

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2022, Oct.–Present Doctoral Candidate, Chair of Construction Heritage and Preservation, Department of Architecture, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Silke Langenberg, Construction Heritage and Preservation
Co-Advisor: Prof. Dr. Tom Avermaete, History and Theory of Urban Design
Advisor: Dr. Regine Hess, Architectural History and Curatorial Studies
- 2015, Oct.–2016, Oct. Master of Advanced Studies in Housing, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
MAS thesis: “Social Housing in Greece: A Study on State Policies and Outcomes”
Grade: 6.00/6.00, Summa cum Laude
- 2014, Oct.–2015, Oct. Master of Advanced Studies in Urban Design, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Collective publication *Housing Cairo: The Informal Response* (eds. Marc Angéllil and Charlotte Malterre-Barthes Berlin, Ruby Press)
- 2008, Sep.–2013, Oct. Professional Diploma in Architecture (5-year M.Arch.)
Department of Architecture, University of Patras–Faculty of Engineering, Greece
GPA: 9.52/10.00, Summa cum Laude, Valedictorian

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2022 Sophie Afenduli Foundation, UNIL, Lausanne, Switzerland
Doctoral scholarship for the academic year 2022–2023
- 2022 Foundation for Education and European Culture, Athens, Greece
Doctoral scholarship for the academic year 2022–2023
- 2017 Technical Chamber of Greece, Athens, Greece
Honorable Award of Academic Excellence
1st in rank among the architecture alumni 2013–2014, University of Patras
- 2015 Foundation for Education and European Culture, Athens, Greece
Postgraduate scholarship for the academic year 2015–2016
- 2014 Bodossaki Foundation, Athens, Greece
Postgraduate scholarship for the academic year 2014–2015
- 2014 Limmat Foundation of Zurich, Switzerland
1st Award of Academic Excellence
1st in rank among the architecture alumni 2012–2013, University of Patras
- 2012 Villard 13: International Competition on Architecture and Urban Design, Italy
1st Prize, “Reuse: Sustainable Strategies for Urban Regeneration”
- 2008, 2011, 2013 State Scholarships Foundation–Hellenic Ministry of Education, Athens, Greece
Annual Honorary Award and Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement
- 2008–2013 Anthippi E. Resti Bequest, Histiaia, Greece
Annual Scholarship for Outstanding Performance and Conduct

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

- 2022, Oct.–Present Scientific assistant, Professorship for Construction Heritage and Preservation, Department of Architecture, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Research member, “A Future for *Whose Past*,” collaboration with ICOMOS Suisse
Teaching assistant: Supervision of focus works “Erbe der Gemeinschaft”
- 2016, Sep.–Oct. Scientific assistant, ETH Wohnforum–ETH CASE, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Seminar week organization “People on the Move: Understanding Greece as an Arrival Country”

FURTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- 2015, Jul.–Sep. Editorial work for the publication *Housing Cairo: The Informal Response*, Eds. Marc Angéllil and Charlotte Malterre-Barthes in collaboration with Something Fantastic, Germany: Ruby Press, advisor: Prof. Dr. Charlotte Malterre-Barthes, director of studies
- 2013, Oct.–2014, Jun. Research collaborator for the exhibition “Hellenische Renaissance: The Architecture of Theophil Hansen (1813–1891),” B & M Theocharakis–Foundation for the Fine Arts & Music, Athens, Greece, advisors: Prof. Georgios Panetsos, research director and curator, and Dr. Marilena Casimati, curator
- 2012, Nov.–Dec. Modern Greek Architecture Archives, Archive assistant-student, “Architecture Archives Inventory and Classification Project,” Benaki Museum, Athens
- 2012, May–Oct. Intern, ΔΟΜÉΣ–International Review of Architecture, Athens, responsible for the creation of the Complete Digital Index of the periodical, years 2006–2012

