School Integration of Roma Children', co-funded by the Greek Ministry of Education and the European Union. I assisted in data collection and processing, conducted interviews transcription, offered ICT support and took part in the organisation of seminars and activities for a Greek-wide network of project partners (Contract terminated).

QUALIFICATIONS

01/2009-01/2010: Middlesex University, London, UK

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PG Cert in HE).

10/2005-09/2009: Institute of Education, University of London, UK

PhD, fully-funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, ESRC.

Title: 'Social Mobility and Education: a Mixed Methods Study of a Roma and non-Roma Community in the North West of Greece'.

10/2004-09/2005: Institute of Education, University of London, UK

(MRes) Master of Research in Educational and Social Research, fully-funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, ESRC.

10/2001-09/2002: Department of Sociology, University of Bristol, UK

MSc in Ethnicity and Multiculturalism (Sociology).

Dissertation title: 'Multiculturalism and Diversity: a Case Study in Greek Secondary Education').

10/1995- 07/1999: Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, University of Ioannina, Greece

BSc (Hons) in Philosophy, Education and Psychology (Major in Psychology).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

(2013) *Social Change and Education in Greece: A Study in Class Struggle Dynamics*.
New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Book chapters

(forthcoming) 'The Educational Situation of Roma and Travellers in Ireland and Great Britain', in S. Hornberg (ed.) *Die Bildungssituation von Sinti und Roma in Europa [The educational situation of Sinti and Roma in Europe]*. Beyrouth University, Germany.

(forthcoming) 'The time of the crisis: Roma in a neo-liberal Europe', in Z. Plainer and G. Picker (eds) *Experiencing, Confronting and Analysing Marginality-Theoretical Advancements and Methodological Issues on Roma in Europe*, (National Institute of Minority Issues, Cluj Napoca, Romania).

(2010) 'Young People and Inclusion', in *Equality, Participation and Inclusion: Learning From Each Other*, Open University Press, (with Alice Sampson).

Journal Articles (pending/in progress)

(pending) 'Education for all, social mobility for the few and meritocracy for none: when there is little way up', *Sociological Review* (revised version to be submitted by January 2013).

(pending) 'Social mobility and education: what went wrong?', *Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies*, (revised version to be submitted by December 2012).

(in progress) 'The costs and benefits of the lack of full inclusion of bilingual speaker in society' (with Dr P. Mehisto, Institute of Education, London, UK; to be submitted to the journal *Sociology* in Spring 2013).

(in progress) 'Critical education in testing times: from facebook hype to active resistance' (to be submitted to the journal *Socialist Studies* in Spring 2013).

(in progress) 'For a renewed conception of social justice: Revisiting Nancy Fraser' (to be submitted to the journal *Theory and Society* by Summer 2013).

(in progress) 'A Mixed-Methods Approach in the Study of Social Mobility' (to be submitted to the *Journal of Mixed Methods Research* by Autumn 2013).

(in progress) 'Contested Ethnographies' (with Spyrou, University of Crete, Greece; to be submitted to the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* by Winter 2013).

Journal Articles (published)

(2009) 'Questioning Inclusion: The Education of Roma/Traveller Students and Young People in Europe and England – a Critical Examination', *Research in Comparative and International Education Journal*, 4(3), pp. 262-275.

(2009) 'Working in the Community with Young People who Offend', *Journal of Youth Studies* (Vol. 12(2)), pp. 121-137 (with Alice Sampson).

(2008) 'Meritocracy Through Education: A Critical Approach to Social Mobility in Post-War Britain', *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, Vol. 29 (5), pp. 427-438.

(2008) 'Labour Market Restructuring and Employment Pathways: the Case of a Mixed Community (Roma, non-Roma) in N.W. Greece' *Romani Studies Journal*, (18)2, pp. 123-154.

(2003-2005) Interim Evaluation Reports to 6 Youth Inclusion Programmes. Centre for Institutional Studies, University of East London.

(2003) 'Youth Inclusion Programme (YIP) Youth Work'. Seminar proceedings. Centre for Institutional Studies, University of East London (with Sampson, A., Knight, R., Khanom, A. and Ahmad, E.).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

Keynote/invited presentations

(2013) Individual paper and symposium/workshop accepted for the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual conference, 27 April-1 May 2013, San Fransisco, USA.

