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## **EDUCATION**

**2013-2022**

**Democritus University of Thrace**

PhD in Penitentiary Policy (financed by the Alexandros Onassis Foundation), Grade "Excellent" Dissertation Title: "Social class and prison experience: a criminological approach". Supervisor: Nikolaos Koulouris.  
<https://www.didaktorika.gr/eadd/handle/10442/5062>

**2013**

**University of Padua and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven**

School of European Legal and Social studies (fully funded by S.E.L.S.S.)  
Dissertation Title: «European integration from the formation of E.C.A.C. (1958) to the Lisbon Treaty (2007)»

**2010-2011**

**Cambridge University, Institute of Criminology**

MPhil in Criminological Research  
Dissertation Title : «Gender, social class and the dispensation of justice in eighteenth-century England: the case of rape»

**2007-2010**

**Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Department of Sociology**

MA in Criminology (9,73/10)  
Dissertation Title: «Human rights and techniques of neutralisation employed in state crimes»  
<http://pandemos.panteion.gr/index.php?op=record&pid=iid:4613&lang=el>

**2002-2006**

**Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Department of Sociology**

Bachelor degree in Sociology (8.93/10) (with scholarships for excellence from the State Scholarship Foundation)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **ARTICLES IN PEER REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS**

2020

(in collaboration with Drosou, I.,

“GREECE- Isolation for protection. Facing the Covid-19 pandemic in Greek prisons”, *Rivista Antigone Semestrale di critica del sistema penale e penitenziario*, anno XV (no 1) 2020, pp. 55-60.

Koulouris, N.,  
Pantelidou, T.)

[https://www.antigone.it/rivista-archivio/Rivista\\_Anno\\_XV\\_N1/07\\_Greece.pdf](https://www.antigone.it/rivista-archivio/Rivista_Anno_XV_N1/07_Greece.pdf)

## **ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS**

2019 (in collaboration with  
Koulouris, N. and Koros, D.)

«The Rules of the Council of Europe on Community sanctions and measures and the proposals of the European Observatory on alternatives to imprisonment»,

*The Art of Crime*, November, 2021.

<https://theartofcrime.gr/%CE%BF%CE%B9-%CE%BA%CE%B1%CE%BD%CF%8C%CE%BD%CE%B5%CF%82-%CF%84%CE%BF%CF%85-%CF%83%CF%85%CE%BC%CE%B2%CE%BF%CF%85%CE%BB%CE%AF%CE%BF%CF%85-%CF%84%CE%B7%CF%82-%CE%B5%CF%85%CF%81%CF%8E%CF%80%CE%B7%CF%82/>

**2016**

«The cost of the prison system", *Criminologists, Newsletter of the Greek Society for the Study of Crime and Social Control*, vol. 3, March 2016.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw61lx-fCSKFMGRoeVByU2ppUTQ/view?resourcekey=0-eqaTgl\\_VwxshOTY5OpEAQA](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw61lx-fCSKFMGRoeVByU2ppUTQ/view?resourcekey=0-eqaTgl_VwxshOTY5OpEAQA)

2010  
(in collaboration with  
Karagiannis, K. and Loizou,  
H.)

"Fear of crime in groups of substance users", in *Criminal Justice & Criminology*, vol.1, , pp. 48-54.

2009

«Prisons and criminological issues” , *The Art of Crime*, vol. 10

(in collaboration with Ilia, N.)

<https://theartofcrime.gr/old/oldartofcrime/old.theartofcrime.gr/index9fee.html?pgtp=1&aid=1236074783>

## **ARTICLES IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

**2023 (forthcoming)**

"Vor-v-zakone ("Thieves in law"): formation, evolution and contemporary presence", 2nd conference of the Greek Society for the Study of Crime and Social Control: Social reality, critical discourse and criminal phenomenon

**2016**

"Aggressive behaviors of young people: a different reading", Gasparinatou M. (ed.) *Crime and Criminal Repression in an era of crisis*, Honorary Volume for Professor Nestora Kourakis, Athens: Ant.N. Sakkoula, pp. 1909-1936

