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EDUCATION

PhD Economics
UMass Amherst

Sep 2020 – Present

Completed all coursework of the department with grade A. Currently working on my prospectus focusing on issues related to economic crisis, technical change, and distribution.

MSc Development Economics
SOAS, University of London

Sep 2016 – Sep 2017

Completed my MSc with distinction in all modules and dissertation.

BA Economics
National Kapodistrian University of Athens

Sep 2011 – Jan 2016

Ranked first among the graduates.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Trinity College
Visiting Lecturer

Sep 2024 – May 2025

Teaching ECON 364, Europe & EU: Economic dynamics

UMass Amherst
Teaching Assistant

Sep 2021 – Present

Over the past 3 years, I have taught: Econ 103 - Introduction to Micro, Econ 104 - Introduction to Macro, Econ 452 - Econometrics, and Econ 753 - Applied Econometrics. For each of them, my responsibilities included:

- Organizing and running seminars/labs for 3 sections with approximately 25 students each.
- Grading essays, problems sets, and final exams.
- Providing support to students during office hours.

SOAS, University of London
Teaching assistant

Sep 2020 – April 2021

Assisted Professor Yannis Dafermos by organizing and running the seminars for the class of Macroeconomic Analysis for second-year undergraduate students.

Goldsmiths, University of London   Oct 2017 – Aug 2018
Teaching assistant

Assisted Dr. Ariel Wirkierman by organising and running the Seminars and Labs for the modules Quantitative Economics and Applied Quantitative Economics for second-year undergraduate students of Economics.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

SOAS, University of London   Nov 2017 – Dec 2018
Research Assistant to: Dr. Duo Qin, Dr. Sophie Van Huellen
- Topic: Construction of composite Financial Conditions Indices and macroeconomic forecasting
- Role: Data collection and processing using the Datastream Reuters platform; running econometric experiments and reporting results using EViews.

SOAS, University of London   Feb 2018 – May 2018
Research Assistant to: Prof. Costas Lapavitsas
- Topic: Work on the book "The left case against the EU"
- Role: Conducting an in-depth literature review on the institutions and history of the EU

SOAS, University of London   Nov 2017 – Dec 2018
Research Assistant to: Dr. Luca Tasciotti
- Topic: Research on the nexus between malaria and electricity access in Nigeria
- Role: Gathering and editing data sets from the Demographic and Health Surveys Program (DHS) using Stata.

PUBLICATIONS

Books
Lapavitsas, C., ERENSEP Writing Collective., 2023. The State of Capitalism: Economy, Society, and Hegemony. Verso.

Journal publications
Basu, D., Haas, C., Moraitis, T., 2023. Intensification of Labor and the Rate and Form of Exploitation. *Review of Radical Political Economics* 04866134231181407. https://doi.org/10.1177/04866134231181407

Qin, D., van Huellen, S., Wang, Q.C., Moraitis, T., 2022. Algorithmic modelling of financial conditions for macro predictive purposes: pilot application to USA data. *Econometrics* 10, 22.

Van Huellen, S., Qin, D., Lu, S., Wang, H., Wang, Q.C., Moraitis, T., 2022. Modelling opportunity cost effects in money demand due to openness. *Int. J Fin Econ* 27, 697–744. https://doi.org/10.1002/ijfe.2175

Working papers

Basu, D., Moraitis, A., 2023. Alternative Approaches to Labor Values and Prices of Production: Theory and Evidence. Economics Department Working Paper Series. https://doi.org/10.7275/kxh6-m529

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Gerondelis Foundation 2021
Grant sponsoring my PhD studies.

SOAS Economics Departmental Prize 2017
Award to the best performing graduate student of the SOAS economics department.

Scholarship by George and Victoria Karelia Foundation 2016
Scholarship granted to fund my postgraduate degree.

LANGUAGES

Greek: Native language
English: Fluent

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming: R, Python
Applications: Stata, Tableau, EViews, Alteryx

REFERENCES

Available upon request.