(2012) Keynote speaker at the Erasmus Staff Training Week. Presentation title: 'Languages and mobility: speaking in tongues?'. Middlesex University, London, 11-16 June 2012.

(2012) Co-presenter at the Learning and Teaching Conference 'Trading Places: Shifting Academic Identities'. Presentation title: 'Crossing Boundaries' (with pro-Vice Chancellor and Dean, J. Williams, Prof. C. Reid and S. Ball), Middlesex University, London, 26th April 2012.

(2012) Keynote speaker at the London Centre for Social Studies (LCSS) expert seminar series. Presentation title: 'Current trends in social mobility'. London Centre for Social Studies (LCSS), London, 21st March 2012.

(2012) Keynote speaker at 'Inspire Me!', a showcase event of innovative methods of teaching and learning. Presentation title: 'Critical Education in Changing Times'. Centre for Learning and Teaching Enhancement (CLTE), Middlesex University, London, 21st February 2012.

(2012) Co-organiser and keynote speaker at the International Conference on 'Critical Education/Critical Pedagogy'. Presentation title 'From Facebook Hype to Active Resistance: Critical Education in Testing Times'. Department of Education, Middlesex University, London, 2nd February 2012.

(2011) Keynote speaker at the conference 'A Class Act: Perspectives on Social Class and Education'. Presentation title: 'Social Mobility and Education: What Went Wrong?'. Annual Conference, Department of Education, Middlesex University, London, 19th February 2010, London, UK.

(2010) Keynote presentation at the workshop 'Experiencing, Confronting and Analyzing Marginality: Theoretical Advancements and Methodological Challenges'. Presentation title: 'The time of the crisis: Roma in a Neo-liberal Europe'. National Institute of Minority Issues, Cluj Napoca, Romania, 2-3 September 2010.

Other conference presentations

(2012) 'Neoliberalised Higher Education and Emerging Alternatives: Prospects in Three European Nations and Beyond' (panel presentation with J. Canaan, D. Blacker and A. Maisuria). The European Conference on Educational Research 'The Need for Educational Research to Champion Freedom, Education and Development for All', European Educational Research Association, 18-21 September 2012, Cadiz, Spain.

(2012) 'Learning to resist? Education and New Class Dynamics'. Second International Conference on Critical Education, organised by the journals *Cultural Logic* (USA/Canada), *Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies* (UK), *Kritiki* (Greece), *Radical Notes* (India), and *Eleştirel Pedagoji* (Turkey), 10-14 July 2012, Athens, Greece.

(2011) 'Greece: the maverick of Europe? The meaning of protests (in HE) in Greece and implications for a social class analysis'. First International Conference on Critical Education, organised by the journals *Cultural Logic* (USA/Canada), *Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies* (UK), *Kritiki* (Greece), and *Radical Notes* (India), 12-16 July 2011, Athens, Greece.

(2010) 'Redistribution and recognition revisited'. Faculty and PhD student seminar, Department of Education, Middlesex University, 4th March 2010, London, UK.

(2009) 'Education For All, Social Mobility For the Few and Meritocracy For None: Conceptualizing and Explaining the Failure of Education to Promote Social Mobility'. Paper prepared at the 108th American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting –'The End/s of Anthropology', 2-6 December 2009, Philadelphia, USA. Presentation funded by the Dean of Research, Middlesex University.

(2009) 'Education-based Meritocracy and Social Mobility: Some Theoretical and Empirical Considerations'. Keynote speech at a Sociology workshop, 27th October 2009, METU, Ankara, Turkey. Presentation funded by the International Exchange Office, Middlesex University.

(2009) 'Education-Based Meritocracy': Towards a Critique of Post-War Liberal Democracy's Most Popular Myth. Paper presented at the 16th International Conference on Learning, 1-4 July 2009, University of Barcelona, Spain. Presentation funded by the Department of Education, Middlesex University.

(2008) 'Some Theoretical and Methodological Issues in the Study of Social Mobility and Education From a Mixed Methods Perspective'. Paper presented at the Mixed Methods Conference, 21-22 July 2008, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, UK. Presentation funded by the ESRC.

(2008) 'A Mixed Methods Approach in the Study of Social Mobility'. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual conference, 24-28 March 2008, New York, USA. Presentation funded by the ESRC.

(2005) 'The Concept of Social Class in Modern Greek Sociology'. From the proceedings of the 2nd LSE PhD Symposium 'Current Social Science Research on Greece', 10th June 2005, LSE, London.