[http://crime-in-](http://crime-in-crisis.com/%CE%B5%CF%80%CE%B9%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%84%CE%B9%CE%BA%CE%AD%CF%82-%CF%83%CF%85%CE%BC%CF%80%CE%B5%CF%81%CE%B9%CF%86)

[crisis.com/%CE%B5%CF%80%CE%B9%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%84%CE%B9%CE%BA%CE%AD%CF%82-](http://crime-in-crisis.com/%CE%B5%CF%80%CE%B9%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%84%CE%B9%CE%BA%CE%AD%CF%82-%CF%83%CF%85%CE%BC%CF%80%CE%B5%CF%81%CE%B9%CF%86)

[%CF%83%CF%85%CE%BC%CF%80%CE%B5%CF%81%CE%B9%CF%86](http://crime-in-crisis.com/%CE%B5%CF%80%CE%B9%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%84%CE%B9%CE%BA%CE%AD%CF%82-%CF%83%CF%85%CE%BC%CF%80%CE%B5%CF%81%CE%B9%CF%86)

## TRANSLATIONS

2021

Cohen, S. «*State of denial. Knowing about atrocities and suffering*». S. Vidali (Scientific Editor), S. Spyrea (transl.). Athens: Topos Publications

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2022 (in collaboration with Koulouris, N. και Koros, D.)

“Non-custodial sanctions and measures in the Member States of the European Union. National Report- GREECE: The bipolar politics and policies of community sanctions: Amending the reforms, restricting and suspending implementation”. National report provided to the Penal Reform International that led to the Rodrigues, A.M., Antunes, M.J., Fidalgo, S. Pinto, I.H. and Ishly, K.T. “The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on non-custodial sanctions and measures”, Summary report of a comparative study in Member States of the European Union, University of Coimbra, Penal Reform International. Hungarian Helsinki Committee

<https://cdn.penalreform.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/IPPF-COMPARATIVE-STUDY-Summary-Report-FINAL.pdf>

2019 (in collaboration with Dimitrouli, K.)

“*Study for the creation of the Greek Penitentiary Academy*”, Technical Assistance for the Reform of the Greek Judicial System - Phase III (SRSS / S2018 / 049).

2018 (in collaboration with Koulouris, N. και Pantelidou, T.)

“*Quality of Employment in Prisons. Greece*”, (European Union of Public Services, Research Institute for Work and Society / ONDERZOEKINSTITUUT VOOR ARBEID EN SAMENLEVING – HIVA, KU LEUVEN. Συντονιστές: Prof. dr. Monique Ramioul, head of the Work and Organisation Research Group, Yennef Vereycken, researcher, November 2018 (43 p.).

<https://www.epsu.org/sites/default/files/article/files/Country%20report%20Greece%20prisons.pdf>

2018 (in collaboration with Koulouris, N. και Koros, D.)

«The position of the European Observatory on Alternatives to Imprisonment and the Council of Europe Rules on criminal sanctions and procedural measures carried out in the community' [CM/Rec(2017)3], European Observatory on Alternatives to Prison - MATCHING FUNDS» [KE 81967], Νοέμβριος 2018.

- 2017 (in collaboration with Aloskofis, O., Vidali, S., Koros, D., Koulouris, N. και Mauromati, A.)** Koulouris N. (ed.), "Criminal sanctions and procedural measures applied in the Community", Athens: Democritus University of Thrace - Topos Publications
- 2015 (in collaboration with Koulouris, N., Aloskofis, W., Vidali, S. and Koros, D.)** "Alternatives to Prison in Europe. Greece", European Observatory on Alternatives to Imprisonment, Rome, Antigone Edizioni, October 2015  
<http://www.prisonobservatory.org/alternatives/ALTERNATIVES%20TO%20PRISON%20IN%20EUROPE.%20GREECE.pdf>

## PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES

- 2022** "Right to equal treatment. The invisibles of the prison", Open debate of the Hellenic Union for Human Rights on "The construction of criminal sanctions today: Rights of prisoners, goals and failures of incarceration and the perspective of alternative measures in Greece", Athens 14.04.2022.  
  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ht0TiBgxqqk>
- 2020** "VOR-V-ZAKONE ("Thieves in Law"): formation, evolution and modern presence", 2nd Conference of the Greek Society for the Study of Crime and Social Control on the: "Social reality, critical discourse and criminal phenomenon", Athens [online event] 24-27.11.2020.
- 2019 (in collabor Koulouris)** "Prison secrets and lies. The pretense of transparency", Common Study program in Critical Criminology, 8-10 May 2019. Utrecht University  
  
<https://commonstudyprogramme.files.wordpress.com/2019/05/global-secrets-cs19-uu-programme.pdf>
- 2016** "Social inequalities and prison in the time of crisis. A reconsideration of the vulnerability of prisoners", 1st Conference of the Greek Society for the Study of Crime and Social Control on: Powers, scientific neutrality and criminological discourse. One year since the establishment of EEMEKE. 50 years H. Becker 'Whose side are we on?' Athens 24-27.5.2016.
- 2015** Alternatives to imprisonment available in Greece' COST Action IS1106, Training school, 14.01.2015-16.01.2015 (Pompeu Fabra University, Ισπανία).
- 2015** "Aggressive behaviors of young people: a different reading", Conference: "Crisis, Crime and the Penal System" in honor of Professor Emeritus Nestor Kourakis / Laboratory of Criminal and Criminological Research, Department of Criminal Sciences of the School of Law, EKPA, Department of Social Administration and Political Science of Democritus

University of Thrace, Department of Psychology, University of Crete, Department of Criminology, Department of Sociology, Panteion University, Department of Law, University of Nicosia, NPID EPANODOS, Athens 2-4.4.2015 (see publications).

- 2014** 'Inequalities in Punishment, Community Service and Electronic Monitoring in Greece' - (in collaboration with Koulouris, N. και Κριστενιδη, Α. and Kriksenidi, A. of A Coruña). The Political Economy of Punishment Today: Visions, Debates and Challenges (University of A Coruña).
- 2014** 'Masculinities under construction in light of Greek particularities' – **What is crime? Who is the criminal?** Common Study Program in Criminal Justice and Critical Criminology, Fall Common Session (University of the Peloponnese, Corinth), 29-31.10.2014.
- 2009** "The preventive nature of M.K.O. in GREECE. Presentation of research results" Conference on the proactive nature of Civil Society in Greece.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2021** Translator In collaboration with Topos Publications and under the scientific supervision of Professor S. Vidali, I undertook the translation of S. Cohen's book "States of denial".
- 2018-2020** Researcher – Assistant Manager, Center for Security Studies. In the context of my cooperation with KE.ME.A. I participated in the implementation (communication with partners, research, presentation of results, writing of educational material, organization and participation in conferences and workshops) of European projects and I contributed to the supervision of European Projects (Assistant Manager). For example, I participated in the implementation of the following projects:
- FAIR: Enhancing the Fair Trial for people suspected or accused of crimes – G.A. 802040 (<http://www.kemea.gr/en/descriptions/899-fair-project-dedicated>)
  - ARIADNE: Developing and supporting multi-sectoral police reporting procedures to prevent and respond to domestic violence against women – G.A. JUST/2015/RDAP/MULT/9858 (<http://www.kemea.gr/en/descriptions/1058-ariadne-dedicated>)
  - Peer2Peer: Relate schools to combat Roma dropout –G.A. 849136 (<https://peer2peerproject.eu>)
- In addition, I participated in writing research proposals for the following European projects:
- Peer2Peer: Relate schools to combat Roma dropout –G.A. 849136 (<https://peer2peerproject.eu/>)
  - A4: Crossing borders for effective police investigation to protect female victims of sex trafficking and enhance accountability mechanisms (<https://www.a4project.eu/>)
  - NESTOR: A national network of schools for parents in prison, enhancing responsive father parenting (<https://www.vicesse.eu/nestor>)

