



Curriculum Vitae



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Education

- PhD in Social Science. Department of Sociology. University of Crete (2002). Thesis title: «Deindustrialization and biographical transformations: life histories of industrial workers in Lavrion”.
- B.A. in Philosophy and Social Science. Department of Philosophy and Social Studies. University of Crete (1989)

Academic Interests

- Methodology of Social Research
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Biographical & narrative approach
- Mixed and combined method
- Secondary analysis of qualitative data
- Sociology of Work

Teaching Interests

- Qualitative methods of social research
- Analysis of qualitative data
- Biographical and narrative approach
- Mixed and combined methods
- Social identities and biographies in the late modernity.

Academic Work Experience

- February 2021 - : Professor. Department of Sociology. University of Crete. (Subject: Research Methodology in Social Sciences – Qualitative Research Methods)
- *October 2014* – February 2021: Associate Professor. Department of Sociology. University of Crete. (Subject: Qualitative Methods in Sociological Research)
- *July 2007* – *October 2014*: Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology. University of Crete. (Subject: Qualitative Methods in Sociological Research)
- *March 2006* – *July 2007*: Lecturer. Department of Sociology. University of the Aegean. (Subject: Micro-sociology)
- *September 2002* - *March 2006*. Adjunct Lecturer. Department of Sociology. University of the Aegean.

- *July 2013* – : Vice-president of the Research Committee 38 (RC-38) “Biography and Society” – International Sociological Association (ISA)
- *April 2018*: Research fellow at the Institute of Educational Science (University of Vienna).
- *March – August 2011*: Visiting professor (Gastprofessor) at the Department of Social Sciences (Fachbereich 03 Gesellschaftswissenschaften) in University of Frankfurt (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt).

Memberships in Professional Societies

- Member of International Social Association (ISA).
- Vice-president of the Research Committee RC 38 “Biography and Society”, International Social Association (ISA) (since July 2023). <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc38-biography-and-society/>
- Member of Greek Association of Oral History (2012-2016: Board member – Vice-President since May 2018). <http://www.epi.uth.gr/index.php?page=committee>
- Member of Greek Sociological Association.

- Member of the Section „Biographieforschung“, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie.

Publications

Books

- **G. Tsiolis**, *Precarious biographies. Career Pathways and Identities in the Transforming World of Work*. Athens: Gutenberg. **2023** ISBN: 978-960-01-2504-7
- **G. Tsiolis** & M. Christodoulou. *Social causation and biographical research. Philosophical, theoretical, and methodological arguments*. London / New York, Routledge (Serie: Routledge Advances in Research Methods). **2021** ISDN: 9780367620363.
- **G. Tsiolis**: *Methods and techniques of analysis in qualitative social research*. Athens: Kritiki **2014** (in Greek). ISBN: 978- 960-218-885-9
- **G. Tsiolis**: *Life histories and biographical narrations. Biographical approach in qualitative social research*. Athens: Kritiki **2006** (in Greek). ISBN: 960-218-481-7
- **G. Tsiolis**: *Toward a new work ethic? A qualitative research in Employment Consulting Agencies*. Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers. Research report no 23. **2005** (in Greek). ISBN: 960-88796-0-4

Edited Volumes

- V. Dalkavoukis, R. Van Boeschoten , **G. Tsiolis**, A. Antoniou (Eds.): *Narratives of life in times of crisis. Mnemonic representations, identity searches and methodological reflections*. Volos: Oral History Association. 2023. ISBN: 978-618-81028-2-8
- I. Kallas, D. Kondyli, A. Linardis, N. Nagopoulos, **G. Tsiolis** (Eds.): *Development of Infrastructures for the Production and Management of Social Sciences Data*. Athens: Alexandria / Social Data Network. **2022** (in Greek). ISBN: 978-960-9753-06-7
- **G. Tsiolis** & I. Siouti (ed.): *Biographical (re)constructions in late modernity. Theoretical and methodological issues of biographical research in social sciences*. Athens: Nisos. **2013** (in Greek). ISBN: 978-960-9535-64-9
- **G. Tsiolis**, N. Serdedakis & I. Kallas (ed.): *Research infrastructures and data in empirical social research. Issues of record, documentation and analysis of social data*. Athens: Kritiki. **2011** (in Greek). ISBN: 978-960-9535-02-1

Journal Papers and Chapters in Edited Volumes.

