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Curriculum Vitae
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Date/place of birth: March 11, 1992, Chania, Greece
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Education

2019–present
Ph.D. Candidate in Modern Greek History,
University of Crete, Department of History and Archaeology &
Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (IMS/FORTH).
Dissertation Title: "Maritime Labour in Greece, 1850-1914 – *Η ναυτική εργασία στην Ελλάδα, 1850-1914*
Supervisors: Eleftheria Zei and Apostolos Delis (co-supervised).

2014–2019
M.A. in Contemporary European and Greek History,
University of Crete, Department of History and Archaeology.
Thesis: "Hydra in the Ottoman Empire: the relations of the 'community' with the Sublime Porte, 1792-1807" - Η Ύδρα στην Οθωμανική Αυτοκρατορία: οι σχέσεις του "κοινού" με την Υψηλή Πύλη", 1792-1807.

2010–2014
B.A. in History,
University of Crete, Department of History and Archaeology.

Grants, Fellowships & Awards

2024
Outstanding Paper in Maritime History granted by the Institute of International Maritime Affairs (Korea) and the International Maritime History Association (IMHA).

2022
Commendation for Research Activity (Young Researcher),
Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH), Association of Friends of FORTH.

2019–2021
Ph.D. Scholarship, ERC Starting Grant project *"SeaLiT: Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Shipping during Globalization,*

1850s–1920s." Funded by the European Research Council (ERC). P.I.: Apostolos Delis, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH).

2017
Erasmus+ Scholarship, European Union Student Exchange Programme, University of Siena, Department of History and Cultural Heritage Studies, Italy.

2016
Postgraduate Scholarship (Master's studies), Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (IMS/FORTH).

Research Projects

2026
STASH - Shadow Trade: Unraveling Maritime Smuggling Between the Russian and Ottoman Empires (1853-1914) Institute for Mediterranean Studies of Rethymno/Foundation for Research and Technology HELLAS, European Research Council Starting Grant (ERC StG).
P.I.: Anna Sydorenko, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH) – Position: assistant researcher.

2025
"PortADa: Port Arrivals Data. Automatic data collection for a large-scale comparative history of 19th-century shipping." Funded by MSCA SE (Horizon Europe).
P.I.: Jordi Ibarz Gelabert, University of Barcelona, in collaboration with the Museu Marítim de Barcelona - Position: research assistant

2024
The Development of the Port City of Piraeus in the Age of Steam and Globalisation, 1834–1914. Postdoctoral Research Project, funded by Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation.
P.I.: Katerina Galani, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Institute of Historical Research, Athens - Position: research associate.

2022–2024
One Century – Two Refugee Crises
Postdoctoral Research Project, funded by Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation.
P.I.: Olga Lafazani, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Institute of Historical Research, Athens - Position: research associate

2022–2025
Onassis Archives / Business History
Project Leader: Gelina Harlafti, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH). Position: research associate - Position: research associate.

2019–2021
Ph.D. Scholarship, ERC Starting Grant project *"SeaLiT: Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Shipping during Globalization,*

1850s–1920s." Funded by the European Research Council (ERC). P.I.: Apostolos Delis, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH) – Position: PhD candidate.

Publications

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Kapokakis, Alkiviadis; Kyramargiou, Eleni; Lafazani, Olga; and Tyrovolas, Thanasis. 2025. *"The Urban Settlement of Refugees, 1923–1930: An Assessment of the Objectives and Policies of the Refugee Settlement Commission (RSC)."* The Historical Review / La Revue Historique 20(1): 31–58. https://doi.org/10.12681/hr.40054

Lafazani, Olga; Kyramargiou, Eleni; Kapokakis, Alkiviadis; and Tyrovolas, Thanasis. 2025. *"One Century, Two Refugee Crises in Greece: De-nationalising the Past / De-naturalising the Present."* Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, 1–19. https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2025.2595291

Book Chapters

Kapokakis, Alkiviadis, and Apostolos Delis. 2023. *"Changes in Maritime Labour in Greece During the Transition from Sail to Steam, c. 1850–1917."* In *The Transformation of Maritime Professions: Old and New Jobs in European Shipping Industries, 1850–2000*, edited by Karel Davids and Joost Schokkenbroek. Palgrave Macmillan.

Kapokakis, Alkiviadis. 2022. *"Aspects of Maritime Labour and Employment in the Greek Sailing and Steam-Powered Fleet, 1840–1914."* In *Mediterranean Seafarers in Transition: Maritime Labour, Communities, Shipping and the Challenge of Industrialization 1850s–1920s*, edited by Apostolos Delis, Jordi Ibarz, Anna Sydorenko, and Matteo Barbano. Brill.

Kapokakis, Alkiviadis. (forthcoming, 2026). *"Welfare Policies for Maritime Workers in the Greek Kingdom: Balances and Changes in the Operation of the Seamen's Pension Fund during the Transition from Sail to Steam Navigation, 1861–1884."* Living at sea: remunerations, careers and retirements in the age of transition (1850-1920), edited by Jordi Ibarz and Matteo Barbano.