- 2020** Provision of auxiliary work in the Department of Social Policy of the Demokritus University of Thrace. The contract with D.U.Th. (21.09 – 15.12.2020) concerned the assistance of professors of the Department in student training, conducting tutorial exercises, supervising exams, correcting exercises and library work and in general all kinds of support in conducting undergraduate and postgraduate courses.
- 2019-2020** Auxiliary Expert in the Technical Assistance Program of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice for the Reform of the Greek Judicial System (Phase III (SRSS/S2018/049)) (see annex). My cooperation with Technical Assistance included the following responsibilities:
- Conducting theoretical research
  - Submission of reports related to the Project's aims
  - Submission of bi-monthly reports
  - Preparation of the training material used in the "Training of trainers of prison staff"
  - Teaching in the "Training of prison staff trainers" program
- 2015-2016** Researcher at the "European Observatory on Alternatives to Imprisonment" -K.E. 81400. It is a collaboration of the Demokritus University of Thrace from which several reports and publications have emerged. I participated with a Project contract in the period 01/10/2015 to 30/06/2016 under the scientific supervision of Associate Professor Mr. N. Koulouris. The object of my work was the promotion of alternative measures to imprisonment, preparation of the national forum, contribution in formulating the declaration and the final conference.
- 2018 (March - July)** Researcher in a research entitled "Research Project on the quality of employment for prison officers", which was funded by the European Public Services Union, Research Institute for Work and Society of K.U. Leuven and the E.L.K.E. D.P.Th.. The academic manager of the Project was Associate Professor Mr. N. Koulouris. My participation included the collection of research data and contribution to the drafting of a relevant report regarding the quality of the profession of correctional officers.
- 2017** Researcher in a research entitled "Research on Judicial Police and the efficiency of Criminal Justice System in Greece", which was funded by the European Commission-SRSS/C/2017/009- E.L.K.E. D.P.Th.. The academic manager of the Project was Professor Mrs. S.Vidali. My participation concerned the collection of research data regarding the feasibility of establishing a judicial police in Greece, the description of the conditions and the context of its establishment, in case the establishment of this police is deemed necessary, and the description of the results of the research. The findings of this research were published by Professor Ms. Vidali, S. (2021) under the title "Judicial Police and the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in Greece - Presentation of a research", Antigone, the question, of the Greek Society for the Study of Crime and Social Control, pp. 67-114
- 2015** Assistant professor at the Greek Police Officers School for the 1st year of studies (2nd semester) with course subject: Criminology.

- 2014-2015** Management of Complaints Center "International Transparency Greece". For this program, I was initially trained in the possibilities provided, in the Greek context, to victims of corruption. I then managed the complaints call center, where in addition to recording the issues, I provided initial guidance on the resolution of the reported issues.
- 2013-2014** Participation as an invigilator in the examinations of distance learning programs of the University of Nicosia
- 2007-2010** Researcher in research on the preventive nature of N.G.O.s' in GREECE. The research was carried out by the N.G.O. of Social Intervention and Planning 'Athina'. My participation concerned the creation, distribution, completion and processing of the results of a questionnaire addressed to employees of M.K.O..
- 2007** Internship on "The concept of dependence-Preventive actions in the local community". The internship took place at the institution 'Athina - Hygeia'

## **INDIVIDUAL SKILLS**

Mother tongue      Greek

Foreign languages    English: C2  
 France: B2 (Sorbonne 1)

**COMPUTER SKILLS**      Microsoft Office (ECDL Advanced)/ Good knowledge of SPSS 19 and NVivo

## **TEACHING**

**2015** Presentation on the topic: "Mods and Rockers": Some considerations regarding the role of the dominant "masculinities" of the time. The presentation was made during a two-day seminar, in the context of the courses Security and human rights, Criminal phenomenon and social control, Greek and international Penitentiary policy, on the general theme: "Youth, youth movements and social control". Academic Supervisors of the seminar were Ms. Sofia Vidali, Professor of the Department of Social Administration and Political Science, D.U.Th and Mr. Nikolaos Koulouris, Associate Professor of the Department of Social Administration and Political Science, D.U.Th.