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Assistant professor in Social Demography & Human Geography. An urban planner (University of Thessaly, Greece, 2001), with an MSc in Territorial Governance (Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées & Institut Français d' Urbanisme /IFU, 2003), Ifigeneia Kokkali holds a PhD from the Institut Français d'Urbanisme/ IFU on international migration and migrant integration. She has worked as a researcher and/or as project coordinator/manager at university institutes in Greece, France and Italy (Department of Planning & Development of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Institut Français d'Urbanisme, European University Institute/ EUI, Politecnico di Milano/ POLIMi, etc.) to several European collaborative programmes of research and cooperation (FP7, TEMPUS, etc.) with many partners (EUI, POLIMi, Polytechnic School of the University of Florence, etc.). She has also worked (2016-2019) at the Hellenic Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs as appointed expert of IOM (International Organization of Migration) to the Working Group for the Management, Coordination and Monitoring of Refugee Education at the Hellenic Ministry of Education, as well as at the Responsible Authority for the AMIF and ISF National Programmes & Other Funds at the Hellenic Ministry of Migration & Asylum (2019-2022). Her scientific interests focus on the causes and effects of international migration, including the spatial dimensions of population movements, residential and school segregation and related issues of territorial justice, urban social policies targeting migrant, minority & refugee populations, refugee settlement policies, etc.

• EDUCATION

1996 – 2001 (Bachelor and MSc) Degree of Engineer in Planning & Development

University of Thessaly, School of Engineering, Dep. of Planning and Regional Development (Greece)

2002- 2003 MSc in Territorial Governance (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies/ DEA)

DEA Mutations Urbaines et Gouvernance Territoriale,

Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées & Institut Français d' Urbanisme, Université Paris 8 (France)

Thesis (title translated from French): *'Territorial Governance and Immigration: challenges and opportunities'*

2004-2009 PhD on international migration

Institut Français d' Urbanisme, Université Paris 8

Thesis entitled (translated from French): *'Albanian migrants in Greece: migratory strategies and patterns of territorial diffusion'* .Awarded summa cum laude

2012 University course on Demographic and Statistical Analysis

Institut d' Etudes Démographiques de l' Université Montesquieu Bordeaux IV, Bordeaux (France)

Certified attendance of the 1st semester of the MSc "Population, Development, Foresight"

• WORKING EXPERIENCE, RESEARCH & TEACHING

2022 – **Assistant professor** in Social Demography & Human Geography at the **Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly**

2019 – 2022 **Officer at the Responsible Authority for the AMIF and ISF National Programmes & Other Funds** at the Hellenic Ministry of Migration & Asylum

2016 – 2019 **Appointed expert of the International Organization of Migration (IOM) to the Working Group for the Management, Coordination and Monitoring of Refugee Education** at the Hellenic Ministry of Education

2014–2016 **Post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Architecture & Urban Studies/ DAStU, Politecnico di Milano, Milan (Italy)**

Design and implementation of the project 'Unpacking Diversity in the cities of Europe'; design and implementation of the project 'School segregation in Milan' commissioned and funded by the City of Milan; submission of new project proposals for EU and national (Italian) funding; etc.

2012–2014 Project Manager at the University of Florence, School of Engineering (Italy)

Coordination and administrative follow-up of EU-funded collaborative projects (TEMPUS, ERASMUS MUNDUS, etc.); submission of new project proposals for funding (including the candidature of the School of Engineering for hosting the World Engineering Education Forum 2015 – successful).

2010- 2012 Assistant Coordinator of the 7FP project ACCEPT PLURALISM at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute/ EUI, Florence (Italy).

Liaising with 17 partners in 15 countries; overseeing project activities and the entire project lifecycle, ensuring deadlines; administrative & scientific follow up; organization & programming of events & meetings; proofreading, supervision of document translation in 12 languages, drafting of reports and other relevant documents (e.g. flyers, brochures, minutes, templates, literature reviews and other supporting materials for partners, etc.); dissemination of research outcomes & project objectives, realization of Newsletters and News Alerts; management of information flow to the coordinator identifying priorities; website management (including preparation of events summaries, news feed), etc.

2009 – 2010 Lecturer (under contract), Department of Planning & Development, Aristotle's University of Thessaloniki (Greece)

Teaching and tutorials to several undergraduate courses (students in 1st and last (5th) year of the Degree in Planning); supervision of individual students and of group dissertations.

2009 – 2014 Visiting Lecturer, Institut Français d' Urbanisme (IFU), Université Paris-Est (France)

Teaching and tutorials to students in 2nd- year MSc in Planning. Co-supervision of student dissertations.

2009 Teacher of English in a Sensible Urban Zone (ZUS) in Greater Paris (France)

College Paul Eluard, 91270 Vigneux-sur-Seine (France)

Teaching of English as 1st and 2nd foreign language (18h/week); responsible for ensuring student tests for the certification of A1, A2, B1 & B2 levels in English.

• **LANGUAGES**

Mother tongue: **Greek**

Other languages:

English (Proficient Use/C2 – Cambridge & Michigan Certificate of Proficiency in English);

French (Proficient Use/C2– Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française/DALF);

Italian (Independent User/B2 – Certificato di conoscenza della lingua italiana/ CELI 3).

