

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

2017	PhD in economic history, Department of History, Ionian University. Title of Doctoral Thesis: "The economic development of the Crimean port-cities, second half of the 19 <sup>th</sup> - beginning of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century. Evpatoria, Sevastopol, Theodosia".
2007	First degree, Department of Political Science and Public Administration (International and European Studies), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece.

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### WORKING EXPERIENCE - RESEARCH PROJECTS

12/2024 – 11/2029	<b>Principal Investigator</b> of the ERC Starting Grant 2024 "STASH: Shadow Trade: Unraveling Maritime Smuggling Between the Russian and Ottoman Empires (1853-1914)", funded by European Research Council. Host Institution: Institute for Mediterranean Studies/ FORTH. Project ID 101166144.
01/2023 – 11/2024	<b>Post-doctoral fellow</b> in the project "History of the Black Sea, 18th-20th centuries", PI – Gelina Harlafris. Institute for Mediterranean Studies/ FORTH.
10/2020 – 09/2024	<b>Post-doctoral fellow</b> in the project "Janissaries in Ottoman Port-Cities: Muslim Financial and Political Networks in the Early Modern Mediterranean", ERC Starting Grant 2019, PI – Yannis Spyropoulos. Institute for Mediterranean Studies/ FORTH.
04/2017 – 09/2021	<b>Post-doctoral fellow</b> in the project «Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Shipping during Globalization, 1850s-1920s», ERC Starting Grant 2016, PI – Apostolos Delis. Institute for Mediterranean Studies/ FORTH.
04/2013-06/2013	<b>Researcher</b> , creation of a permanent exhibition to showcase "War and Peace in the Aegean Sea in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century, The Orlov Revolt and the Greek Merchant Marine", Environmental and Cultural Park of Paros, Paros, Greece.

01/2008 – 12/2010	<b>Research assistant</b> , processing and translation of archival materials Research project « <i>Economic and Social Development of the Azov Port-Cities and the Greeks in the Long 19<sup>th</sup> century</i> », National Hellenic Research Foundation/ Ionian University.
02/2008-01/2010	<b>Administrative assistant</b> , Hellenic-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, Piraeus, Greece.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

1/01/2013-01/09/2015	Research Project «Thales»: The Black Sea and its port cities, 1774-1914. Development, convergence and linkages with the global economy, collaboration of the Ionian University (project leader) with the University of Thessaly, University of Crete, National Hellenic Research Foundation and University of the Aegean, financed by the Greek Ministry of Education and European Union.
1/10/2011-1/07/2012	Annual 17 <sup>th</sup> Programme of research Grants and educational Scholarships for foreigners 2011-2012, Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation.
2000-2006	Greek Government Scholarships to foreign citizens, 2000-2006, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic.

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LANGUAGES	English, Greek, Russian, Ukrainian
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## PUBLICATIONS

<b>Edited volumes</b>	<p>Gelina Harlaftis, Anna Sydorenko, Alexandra Papadopoulou, Apostolos Delis (eds), <i>Black Sea History in the long 19<sup>th</sup> century. Development of port-cities and integration to the global economy</i>, Brill, Leiden 2026, under publication.</p> <p>Apostolos Delis, Jordi Ibarz, Anna Sydorenko, Matteo Barbano (eds), <i>Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour, Communities, Shipping and the challenge of industrialization 1850s-1920s</i>, Brill Series in MARitime Studies, Leiden 2023. <a href="https://brill.com/display/title/61880">https://brill.com/display/title/61880</a></p> <p>Gelina Harlaftis, Victoria Konstantinova, Igor Lyman, Anna Sydorenko and Eka Tchikoidze (eds), <i>Between grain and oil from the Azov to the Caucasus: the port-cities of the eastern coast of the Black Sea, late 18th – early 20th century</i>, Black Sea History Working Papers, volume 3, Rethymnon, 2020.</p>
<b>Chapters in collective volumes</b>	“Janissaries at the Crossroads: Economic and Political Dynamics in the northern Black Sea Region (1734-1774)”, in Yannis Spyropoulos (ed.), <i>The Janissaries. Socio-Political and Economic Actors in the Ottoman Empire (17th-Early 19th Centuries</i> ,

Halcyon days in Crete XII, Symposium Held in Rethymno, 12-14 January 2024, Crete University Press, Rethymno 2025, pp. 213-244.

«Ρωσικός Λαβύρινθος: Σκιά της εμπλοκής της Τσαρικής Αυτοκρατορίας στα ναυτιλιακά και πολιτικά ζητήματα της Κρητικής Πολιτείας», στο Τζελίνα Χαρλάυτης, Η Ελληνική Ναυτιλία στη διάρκεια των κυβερνήσεων Βενιζέλου, Αλεξάνδρεια, Athens 2024, pp. 65-78.