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2016 “A New Vernacular,” *Housing Cairo: The Informal Response* Maria Kouvari and Heechul Jung, eds. Marc Angéllil and Charlotte Malterre-Barthes in collaboration with Something Fantastic, Berlin: Ruby Press, 2016.
- 2016 “Social Housing in Greece: A Study on State Policies and Outcomes” Author, MAS thesis in book format, number of pages: 140, ETH Wohnforum–ETH CASE, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2014 “Markets in the Tropics: Urban Scenarios for Barranquilla Colombia” Contributor, special issue, eds. Marie Grob and Alice Hertzog, Barranquilla: ETH Zurich–Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia, Escala Impresores
- 2014 *Hellenische Renaissance: The Architecture of Theophil Hansen (1813–1891)* Research collaborator, exhibition catalogue, eds. Georgios Panetsos and Marilena Cassimatis, Athens: B & M Theocharakis–Foundation for the Fine Arts & Music.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022, Sep. 15–16 “Between Modernity and Regression: Tourism Landscapes for Children in Postwar Greece. The Case of Varymbobi,” International conference “Towards New Summers: Past, Present and Future of Holiday Camps for Children in Europe,” *in_bo*, Dipartimento di Architettura-Università di Bologna, Ravenna
- 2022, Aug. 24–26 “Emergency in the *Longue Durée*: A Historical Retrospective of Housing Policy in Greece through the Lens of Resilience,” Conference RC21 “Ordinary Cities in Exceptional Times,” Harokopio University of Athens and National Technical University of Athens, Athens
- 2022, Mai 6, 17, 20 “Bordering through Care: Architectures for Children in the Postwar Northern Greek Borderscape,” SAHGB Conference 2022 “The Architecture of Borderlands,” co-hosted by Queen’s University Belfast and Manchester School of Architecture

ACADEMIC WORKS EXHIBITED

- 2021, Sep. Exhibition Junge Berner/innen–Berner Baukultur, BFH, Biel, Switzerland
Project: “Resilientes Bern”
- 2016, May–Nov. 15th International Architecture Biennale, Egyptian Pavilion, Venice, Italy
Project: “Housing Cairo.” Collective work, ETH MAS in Urban Design
- 2015, Feb. 6th Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism\Architecture, Shenzhen, China
Project: “Radical Cairo.” Collective work, ETH MAS in Urban Design
- 2015, Jun. Egypt Urban Forum Exhibition, Cairo, Egypt
Project: “A New Informal Architecture” MAS Urban Design ETHZ, CLUSTER,
Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Urban Renewal, and UN-Habitat
- 2013, Sep. 8th Biennale of Landscape Architecture, Barcelona, Spain
Project: “Diffuse Public Landscape”
- 2013, Jun. Mountains, Clouds, and Cities, Benaki Museum of Islamic Art, Athens, Greece
University of Pennsylvania, collective exhibition and installation
- 2013, Nov. Art and Technology Exhibition, Museum of Science and Technology, University of
Patras, Patras, Greece, Project: “Code Ab-Use”

ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE

- 2018, Apr.–2022, Aug. Itten+Brechbühl AG, Bern, Switzerland
Associate (since 2022), Project Architect
- 2017, Aug.–2018, Mar. GWJ Architektur, Bern, Switzerland
Junior Architect
- 2017, Jan.–Jul. Aebi & Vincent Architects SIA SA, Bern, Switzerland
Junior Architect
- 2013, Oct.–2014, Jun. Rodi Associates–Architects and Urban Planners, Athens, Greece
Collaborating Architect

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS

Docomomo International
Docomomo Greece
ICOMOS Suisse Guest–working group Denkmalschutzjahr 2025
Research Committee 21–Urban and Regional Planning
Schweizer Heimatschutz
Netzwerk frau+sia des Schweizer Ingenieur-und Architektenvereins

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: Proficient (Edexcel 5, CEFR C2)
German: Advanced (Telc Zertifikat, CEFR C1)
Greek: Mother tongue

PERSONAL INFO

Date of birth: July 7, 1990
Nationality: Greek
Married and mother of one child