

Giolanta S. Siskou

Short Curriculum Vitae

Giolanta Siskou is a graduate and a scientific collaborator in the project: “*New scientific developments in the branches of Theology and contemporary approaches to the study of religious studies*” of the School of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. She also holds a Master’s degree in “*Interpretive Theology*” with a covenant specialization in the *New Testament*” of the same School.

Furthermore, she holds a Master's degree, from the Pedagogical Department of Elementary Education of the Faculty of Education of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with a specialization in the *Historical-Social Foundation of Education and Pedagogy* and she was awarded a doctorate by the the School of Social Theology & Cristian Culture of the same university, with academic subject: *Pedagogy - Christian pedagogy* and research field: *Crisis management in the classroom and Religious Education*. She is also certified in Information and Communication Technologies in education (Level 2), as well as in Social Pedagogy and she participated in a training in the Organization and Management of Education from the Research Committee of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

She was the head of the corresponding Greek school in a three-year european program “*SOCRATES/ COMENIUS* with the subject: “*Similarities and differences between the three great Christian churches of Europe (Orthodox, Catholics, Evangelists)*”.

She has served as a member of a Violence prevention action team, and during her tenancy as the school principal of the 6th Gymnasium of Thessaloniki, she was the chairman of the Diagnostic Assessment and Support Committee of the Secondary education Directorate in Eastern Thessaloniki.

She was also a scientific member of the Laboratory of Pedagogy-Christian Pedagogy of the School of Social Theology and Christian Culture of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, engaging in the creation, regulation and execution of research initiatives. She is currently working as a Laboratory Teaching Staff in the same laboratory, covering a variety of subjects in the programme of studies and acting as a designer of projects in partnership with foreign and domestic schools.

She was a curriculum designer as well as a facilitator (Level A) of Primary and Secondary Education and Educational Materials in collaboration with the Educational Policy Institute of Greece.

As of the academic year 2021-2022 she teaches as a research fellow, in the undergraduate course, compulsory for the certificate of Pedagogical and Teaching Competence, “*Social Pedagogical and Socio-cultural Animation*” in the department of Social Work, Faculty of Social Political and Economic Sciences, Democritus University of Thrace (D.U.Th.).

She also participated in published educational research in Greece and abroad and is a member of the scientific bodies: Register of processing subjects for the technical training of the Educational Policy Institute, Scientific association for the promotion of educational innovation, Greek Observatory for Intercultural Education and Training.

She worked, for five years, as a seconded teacher of secondary education, in offering adjunct teaching and mentoring work in the students’ traineeship program, that was held in the context of the subjects: “*General Pedagogy with exercises*” and “*Special pedagogy of religious subjects*” (2005-2010). She also participated in the implementation of the seminar course of micro-teaching in the framework of the General Pedagogy courses and the special didactic course of the religious courses (2013-2014). Provided scientific support to teachers of all school levels in the educational project “*School and human rights*” implemented by the Greek Observatory for Intercultural

Education and Training (Feb- June 2016) as well as scientific support in seminars of the School of Social Theology & Cristian Culture. She is a member of the Review committee of scientific pedagogical journals and her authorship includes articles and presentations at international and panhellenic conferences and workshops, mostly, in the field of Social Pedagogy and Theology.

Finally, she volunteers in the activities of the Counselling station of the municipality of Thermaikos, which provides psychosocial support to teenagers and their families in cooperation with the corresponding institutional bodies of the Thessaloniki's Juvenile Protection Company and its Volunteer Committee.