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Research Interests

Primary Political Communication, Far-right Politics, Mobilisation.
Secondary Political Violence, Media Policy.

Employment

2023 - King's College London
Assistant Professor (Lecturer) of Public Policy
International School for Government / Policy Institute

2022 - 2023 King's College London
Assistant Professor (Lecturer) of Political Economy (Fixed)
Department of Political Economy

2022 Fordham University
Adjunct Professor of Communication
Department of Communication and Culture

Education

2019 - 2022 King's College London
Ph.D., Political Science
Thesis: *Opening the Floodgates of Hate: An Investigation into Golden Dawn's Online Extremism*
Committee: Nick Anstead (London School of Economics),
Eugenia Siapera (University College Dublin)

2017 - 2018 King's College London
Master of Arts, Education Policy
Thesis: *Investigating the Internal Impact of the Fiscal Crisis on Greek Tertiary Education*

2009 - 2014 Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Bachelor of Arts, German Language and Literature

Publications

- Monograph Who Votes for the Far-right? Lessons learned from Greece. Palgrave Macmillan. Forth.
- Peer-reviewed articles Hide & Seek on Twitter and Facebook: Conceptualising Golden Dawn's Online Key Messaging. Accepted at Discourse, Context and Media. Forth.
- Greece and Migration Policy Communication in the Global Pandemic. Accepted at Policy Branding Series, Media, and Communication. Forth.
- Media Manipulation and the Role of State: Propaganda and Persuasion in Russia. Accepted at Routledge Handbook of Language and Mind Engineering. Forth.
- Working Papers A Nostalgia for the Dictatorship: How Religion and Masculinity Shaped the Voting Behaviour of Greek Far-Right Voters.
- Approaching Far-right Voters in Qualitative Research.
- Golden Dawn's Visual Diary: An Analysis of Video Content shared by Greek Extremists from 2012 to 2019.
- Greek Politics and Socioeconomic Deprivation: Exploring the gap between Voting Behaviour and Poverty.
- Running a Party from Prison: Leadership and Communications of the Far-Right Hellenes.
- Book Reviews The Capitol Riots: Digital Media, Disinformation, and Democracy Under Attack. The International Journal of Press/ Politics. Forth.
- The Culture of Democracy - A Sociological Approach to Civil Society. Democratization.
- Rise of the Extreme Right: A Lowy Institute Paper. Penguin Special. Politics, Religion, and Ideology.
- Populism in Power: Discourse and Performativity in SYRIZA and Donald Trump. LSE Review of Books
- The Politics of Memory in the Italian Populist Radical Right. LSE Review of Books.
- Other Publications Normalisation and Co-Existence. ETERON Papers.
- The Far-right in Greece and the Parliament. ENA Institute Papers.
- The Outlawing of Golden Dawn: A Decade of Extremism and Violence. European Institute of the Mediterranean.

Has Covid-19 Proved a Crisis Too Far for Europe's Far-Right Outsiders? LSE European Politics and Policy.

Teaching Experience

2021 - 2022	London School of Economics 2021, 2022 - Politics and European Institutions (Lecturer)
2020 - 2022	University College London 2020, 2021 - How to Argue about Politics (TA) 2021 - Policy Making (TA) 2022 - Qualitative Research Methods (TA)
2019 - 2022	King's College London 2019, 2020 - Women and Politics (TA) 2020, 2021, 2022 - Authoritarianism (TA) 2021 - Lived Democracy (TA) 2021, 2022 - Making of Modern Europe (TA) 2022 - States and Markets (TA) 2022 - Conspiracy Theories (TA)

Grants & Awards

2023	King's College London SPE Education Award
2022	London School of Economics Teaching Award Nomination
2021, 2022	King's College London, PGR Bursary Grant
2021, 2022	King's College London Teaching Excellence Nominations
2021	King's College London, SSPP Bursary Grant
2019 - 2022	Onassis Three Year Doctoral Scholarship

Invited Talks

2024	MA Public Policy Lecture. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Policy Excellence in the UK. HM Treasury.
2023	The Wiretapping Scandal in Greece and Digital Freedom. Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.
2021	Online Extremism: The Case of Greece. Infotagion hosted by Damian Collins MP. Far-Right Extremism in Greece's Education System. Syriza Thessaloniki. Fake News and Manipulation on Social Media. King's College London Talk - PPE Undergraduate Lecture.