2023

- **Tsiolis, G.**, & Siouti, I. (2023). Exploring biographies in a rapidly changing labor world. *Current Sociology*, 71(4), 587–606.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00113921221132520>
- **G. Tsiolis**, The development of an alternative research culture as a precondition of secondary analysis. In Nagopoulos, N. (ed) *Social Sciences Today. Dilemmas*

and Perspective Beyond the Crisis. Vo.I, School of Social Sciences. University of the Aegean. 2023. S. 83-90. (in Greek).

2022

- **G. Tsiolis** & K. Fagogenis, The documentation of research in the fields of Oral History and Biographical research. In G. Kallas, D. Kondylis, A. Linadris, N. Nagopoulos, G. Tsiolis (Eds.), *Development of Infrastructures for the Production and Management of Social Sciences Data*. Athens: Alexandria / Social Data Network. 2022. S. 75-103. (in Greek).

2021

- **G. Tsiolis** & Z. Kasserli, Drug addiction treatment as biographical work: Life-stories of young women in recovery from addiction. In: Caroline Chatwin, Gary R. Potter & Bernd Wersé (Eds.), *Who? Variation and distinction in the European drugs landscape*. Pabst. 2021. S. 41-56.
- **G. Tsiolis** & I. Siouti, „Wenn ich Widerstand merke, dann mache ich erst recht weiter... “. Im Gespräch mit Gabriele Rosenthal über ihre Geschichte als Biographieforscherin. In Köttig M. & N. Witte, (Hrsg.): *Biographie und Gesellschaft*. Weinheim: Beltz Juventa. 2021.

2020

- **G. Tsiolis & M. Latzouraki**, The involvement of secondary school teachers in environmental education programs and its two-way relationship with the formation of their professional identity. *Preschool and Primary Education*, V.8(1). (in Greek)
- **G. Tsiolis**, Qualitative approach in educational research. In A. Androutsou & V. Tsafos (eds.) *Educational Sciences: a dynamic and interdisciplinary field*. Athens: Gutenberg. Pp. 610-630. (in Greek).
- **G. Tsiolis**, Biographical narrative approach in empirical social research. In K. Bonidis & G. Zarifis (eds). *Pedagogy – Educational Science -Educational Sciences: Epistemological and methodological issues*. Thessaloniki: Grafima. Pp 257-274. (in Greek).

2019

- Katsarou, E. & **G. Tsiolis**, “Elective affinities and exchanges between action research and grounded theory”. In Avgitidou, S., Katsarou, E. & Tsafos, V. (eds.) *Proceedings of the 2nd Hellenic Conference in Educational Action Research “Issues, controversies and challenges”* (in Greek).

2018

- **G. Tsiolis**, Biographieforschung in Griechenland. In: H. Lutz, M. Schiebel & E. Tuijder (eds) *Handbuch Biographieforschung*. Wiesbaden: Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden. pp. 753-764 (in German).
- **G. Tsiolis**, O campo da pesquisa biográfica na Grécia: desenvolvimento histórico e perspectiva atual (The field of biographical research in Greece: historical

development and actual perspectives). *Revista Brasileira de Pesquisa (Auto) Biográfica (RBPAB)*, v.03, n.09, 2018, pp. 846-859.

2016

- Solomou, A., Asimaki, A., **Tsiolis, G.** & Ravanis, K., The relationship dynamic between researchers and subjects in the biographical Interview : a case study in a Greek University. *Culture, Biography & Lifelong Learning*, 2(2), 2016, 45-54.
- **G. Tsiolis:** Analyzing qualitative data: dilemmas, opportunities, processes. In: I. Pyrgiotakis & Cr. Theofilidis (eds) *Research Methodology in Social Sciences and Education. Contribution to epistemology and research praxis*. Athens: Pedio. (in Greek). pp. 422-450.

