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Education

2022: Courses in Classical Armenian, Saint John's University, Minnesota, USA (scholarship Dumbarton Oaks/ Hill Museum & Manuscript Library).

2021-2022: Courses in Eastern Armenian, American University of Armenia.

2020-2021: Courses in Classical Armenian (Grabar), School of Theology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

2017: PhD in Byzantine History, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Ioannina

Phd Thesis title: «*Η Αρμενία το β' μισό του 9^{ου} αιώνα και των αρχών του 10^{ου} μεταξύ Βυζαντινών και Αράβων*» [Armenia between the Byzantines and the Arabs in the 2nd half of the the 9th and early 10th centuries].

Grade: Excellent.

2011: MA in Byzantine History, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Ioannina
MA Thesis title: «*Ο Νικηφόρος Β' Φωκάς στις Αραβικές Πηγές*» [Nikephoros II Phokas in Arab Sources].

Grade: Excellent.

2009-2010: International Institute for Teaching Arabic to Speakers of Other Languages, University of Jordan (Arabic).

2007-2008: Higher Language Institute, Damascus University (Arabic).

2007: BA in International Relations and Organizations, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of Aegean

Grade: Excellent.

Languages:

1. Greek
2. English
3. Arabic
4. Armenian
5. French

Articles:

1. "The Case of Mleh (1170-1175): Cilician Armenia between Nūr al-Dīn and Manuel I Komnenos," *Medieval Encounters* 29.4 (2023), 340-357.

2. "Ashot II Yerkat and the Byzantines: Allies to the End or ultimately enemies?," *Banber Matenadarani* 32 (2021), 317-328.

2. "John II Komnenos' Campaign in Cilician Armenia", *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 114/3 (2021), 1329-1349.

3. "The Battle of Firāḍ: The Day on which Khālīd b. al-Walīd Did [not] Defeat Both Byzantines and Persians", *Journal of Medieval Military History* 19 (2021), 1-20.

4. “The Armenians in the Byzantine and Fatimid Militaries in the eleventh century: Similarities and Differences in their operational role”, in: G. Theotokis and M. Meško (eds.), *War in Eleventh-Century Byzantium*, London: Routledge 2020, 196-217.
5. «Η συμμετοχή Τούρκων πολεμιστών στον αββασιδικό στρατό κατά τις αραβο-βυζαντινές συγκρούσεις: Οι επιχειρήσεις του στρατιωτικού αρχηγού Bughā al-Kabir» [Turkic Warriors in the Abbasid Army during the Arab-byzantine Conflicts: The Military Operations of the Commander Bughā al-Kabir], *Byzantina Symmeikta* 28(2018), 83-120.
6. «Οι πόλεμοι μεταξύ του Νικηφόρου Β΄ Φωκά και των Αράβων» [The Wars between Nicephorus II Phocas and the Arabs], *Byzantina Symmeikta* 25(2015), 57-114.
7. “The Armenians in the Byzantine Army: The Example of Nikephoros II Phokas”, *Graecoindica-Graecoserica. A journal of Eurasian Studies* 8 (2014-2015), 25-29.
8. «Το θρησκευτικό στοιχείο στους αγώνες του Νικηφόρου Β΄ Φωκά» [The religious factor in the Wars of Nicephoros II Phokas], *Byzantiaka* 31(2014), 107-128.

Book:

1. *Η Αρμενία μεταξύ Βυζαντίου και Χαλιφάτου (885-929)*, εκδόσεις Ηρόδοτος, Αθήνα 2018 [Armenia between Byzantium and Caliphate 885-929].

Participation in Congresses and Symposia with a paper:

1. «Ο κολοφώνας του ευαγγελισταρίου του Het'um Β΄ ως πηγή για τις βυζαντινο-αρμενικές σχέσεις», Δ΄ (ΙΑ΄) *Συνάντηση Ελλήνων Βυζαντινολόγων*. Κομοτηνή, 27-30 Σεπτεμβρίου 2023.
2. “Pahlavuni: A House of Generals, Politicians, Hierarchs, Philosophers, and Saints”, *International Medieval Congress 2023*. Leeds, 3-6 Ιουλίου 2023.
3. «Η εκστρατεία του Ιωάννη Α΄ Τζιμισκή εναντίον της Αρμενίας», *ΜΒ΄ (42ο) Πανελλήνιο Ιστορικό Συνέδριο*. Κέντρο Ιστορίας Θεσσαλονίκης, 10-12 Μαΐου 2023.
4. “Medieval Greek Sources on the State of Cilician Armenia”, *International Workshop : Arméniens et juifs en diaspora au temps des Empires. École Française d’Athènes*, 18 novembre 2022.
5. “Tarsus between Byzantium and Cilician Armenia in the 12th century”, *24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies*. Venice and Padua, 22-27 August 2022.
6. “The Arabs as besiegers: The testimony of Byzantine sources about the Arab siege operations on the Byzantine-Arab frontier (8th-9th c.)”, *Workshop “The Arabs and Arabia in the Byzantine Sources: People, Places, Mentalities”*, Athens, 8-10 October 2021 (with Christos Stavrakos).
7. “The Armeno-Byzantine Tasinarioi and the Arab Masālih: The same tactical unit?”, *Second International Conference on the Military History of the Mediterranean Sea*, Thessaloniki, 16-18 September 2021.
8. “Ashot II Yerkat and the Byzantines: Allies to the End or Ultimately enemies?”, *Conference on Armenological and Oriental Studies Dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of Prof. Hakob Papazian*, Matenadaran Mesrop Mashtots Institute, 1-3 July 2021.
9. “An Infidel or an Unholy Ishkhan? Mleh of Cilicia (1170-1175) and his Religious Beliefs”, *2nd International Conference on Byzantine Studies and Eastern Middle Ages*, Federal University of São Paulo, 23-25 March, 2021

10. «Βυζαντινο-αραβικός συγκρητισμός στο πεδίο της πολεμικής τακτικής. Το Mukhtasar Siyasat al-Hurub και τα βυζαντινά στρατιωτικά εγχειρίδια», *Γ' Διεθνές Συνέδριο Βυζαντινών και Μεσαιωνικών Σπουδών*, Λευκωσία, 17-19 Ιανουαρίου 2020.
11. «Οι εκστρατείες των Ιωάννη Β' Κομνηνού και Μανουήλ Α' Κομνηνού εναντίον της Κιλικιανής Αρμενίας», *Γ' [I'] Συνάντηση Ελλήνων Βυζαντινολόγων*, Ιωάννινα, 27/11-01/12/2019.
12. "The Depiction of the Armenian Warriors in Byzantine and Arabic Sources", *International Medieval Congress 2019*, Leeds, 1-4 July 2019.
13. «Η πολιορκία του Δβιν από τους Βυζαντινούς 921-2», *Β' (Θ') Συνάντηση Ελλήνων Βυζαντινολόγων*, Πάτρα, 13-15 Δεκεμβρίου 2017.
14. "How the cavalry force of Nakharars contributed to the preservation of Christianity in Armenia during the period of the Arab rule (7th-9th c.)", *Ex Nihilo Zero Conference*, European Academy of Religion, Bologna, 18-22 June 2017.

Book reviews:

1. «G. Kazaryan, Οι Αρμενοβυζαντινές εκκλησιαστικές σχέσεις κατά τον Γ'-ΙΑ' αι.», *Σύναξη* 164 (2022), 97-99.
2. "G. Theotokis, Military Tactics in Syria and Mesopotamia in the Tenth Century. A Comparative Study", *Byzantiaka* 35(2018-2019), 343-346.

Professional Experience:

1. At the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Department of History and Archeology) I taught:
 - The Caucasus between Byzantium and the Arabs
 - Seminar on Byzantine History II: Byzantine Relations with the Peoples of the East (9th-12th c.)
2. At the University of Ioannina (Department of History and Archeology) I taught at undergraduate and postgraduate level (2018-2022):
 - Aspects of Byzantine Foreign Policy: Relations between the Byzantines and the peoples of the Caucasus 330-1071
 - State, Society and Economy during the Reign of the Macedonian Dynasty
 - The Cilician Kingdom of Armenia
 - Aspects of International Relations and Grand Strategy in the Eastern Mediterranean and Asia Minor during the Crusades
 - Introduction to the history of the Medieval West, 4-15th century

Fellowships and Grants:

- 2022: Dumbarton Oaks/HMML Intermediate Armenian Classical Summer School (2022).
- 2009-2010: International Jordanian-Greek Research Scholarship. Project: *Byzantine-Arab Relations*.
- 2005-2007: IKY/Hellenic Foundation of State Fellowships