(2004) 'Working with Young People in the Community'. Paper presented at the First Key Issues Conference, International Societies of Criminology, 13-15 May 2004, Paris, France, (with Alice Sampson).

SCHOLARSHIPS, DISTINCTIONS and ELECTED POSITIONS

01/09/11-present: University of California, San Diego, USA

Research fellow of the Center for Contemporary Immigration Studies.

05/2010-present: University of Ioannina, Greece

Research fellow of the Centre for Empirical Educational Research.

03/2007-09/2008: Marie Curie Fellow, European Union and Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Research fellow of the programme 'Multi-Disciplinary and Cross-National Approaches To Romany Studies'.

10/2004-09/2008: '1+3 years' scheme scholar, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

Scholarship for the completion of a Master of Research in Educational and Social Research and PhD degree.

10/2007-05/2008: Amnesty International, IoE student branch coordinator

Elected secretary (coordinator) of the Institute of Education student branch.

01/2007-09/2007: London Student Forum (LSF) Elected Representative

Elected representative to the London Student Forum, representing all North London universities and colleges (HE and FE).

01/2000-12/2000: INTERREG II Scholar (EU-funded)

Research fellow at the Universities of Lecce, Italy, and Ioannina, Greece. Conducted research on inclusion, diversity and equalities.

CONFERENCE and SEMINAR ORGANISATION

01-07/2012: Member of the organising Committee of the Second International Conference on Critical Education, 10-14 July 2011, Athens, Greece.

02/2012: Co-organiser of the international conference 'Critical Education/Critical Pedagogy', Middlesex University, 2 February 2012.

01-07/2011: Member of the organising Committee of the First International Conference on Critical Education, 12-16 July 2011, Athens, Greece.

10/2009-present: Organiser of the staff and research degrees seminar series, Middlesex University.

10/2005-06/2006. Institute of Education, University of London, UK

Seminar leader of the MPhil/PhD seminar 'Classical Sociology' and co-leader of the MPhil/PhD seminar 'Aspects of Social Class in Empirical Educational Research'.

INVITED LECTURES and SEMINARS

10/2012: Roehampton University, London, UK

Invited lecture for the MA in Inclusive Education.

04/2011: Utrecht University, the Netherlands

Invited lecture on inequalities in education for the MA in Social Sciences and research degrees seminar.

03/03/2010: Anglia Ruskin University, UK

Invited lecture on education, inclusion and citizenship.

10/2009: Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey

A series of two lectures and one PhD/MA seminar on education, inclusion and social mobility.

01/2006-11/2009: University of Northampton, UK

Four invited lectures on issues of social class theory and research in education.

27/03/2008: St Francis College, Brooklyn, New York, USA

Invited lecture on inclusion and Roma.

01/2006-06/2008: Institute of Education, University of London, UK

Three invited lectures on education, social inclusion and Roma in Europe for the MA in Inclusive Education.

EDITORIAL and REVIEWING ACTIVITY

06/2012: Reviewer for the International Conference on 'Turkish Migration in Europe: Projecting the next 50 years', 7-9 December 2012, London Centre for Social Studies (LCSS), London.

08/2011-present: Reviewer for the Czech Science Foundation (post-doc proposals).

08/2010-present: Reviewer for Special Interest Groups of the American Educational Research Association annual conference.

10/2009-present: Advisory board member of the *Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies* (JCEPS).

10/2004-present: Lead-editor, editor and associate-editor of the peer-reviewed journal, *Educate~* (University of London).

01/1998-07/1999: Co-founder and lead editor of the University of Ioannina student newspaper *Parousia*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

02/2011-present: Higher Education Academy (Fellow).

06/2006-present: Sociology Reference Group of the Centre for Sociology, Anthropology and Political Sciences, (C-SAP) of the in Higher Education Academy (Advisory board member).

07/2007- present: American Educational Research Association (member).

02/2005-present: British Sociological Association (member).

05/2004-present. Research Committee for Social Stratification and Mobility (RC 28) of the International Sociological Association (member).

LANGUAGES (apart from English)

Greek: Excellent speaking, reading and writing skills.

Italian: Very good speaking and reading skills; intermediate writing skills.

Spanish: Good speaking, reading and writing skills.

French: Intermediate reading skills; basic speaking and writing skills.

ICT SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint), SPSS, STATA, NVivo, MAXQDA, Dreamweaver.