2013

- **G. Tsiolis.** “Biographical (re)constructions of social experience. Challenges and prospects of the reconstructive biographical research.” In: G. Tsiolis & I. Siouti (ed.): *Biographical (re)constructions in late modernity. Theoretical and methodological issues of biographical research in social sciences*. Athens: Nisos. (in Greek).
- **G. Tsiolis:** The construction of "employable." In: M. Spyridakis (ed.): *Unemployment and insecurity in work. Aspects of a persistent risk*. Athens: Alexandria, pp. 151-185. (in Greek).

2012

- **G. Tsiolis:** “Lifelong learning in light of the biographical approach: some critical remarks” . In: *Adult Education (Tribute: Biography as a research method in adult education)*. Sept-Dec. 2012, pp 12-19. (in Greek)
- **G. Tsiolis:** Biographieforschung in Griechenland – Entstehungsgeschichte und aktuelle Entwicklungen. *Newsletter der Sektion Biographieforschung (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie)* (62) / July 2012. pp. 64-75. (in German)
- **G. Tsiolis.** Biographical constructions and transformations: using biographical methods for studying transcultural identities. *Papers - Revista de Sociologia* (Autonomic University of Barcelona), 2012, 97 (1): 113-127 (in English).

2011

- **G. Tsiolis:** “Secondary analysis of qualitative data: a research strategy compatible with qualitative approach?”, In G. Tsiolis, N. Serdedakis & I. Kallas (ed.): *Research infrastructures and data in empirical social research. Issues of record, documentation and analysis of social data*. Athens: Kritiki. pp. 129-159. (in Greek).
- **G. Tsiolis & S. Papaioannou:** Biographieforschung in Griechenland: Entwicklungen unter dem Einfluss der „deutschen Schule“. Στο Herzberg H. & Kammler E. (επιμ.) *Biographie und Gesellschaft. Überlegungen zu einer modernen Selbst*. Frankfurt / New York: Campus Verlag. pp. 435-457.(in German).
- **G. Tsiolis:** “The relation between qualitative and quantitative research: from the paradigms war to the combined approaches”. In: M. Dafermos, M. Samatas, M.

Koukouritakis and S. Chiotakis (eds.) *Social sciences in 21st century. Controversial issues and challenges*. Athens: Pedio. Pp. 56-84. (in Greek).

2010

- **G. Tsiolis**: "The timeliness of biographical approach in qualitative research". In: M. Pourkos & M. Dafermos (eds) *Qualitative research into social sciences: epistemological, theoretical and ethical issues*. Athens: Topos pp. 347-370. (in Greek).
- **G. Tsiolis**: "Biographical approach in gender research" In G. Papageorgiou (ed) *Gender research in Greece*. Athens: Gutenberg. pp. 69-93. (in Greek).
- **G. Tsiolis** "Biographical narrative approach", In: *Qualitative methods in social work research*. Athens: Topos. pp. 166-187. (in Greek).

2007

- Sk. Papaioannou, **G. Tsiolis**, N. Serdedakis: «Immigrants and self-employment in the Greek population sample: the case of Pontian newcomers in Greece». In: Apitzsch, U. & Kontos, M. (επιμ.) *Self-Employment Activities of Women and Minorities*, VS Verlag 2007. (in German). pp. 170-193.
- **G. Tsiolis**: "*Life histories and biographical reconstructions*". In Papaioannou Sk. (ed.) *Issues in Theory and Method of Social Science*. Kritiki. 2007. (In Greek).

2006

- Sk. Papaioannou, N. Serdedakis, **G. Tsiolis** "Unemployment of youth and life-long learning". In Koniordos S., Maratou – Alimbranti L. & Panagiotopoulou R. (ed.) *Social progresses in modern Greece*. Sakkoulas 2006. (In Greek).

2005

- **G. Tsiolis**: "Work and Training in the Biographical Plans of Young People. A Micro-sociological approach". In Gravaris D. & N. Papadakis (ed) *Education and Educational Politic between the State and the Mark*" Savvalas. Athens 2005. (In Greek).