“The Russian Steam Navigation and Trading Company: The Transition from Sail to Steam in the Russian Black Sea (1856 – 1914)”, in Apostolos Delis, Jordi Ibarz, Anna Sydorenko, Matteo Barbano (eds), *Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour, Communities, Shipping and the challenge of industrialization 1850s-1920s*, Brill Series in MARitime Studies, Leiden 2023, pp. 478-505.

<https://brill.com/display/book/9789004514195/BP000027.xml?body=pdf-60830>

“The Creation of the main export port of Crimea: Port policy, Traffic, Infrastructure in the Port of Theodosia, 1895-1913”, in K. Galani, A. Papadopoulou (eds), *Greek Maritime History. From the Periphery to the Centre*, Brill Series in MARitime Studies, Leiden 2022, pp. 150-179. “Crimean port-cities on a race of export grain trade: infrastructure, external trade and shipping. Evpatoria, Sevastopol, Theodosia (second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> – beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century)”, Evrydiki Sifneos†, Oksana Iurkova and Valentyna Shandra (eds), *Port-Cities of the northern shore of the Black Sea: Institutional, Economic and Social Development, 18<sup>th</sup> – early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries*, Black Sea History Working Papers, volume 2, Rethymnon, 2021, pp. 286-316.

“Controlling the straits: The development of the port of Kerch”, in Gelina Harlaftis, Victoria Konstantinova, Igor Lyman, Anna Sydorenko and Eka Tchikoidze (eds), *Between grain and oil from the Azov to the Caucasus: the port-cities of the eastern coast of the Black Sea, late 18th – early 20th century*, Black Sea History Working Papers, volume 3, Rethymnon, 2020, pp. 105-138.

Articles in journals  
(following a blind peer-  
review system)

“Using the Ukrainian Archives for the Study of Janissary Networks in the Northern Black Sea: Research Perspectives and Challenges”, *Cihannuma Journal of History and Geography Studies*, vol. 8, no.1, 2022, pp. 129-144.  
<https://doi.org/10.30517/cihannuma.1131057>

“The Crimean port-cities: port-hinterland connections. The dynamics of change (19<sup>th</sup> – beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century)”, *International Journal of Maritime History*, vol.33, no. 1, August 2021, pp. 668-689.

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CONFERENCES

1. 13 September 2024

International Workshop, “Seizing Trade Opportunities: Ports and the Role of Greek and Other Minorities”, Oslo, Norway, “*Navigating the Northern Black Sea Region: Model of Analysis of the Port Cities of the Northern Coast of the Black Sea*”.

2. 19–24 August 2024 9<sup>th</sup> IMHA international congress of maritime history, Busan, South Korea, *“Navigating welfare: mutual insurance and pension funds of the northern black sea coast seafarers”*.
3. 27–31 May 2024 6<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Maritime History Network, Rethymno, Greece, *“Navigating the Northern Black Sea: Model of Analysis of the Port Cities of the Northern Coast of the Black Sea”*.
4. 25–26 April 2024 Osmanlı Anadolu’unda Krizler, Dönüşüm ve Tarım Politikaları, 1830-1880, İzmir, Turkey, *“Tracing the Spread: Animal Diseases and Trade Dynamics Along the Northern Black Sea Shore”*.
5. 12–14 January 2024 12<sup>th</sup> Halcyon Days in Crete Symposium, *“The Janissaries: Socio-Political and Economic Actors in the Ottoman Empire (17<sup>th</sup>-Early 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries)”*, Rethymno, Greece, *“At the Crossroads of Two Worlds: Janissary Networks during the Transformation of the Black Sea Steppe-Frontier Region”*.
6. 29–31 May 2023 International Conference, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies/Harvard University & Ilia State University, *“Black Sea Studies. The past, present, and future of a region”*, Batumi, Georgia, *“The Transformation of the Urban Landscape of the Port City of Theodosia during the 19<sup>th</sup> century”*.
7. 29 September – 1 October 2022 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Economic and Social History, Greek Economic History Association «Varieties of Capitalism in the Mediterranean (18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c.)», Athens, Greece, *“Creating maritime labour market in the Russian North Black Sea coast during the transition from sail to steam; the case of the Russian Steam Navigation and Trading Company, strategies and policy”*.
8. 14–15 September 2022 JANET Workshop 2021 Janissaries in Ottoman Port-cities: Muslim Financial and Political Networks in the Early Modern Mediterranean, Istanbul, Turkey, *“The Transformation of Janissary Networks in the Steppe-Frontier Region of the Black Sea”*.
9. 28 June – 2 July 2022 8<sup>th</sup> IMHA International Congress of Maritime History, *“Old and New Uses of the Oceans”*, Porto, Portugal, *“Restructuring of recruitment methods of seafarers of the Russian Steam Navigation and Trading Company, second half of the 19<sup>th</sup>-beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century”*.
10. 9–11 June 2022 Final Conference of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Transport during Globalization, 1850s-1920s, Rethymno, Greece, *“Requirement patterns of the maritime work force by Russian Steam Navigation and Trading Company (1856-1914)”*.
11. 22 January 2022 ODEMARS International Workshop *“Ants or frogs around a pond’: Public space, architecture, memory and identity in port-cities of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean (18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries)”*, Athens, Greece, *“Mapping Greek Merchants’ real estate properties in the port-city of Odessa”*.
12. 10–12 September 2021 JANET Workshop 2021 Janissaries in Ottoman Port-cities: Muslim Financial and Political Networks in the Early Modern Mediterranean, İzmir, Turkey, *“Sources and Archives for the Study of the Janissary Networks of the Black Sea’s Northern Port-cities: Research Perspectives and Challenges”*.
13. 30 August – 3 September 2021 2d ELHN-WORCK Conference, Vienna, Austria, *“From maritime communities to nautical schools: the transformation of the labour force of the Russian Steam Navigation and Trading Company (1856-1914)”*.