Right-Wing Extremism in Greece. King's College London PPE Society.

Extremism in Greece from 2010 to 2020: A Decade of Violence. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Lecture.

2020 Left or Right: USA at the Junction of Trumpism. King's College London, Chinese Affairs Society Lecture.

2019 The Future of Populism: A Changing Europe. King's College London, PGR Series.

Conferences

2024 Delphi Economic Forum IX.

2023 ECPR General Conference. University of Innsbruck. Charles University.

2022 ECPR General Conference. University of Innsbruck. Innsbruck, Austria.

European Political Science Association 22. Prague, Czech Republic.

Political Studies Association 22 Annual Conference. University of York. York, UK.

2021 Political Studies Association of Ireland. University College Dublin. Dublin, Ireland.

Forget Open Society? Critical Conversations on a Contested Concept. OSRP. Oslo, Norway.

Common Ground, Common Future. University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway.

Political Studies Association: Random Access Memories. Online Conference.

School of Politics and Economics PGR Series, King's College London. London, UK.

2019 A New Politics of Populism? Democracy in the 21st Century. De Montfort University. Leicester, UK.

2014 Greece's Music Scene in Times of Crisis. South by Southwest (SXSW). Austin, TX.

Selected Media Engagement

2023 Greek PM Mitsotakis seeks second term playing on a 'me or chaos' strategy. Le Monde.

Mitsotakis sworn in as Greek PM, promises more jobs and 'big changes'. ABC News.

In the most recent election, Greek far right made a sinister comeback. Euronews.

Greek far-right makes vote comeback. France 24.

Far-right victories in Greece highlight trend across Europe. NBC News

The Far-Right Just Made a Shock Comeback in Greece. Vice News.

'Very worrying': Three far-right parties enter Greek parliament. Al Jazeera

Divided Left. Jacobin.

Greece Must End the Threat of Neo-Nazism once and for all. Euronews.

The Greek Far-right after Golden Dawn: What's Next? C-REX.

The Return of Golden Dawn. EFSYN. Print

2022

Democratic Shadows in Italy. EFSYN. Print.

PhD research cast light on rise of far-right political party. King's College London.

Greece's 'Watergate' explained: why the European Parliament is investigating over a wiretapping scandal. The Conversation.

Italian Election: Towards a Darker Area. EFSYN. Print

Greek Far-Right Extremism after Golden Dawn. ERT. Radio.

Golden Dawn: From TV to YouTube. Inside Story.

The Extreme Right can Benefit from a new Trial against Golden Dawn. Swedish Public Radio.

A Short Guide to Manipulating the Press. EFSYN. Print

The Art of Always Being Right. EFSYN. Print.

Far-right Extremism on Metaverse: What Will it Look Like? UCL Europe.

Why do Young People Leave Facebook? Kathimerini. Print.

Anatomy of an Opinion Poll. EFSYN. Print.

Academic Service

2023

Into Academia Tutor. King's College London.

Senior Tutor. King's College London.

Programme Lead – PGCert. King's College London.

2022 Academic Supervisor, Summer Seminars (UG + PG).
Department of Political Science, University College London.

2021 Digital Course Reviewer.
Department of Government, London School of Economics.

2020 Widening Participation Tutor.
King's College London. Course Reviewer.
Department of Political Economy, King's College London.

2019 Communications and Events Assistant. Department of
Political Economy, King's College London.

Accreditation & Membership

2023- ENA Institute – Research Associate.

ETERON Institute – Research Associate.

2021- Authoritarianism and Populism Research Group.
King's College London.

Team Populism – Fellow.

Advance HE Fellow of Higher Education (PR214272).

Reviewing Experience

2023 Nations and Nationalism. Media & Society. Populism.

Language & Software

Language English, German, Greek (Native), Dutch

Software Python, CSS, HTML, Node Graph, Adobe Suite, MAX/MSP

Miscellaneous

For the past decade, I have been creating music under my artistic name, *Plastic Flowers*, both recording and performing. Besides my solo music projects, I frequently collaborate with Jazz bands and create mixtapes, including the *Onassis Foundation*.

Academic References

Professor Andrew Massey
Professor of Public Policy
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Professor Sofia Vasilopoulou
Professor of European Politics
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