2003

- N. Serdedakis, **G. Tsiolis**, M. Tzanakis & Sk. Papaioannou: "Strategies of Social Integration in the Biographies of Greek Female Immigrants coming from the Former Soviet Union. Self-employment as an alternative". *International Review of Sociology – Revue Internationale de Sociologie*, Vol. 13, No1, 2003. pp. 145-162. (in English)

2000

- N. Serdedakis & **G. Tsiolis**: "Biographical trajectories and identity: Traditional overdetermination and individualisation", *YOUNG, Nordic Journal of Youth Research*, vol.8, no.2, Sept. 2000, pp. 2-23. (in English)

Presentations

Peer Reviewed Conference Papers Presented:

- 28 June 2023: *“Constructing a Singular Profile as a Freelancer: The Tension between Independence and Self-Exploitation”*. Invited Session: Same Interview, στο XX ISA World Congress of Sociology “Resurgent Authoritarianism: Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies”. June 25-July 1, 2023, Melbourne, Australia.
- 19 July 2018: *“Body Modification as Biographical Work: Constructing Different Types of Identity through Tattooing”*. Presentation in XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology. Toronto, 15-21, July 2018.
- 21 October 2017: *“Elective affinities and exchanges between action research and grounded theory”* (in common with Eleni Katsarou). CARN Conference: Reflecting action research in an unequal world: an alternative perspective towards democracy. Retymno, 20-22/10/2017
- 12 July 2016: *“The Drug Addiction Treatment as Biographical Work: The Narrative Construction of a Reconstructed Self”*. Presentation in 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology. Vienna. 10-14 July 2016.
- 26 May 2012: *“Theoretical and methodological controversies in the field of the sociological biographical research”*. International Conference “Bridging generations: interdisciplinarity and life stories in the 21st century. Oral history and life history approaches in the social sciences”. University of Thessaly, Volos, 25-27 May 2012. <http://extras.ha.uth.gr/oralhistory/en/>
- 29 Νοεμβρίου 2009: *«Deindustrialization and unemployment: ways of experience and coping strategies”*. International Conference: “Social inequalities in modern Greece”. Panteion University. <http://kdp.pspa.uoa.gr/Anakoinwseis%20SYNEDRIO%20KOINWNIKES%20ANISOTITE%20S.pdf>

Invited Presentations:

- 21 May 2024: *“Study and work in the career paths of precarious workers”*. Presentation to the thematic panel entitled: “Social and human sciences and the labor market: the international experience and the case of Greece” (Coordination: Voula Tsinorema). Scientific Conference “The Social Sciences and Humanities in the 21st Century”. University of Crete. Rethymnon, 21 – 22 May 2024.
- 2 July 2022: *“Biographical trajectories of precarious workers: dilemmas and challenges of a multilevel analytical process”* (jointly with Dimitra Kofti). Conference in honor of Riki Van Boeschoten. Department of History, Archeology and Social Anthropology. University of Thessaly. Volos, July 1-2, 2022.
- 7 July 2019: The development of an alternative research culture as a precondition of secondary analysis. Presentation in the Conference “Social Sciences Today. Dilemmas and Perspective Beyond the Crisis”. School of Social Sciences at the University of the Aegean. Mytilene 6-9/6/2019.
- 13 October 2017: *“Planning and implementation of qualitative research projects in Social Intervention Services: contribution to professionals’ self-reflection”* (in common with Dr. Zacharoula Kasseri). 7th Panhellenic Conference of Social Welfare Services “Ep Arogi”: Current trends in Social Protection. Needs – Practices – Research. (Chania, 12 – 13 October 2017).
- 29 October 2015: *“Biographical narrative approach in qualitative research: producing and analyzing biographical narratives”*. Research workshop. Irakleitos II. Hellenic Open University. Patras.