14. 5 April 2021 5<sup>th</sup> Web-seminar of the Greek Economic History Association, *"From the plow to the deck: creating a maritime workforce in Southern Russia (19th century)"*.
15. 18–19 September 2020 JANET ERC Kick-off Workshop, "Janissaries in Ottoman Port-Cities: Muslim Financial and Political Networks in the Early Modern Mediterranean, Rethymno, Greece, *"Janissary networks of the Black Sea's northern port-cities: research modules and questions"*.
16. 31 January – 1 February 2020 Conference "Greek Merchant Shipping in the Years of Eleftherios Venizelos", National Research Foundation "Eleftherios K. Venizelos"/Institute of Mediterranean Studies, Athens, Greece, *"Trade-shipping relations between Greece and Southern Russia (late 19<sup>th</sup> - beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century)"*.
17. 10–11 October 2019 3d Workshop of the SeaLiT "The transition from sail to steam in navigation: maritime labour transformations (1850s-1920s)", Genoa, Italy, *"The Evolution of the system of payment for the crews of the Russian Steam Navigation and Trading Company"*.
18. 29 July – 3 August 2018 XVIII World Economic History Congress, Boston, USA, *"Transition to steam in the Russian North Black Sea coast: the case of The Russian Steam Navigation and Trade Company"*.
19. 15–16 June 2018 Second Workshop of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Transport during Globalization 1850s-1920s, Barcelona, Spain, *"Creating the image of Odessa's port seafarers using data system FastCat"*.
20. 9–11 May 2018 5th MMHN International Conference, Constantza, Romania, *"From Peasants to Sailors: Creating Maritime Labour Force in the Russian North Black Sea Coast during Transition to Steam"*.
21. 6–7 October 2017 First Workshop of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Transport during Globalization 1850s-1920s, "Seafaring Lives Getting on Board", Rethymno, Greece, *"Maritime Odessa: what do archives tell us?"*.
22. 5–6 September 2017 Conference "Port cities as contact zones and cities of exception (with a special focus on the Black Sea after 1774)", Batumi, Odessa, Trabzon - The Cultural Semantics of the Black Sea from the Perspective of Eastern Port Cities project, Center for Literary and Cultural Research (ZfL)/Berlin & Ilia State University (Tbilisi), Batumi, Georgia, *"Imperial interests in the Crimean port-cities. Sevastopol: main export port or military naval base? (second half of the 19th, beginning of the 20th century)"*.
23. 20–22 October 2016 International Conference "Greek-Russian Relations (18th – 20th centuries.)", National and Kapodistrian University of Athens/Lomonosov Moscow State University, Athens, Greece, *"The commercial and maritime significance of the Crimean ports, late 19th - beginning of the 20th century"*.
24. 14–15 October 2016 International Conference in Memory of Evridiki Sifneos, From the Aegean to the Black Sea, Institute of Historical Research, Athens, Greece, *"The Port Systems of Southern Russia, 19<sup>th</sup>-early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries"*.
25. 24–27 September 2015 ECONSHIP 2015, European Conference on Shipping Intermodalism and Ports, Chios, Greece, *"Between hinterland and foreland and Russian geopolitical strategies: the Crimean ports, late 19<sup>th</sup>-early 20<sup>th</sup> century"*.