Conference Proceedings & historical commemorative volume

Minas, Antypas and Kapokakis, Alkiviadis, 2025. *"The Management of Communal Finances in Hydra by the Island's Governors, 1808–1821: A First Approach."* In *The Greek Revolution: New Approaches. Conference Proceedings*, 167–194. Athens: Society for the Study of Modern Hellenism – Mnemon Journal. Athens, 15–16 June 2022. [In Greek]

Vamiedakis, Stefanos, and Kapokakis, Alkiviadis, 2024. *"Historical Overview on the Centennial Operation of the Federation of Private Employees of Greece, 1922–2022."*Federation of Private Employees of Greece, Athens. [In Greek] https://www.oiye.gr/istoriki-ekdosi-tis-oiye-gia-ta-100-chronia-leitoyrgias-kai-drasis-1922-2022/

Conference Activity

Conference Organization

3–5 November 2023

(with Popi Vasilaki and Petros Kastrinakis), Third International Conference of Maritime History, "Insular and Maritime Societies in the Mediterranean, Black and Red Seas, 15th–20th Centuries", Centre of Maritime History, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH), Rethymnon, Greece.

8–9 May 2015

Member of the Organizing Committee, International Conference, "Forms of Public Sociality: Collective Action, Collective Subjectivities and the State in the Twentieth Century", Rethymnon, Crete, Greece.

Seminars

6 November 2025

"Maritime Labour and Welfare in 19th-Century Greece: The Origins and Role of the Seamen's Pension Fund." Labour History Seminar Series, co-organized by the Research Group of TIG and the Faculty of Geography & History, University of Barcelona, Spain.

18 March 2025

"Maritime Labour and Welfare Policies in 19th-Century Greece: The Establishment and Operation of the Seamen's Pension Fund (1861–1907)" (in Greek). Interdisciplinary Seminar in Economic History (DIESOI), jointly organized with the Athens University of Economics and Business and Panteion University, Bank of Greece, Athens, Greece.

22 March 2022

"Seamen and Maritime Communities in Greece during the Transition from Sail to Steam, 1850–1920." Inter-university Research Webinar on Maritime History, co-organized by the Centre of Maritime History, Institute for Mediterranean Studies – FORTH, and the Centre for Maritime Historical Studies, University of Exeter.

Conference Papers

19–24 August 2024

"The Welfare System for Seamen in Greece during the Second Half of the 19th Century: Examining the Operation of the Seamen's Pension Fund." 9th International Congress of Maritime History (IMHA), Busan, South Korea.

31 May–2 June 2024

"Loan Management and Housing Policies: The Settlement of Urban Refugees, 1924–1930." Conference of the research project *"1 Century – 2 Refugee Crises: Denationalizing the Past, Denaturalizing the Present"*, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece.

3–5 November 2023
"Insularity and Shipping Activities: Towards the Formation of the Labour Market in Greece in the 19th Century." Third International Conference of the Centre of Maritime History, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH), Rethymnon, Greece.

11–14 September 2023
"Housing Policies for Refugees in Nea Kokkinia, Piraeus (1922–1928): Humanitarian Aid or Development Schemes?" (with Eleni Kyramargiou). 7th European Congress of Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna, Austria.

29 September–1 October 2022
"Welfare and Destitute Maritime Workers in Greece during the Transition from Sail to Steam Navigation: The Establishment and Operation of the Seamen's Pension Fund (N.A.T.), 1861–1907." 4th International Conference in Economic and Social History, Athens, Greece.

28 June–2 July 2022
"Maritime Labour in Greece and Seafaring Professions during the Transition from Sail to Steam, 1850–1920." 8th International Congress of Maritime History (IMHA), Porto, Portugal.

9–11 June 2022
"Maritime Labour in the Greek-Owned Merchant Fleet: Employment and Working Conditions during the Transition from Sail to Steam, 1860–1920." Final Conference of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project *"Seafaring Lives in Transition"*, Rethymnon, Greece.

30 August–3 September 2021
"The Merchant Marine Labour Market in 19th-Century Greece: Mapping the Workforce in Times of Crisis." 4th Conference of the European Labour History Network / WORCK Conference 2, Vienna (online).

10–11 October 2019
"Sources for the Quantitative Study of Maritime Labour in Greece and the Case of the Greek Seamen's Pension Fund, 1850–1914." 3rd Workshop of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project, Genoa, Italy.

18–21 September 2019
"Social Insurance for Seafarers in the Early Years of the Greek State: Preliminary Thoughts on the Greek Seamen's Pension Fund, 1860–1880." 3rd Conference of the European Labour History Network, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

15–16 June 2018
"Sources for the Study of Maritime Labour in Greece, 1850–1920." Second Workshop of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project, Barcelona, Spain.

6–7 October 2017
"Preliminary Aspects of Maritime Labour in Greece, 1850–1920." First Workshop of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project, Rethymnon, Greece.

Other Working Experience of Interest

2019
Classification of Municipal Archives, Lasithi, Crete.

2015 & 2016
Classification of Municipal Archives, Hermoupolis, Syros.

Networks and Memberships

Member of Greek Economic History Association – Treasurer, May 2024–present
Member of Center of Maritime History, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH)
M;ember of Working Group on Maritime Labour History

Languages

Greek (native); English (Fluent); Italian (reading); Spanish (reading)