

My PhD thesis titled "Disability, employment and tourism" aims at unfolding the experience of disabled individuals in Athens, Crete and elsewhere regarding employment and its intertwining with their decision to visit tourist destinations in Greece and abroad. I am also interested in whether they were faced with various obstacles in their effort to secure and maintain a job, the relation between work and tourism as well as with possible obstacles that they have possibly encountered in their travels both domestic or foreign. The analysis of their experiences will be according to the social model of disability as propounded by Mike Oliver and Vic Finkelstein. Using semi-structured interviews I am hoping to divulge an as comprehensive as possible picture of the experiences of disabled men and women with respect to their employment situation (or not) and their tourist experiences in various locations in Greece and -in some cases- in other countries.