- 9 October 2015: «Biographical narrative approach in empirical social research: theoretical prepositions and methodological options. Presentation in the Symposium “Special Issues of Research Methodology” in the frame of the 3rd Panhellenic Conference of Psychological Association of Northern Greece: Psychology and Education: Reflections and Implementations. (Ioannina 9-11 October 2015).
- 9 May 2015: «Biographical narrative analysis: studying the processes of biographical identity’s narrative construction”. Conference “Studying identity and otherness in discourse”. Democritus University of Thrace. Alexandroupolis.
- 5 December 2014: Discussant to the Project “„*Neue Migration im internationalen Vergleich. Herausforderungen für Bildungssysteme*“ (implemented by Prof. Dr. Argyro Panagiotopoulou and Prof. Dr. Lisa Rosen) in the Conference «Soziale Ungleichheiten und Interkulturelle Bildung» (SINTER). University of Cologne.
- 20 February 2014: Invited speaker in the round table „The Educational Achievement of Minority and Migrant Students and the Role of Teachers – International Perspectives” in the frame of the International Conference “Migration und Bildung: Theorie und Praxis interkultureller Lehrer_innenbildung und Schulentwicklung”. University of Hildesheim.
([http://www.uni-hildesheim.de/media/zbi/PROGRAMM Int. Konferenz Migration und Bildung Uni Hildesheim.pdf](http://www.uni-hildesheim.de/media/zbi/PROGRAMM_Int_Konferenz_Migration_und_Bildung_Uni_Hildesheim.pdf)).
- 29 March 2013: «Biographical interpretative reconstruction or biographical illusion?”. Presentation in the round table “Biographical approaches: historical and historiographical issues” in the frame of the 2nd Panhellenic Conference in History of Sciences and Technology. Department of Methodology, History and Theory of Science (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens).
[http://www.emdiet.gr/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Synedrio Istorias Epistemon.pdf](http://www.emdiet.gr/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Synedrio_Istorias_Epistemon.pdf)

Research activities:

- September 2019 - June 2022: **Scientific responsible** and **Coordinator** of a research project entitled "Professional identities and resilience in a flexible and precarious work regime: a quality research", carried out by the Labor Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers (INE - GSEE).
- January 2019 – June 2022: **Scientific responsible** of the sub-project conducted by the research team of the University of Crete as part of the program SoDaNet in Action. The act concerns the upgrading of data and metadata in the existing infrastructure SoDaNet, through the development of applications for the management of new data types (eg documents), new thematic data from the smart specialization platform (RIS) sectors such as: tourism, environment, agri-nutrition, and core metadata concerning research components that may exist independently of research (eg terms, queries, variables, classifications). It concerns the further development and upgrading of educational material, whether it concerns research and data stored in the infrastructure, research methodology and data management or research infrastructure development and design. Duration: 2019-2021.

- March 2014 – December 2015: **Scientific responsible** of the sub-project conducted by the research team of the University of Crete: “Elaboration and documentation of qualitative and quantitative data for deposit in the Greek Research Infrastructure for Social Sciences – Depositor of University of Crete”. The sub-project was part of the program “CESSDA EPAE–support and development of Greek partners for participation to the Consortia of European RIs within ESFRI /2006 “. Coordinator: University of Aegean - Department of Sociology, partners: a) Democritus University of Thrace - Department of Social Administration and Political Science, b) University of Peloponnese - Department of Social and Educational Policy, and c) University of Crete - Department of Sociology. Duration: 2013-2015.
- January – October 2010: **Scientific responsible** of the sub-project conducted by the research team of the University of Crete: “*Writing, collecting and editing of scientific articles concerning research infrastructure and secondary analysis in social research*”. The sub-project was part of the program “Feasibility study for the construction of a National Research Network and its contribution in the development and exploitation of the European Research Infrastructure CESSDA RI”. Coordinator: University of the Aegean - Department of Sociology, Partners: National Centre for Social Research-SDB, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens – Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Democritus University of Thrace – Department of Social Administration and Political Science, Panteion University – Department of Political Science and History, University of Peloponnese – Department of Social and Educational Policy, University of Crete – Department of Sociology.
- November 2002 - May 2005: **Coordinator** and **key researcher** of a nationwide qualitative research, conducted by the Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers (INE-GSEE) in 25 Employment Consulting Bodies, within the program "Development of Quality System of Counseling and Employment Services " (EQUAL Community Initiative - financed by the European Social Fund, ESF). The results of the research were published in the book: G. Tsiolis (2005) *Toward a new work ethic? A qualitative research in Employment Consulting Agencies*. Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers. Research report no 23. 2005. (in Greek). ISBN: 960-88796-0-4.