26. 7–9 May 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Maritime History Network Conference, MMHN, Barcelona, Spain, <i>“Crimean Ports and Connection with the Mediterranean and Western Europe Markets (last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century-beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century)”</i> .
27. 21–24 November 2013	45 <sup>th</sup> Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies, ASEES Annual Convention, Boston, USA, <i>“Sevastopol or Theodosia? Commercial Competition between Two Crimean Port-Cities in the last Quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century – Beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”</i> .
28. 22–27 September 2012	First Conference of the Black Sea Project, “The Economic and Social Development of the Port-Cities of the Northern Black Sea Coast, Late 18 <sup>th</sup> – Beginning of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century”, Ionian University and Hellenic Research Foundation in collaboration with Hellenic Foundation for Culture – Odessa Branch and State Archives of Odessa Region, Odesa, Ukraine, <i>“The Port of Theodosia in the Crimea and its Linkages as a Grain Export Gateway with the Mediterranean and West European Markets (end of 19<sup>th</sup>-beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries)”</i> .
29. 2 – 6 July 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> International Congress in Maritime History, IMEA, Gent, Belgium, <i>“The economic development of the Crimean port cities, second half of the 19th, beginning of the 20th century”</i> .

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#### OTHER PRESENTATIONS

13 March 2025	Internal Seminar Series of IMS Research Projects (2025), <i>“STASH. Υπόγειο εμπόριο: Ξετυλίγοντας το θαλάσσιο λαθρεμπόριο μεταξύ της Ρωσικής και Οθωμανικής Αυτοκρατορίας (1853-1914)”</i> .
13 October 2024	14th Scientific FORTH Retreat (2024), Ancient Olympia <i>“Shadow Trade: Unraveling Maritime Smuggling Between the Russian and Ottoman Empires (1853–1914)”</i> .
5 February 2018	Internal Seminar Series of IMS Research Projects (2018), «Ανακαλύπτοντας την άλλη πλευρά του λιμένα της Οδησσού: λιμενεργάτες και ναυτικοί κατά την διαμόρφωση της ναυτιλιακής πολιτικής της ρωσικής αυτοκρατορίας».

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#### ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/SESSIONS

6<sup>th</sup> seminar GEHA-IMS/FORTH, Alexei Kraikovski, “Greeks visible and invisible. Commercial network resilience under transimperial rivalry in the 18th century Black Sea World”, 19 May 2025, online.

5<sup>th</sup> seminar GEHA, Abdulmennan M. Altıntaş, “Between Commerce and Sanctity: Formation of Ottoman Trade Policy in the Red Sea”, 07 April 2025, Athens, Greece.

*Member of the Scientific Committee* of the 6<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Maritime History Network – MMHN, IMS/FORTH, 27-31 May 2024.

*Member of the Organizing Committee* of the 6<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Maritime History Network – MMHN, IMS/FORTH, 27-31 May 2024.

*Session* “Mapping the Creation and Evolution of Mutual Funds, Insurance, and Welfare Systems for Seafarers and Dock Workers Along the Aegean and Northern Black Sea Coasts (1856–1932)” in 9<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Maritime History, 19-24 August 2024, Busan, South Korea.

*Member of the Organizing Committee* of the International Conference “Research in the Mediterranean History and Culture in the 1<sup>st</sup> century”. Celebrating 40 years of FORTH 1983-2023, IMS/FORTH, 29-30 September 2023.

*Member of the Organizing Committee* of the Inauguration Conference of the Center of Maritime History: “What is Maritime History. First International Symposium of the Centre of Maritime History. In Memoriam of Skip Fischer”, IMS/FORTH. Rethymno, 25-26 April 2018.

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## ORGANISATION OF EXHIBITIONS

*Exhibition Coordinator* for IMS as part of the FORTH Achievements Exhibition, 11th FORTH Scientific Conference, 13–15 October 2017, Heraklion, Greece.

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## OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Co-editor (together with Gelina Harlaftis) of the scientific series *Brill's Mini-Series in Maritime and Economic History*, Brill, Leiden.

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## MEMBER OF SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS

06/2024-05/2026  
05/2019-

Member of the Board of Directors, Greek Economic History Association  
European Labour History Network (ELHN), Working Group on Maritime Labour History

12/2018-  
04/2018-

Mediterranean Maritime History Network  
Centre of Maritime History / Institute for Mediterranean Studies / FORTH

10/2013-

Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies

03/2012-

International Maritime History Association

02/2012-

Hellenic Economic History Association

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**DISSEMINATION  
ACTIVITIES**

Article in *Kathimerini* newspaper, 31/03/2025: *"When Russia Claimed Land in Crete"* in Greek <https://www.kathimerini.gr/istoria/563538346/otan-i-rosia-epiane-oikopedo-stin-kriti/>

Article in *Kathimerini* newspaper, 19/03/2024: *"The Greek Pirates of Kerch: How They Embezzled Grain Cargoes from Merchant Ships Passing Through the Straits in the 19th Century"* in Greek <https://www.kathimerini.gr/istoria/562936459/oi-ellines-peirates-toy-kerts/>