• **MEMBERSHIP**

Professional and other associations:

Member of the Technical Chamber of Greece; Member of the Association of Greek Engineers in Urban and Regional Planning and Development; Member of the Association of Spatial Planners of Northern Greece; Alumna of the European University Institute; Alumna of the Department of Planning and Regional Development of the University of Thessaly; Member of the Scouts of Greece; Member of the League des Droits de l'Homme/Bordeaux

Member of international research committees and working groups:

International Sociological Association; Association internationale des sociologues de langue française; Urban Affairs Association; Network IMISCOE/ International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion; Albanian Migration network; SSIIM UNESCO network on "Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants – urban policies and practices"; Migration Working Group at the European University Institute, etc.

• PUBLICATIONS

Books Monographs

Kokkali, I. (2010), *Migrants albanais en Grèce: de la dissimulation identitaire à l'invisibilité territoriale*, Sarrebruck: Editions Universitaires Européennes.

Journals with reviews

Kokkali, I., (2021), Migration and ethno-cultural diversity of the European cities: conceptual clarifications and methodological issues, *Aeihoros [ΑΕΙΧΩΡΟΣ]* 32: 59-82.

Maurice Crul; Frans Lelie; Özge Biner; Nihad Bunar; Elif Keskiner; **Ifigenia Kokkali**; Jens Schneider; Maha Shuayb (2019). How the different policies and school systems affect the inclusion of Syrian refugee children in Sweden, Germany, Greece, Lebanon and Turkey, *Comparative Migration Studies* (2019)7: 10.

Kokkali, I. (2016). Benign or threatening? Majority preferences over minority practices and the narratives of diversity. *Territorio* 79/2016.

Kokkali, I. (2009), «[De la dissimulation identitaire à l'invisibilité spatiale: les Albanais en Grèce, un groupe migratoire surnuméraire](#)», *E-migrinter* 4: 48-57.

Kokkali, I., (2006), "Albanska emigracija u Grčkoj: razmeštaj i koncentracija u gradskim područjima. Primer Soluna"/"Immigration albanaise en Grèce : diffusion et dispersion dans le territoire urbain. Le cas de Thessalonique », *Stanovništvo*, Vol.2 (XLIV): 7-34.

Chapters in collective volumes

Kokkali, I. (forthcoming), A talk with the « Master »: on the demographic developments of Greece and the situation of migrants and refugees in recent years (2016-2020). In Kostaki, A. et.al. (Eds.), Honorary Volume for Demographer Byron Kotzamanis.

Kokkali, I. (2024), A Spatial Approach of Migration and Poverty in Albania: An Inevitable Correlation?. In Zafeiris, et.al. (Eds.), *Population Studies in the Western Balkans*, *European Studies of Population* 26, pp.268-308. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-53088-3_11

M. Xenitidou and Kokkali, I. (2016), The regularities of migration? Thematic and discursive interplay in the talk of Greeks and Albanians in Greece. In M. Danesi and S. Greco Morasso (Eds.) *Case studies in Discourse Analysis*. Lincom Europe.

F. Othengrafen, del Romero Renau, L., and Kokkali, I. (2015), "A new landscape of urban social movements. Reflections on urban unrest in Southern European cities", στο F. Othengrafen, et.al. (επιμ.): *Cities in Crisis*. Routledge.

Kokkali, I. (2015), [Albanian immigrants in the Greek city: spatial 'invisibility' and identity management as a strategy of adaptation](#), in Vermeulen, H., Baldwin-Edwards, M.& R. Van Boeschoten (eds), *Migration in the Southern Balkans: From Ottoman Territory to Globalized Nation States*. IMISCOE Research. Dordrecht: Springer.

Kokkali, I. (2015) "Θεσσαλονίκη, Salonika, Selanik, Solun, Salonico... ' a century later: Thessaloniki's new multiethnic face", in D. Kerides (ed.) *Thessaloniki: A City in Transition, 1912-2012*, Thessaloniki: EPIKENTRO, pp. 530-560. [in Greek – in preparation the international version of the book in English]

Kokkali, I., (2012), Being Albanian in Greece or elsewhere: negotiation of the (national) self in a migratory context, in F. Tsibiridou and N. Palantzas (eds.) *Myths of the Other in the Balkans. Representations, social practices and performances*, E-Book, www.balkanmyth.com, Thessaloniki 2013, pp.197-209.

Triandafyllidou, A. and I. Kokkali (2012), Tolerance and cultural diversity discourses in Greece, in R. Zapata-Barrero and A. Triandafyllidou (eds.): [Addressing Tolerance and diversity discourse in Europe: a Comparative Overview of 16 European Countries](#), on-line book project, Cidob Foundation, Barcelona, pp.179-206.

Kokkali, I., (2011), Absence of a "community" and spatial invisibility: migrants from Albania in Greece and the case of Thessaloniki, in F. Eckardt and J. Eade (eds.) *Ethnically diverse city*. Future Urban Research in Europe, 4, Berliner-Wissenschafts-Verlag.

Kokkali, I. (2011), Migrant strategies and modes of adaptation of Albanian immigrants in the Greek society, in A. Moïsidis & D. Papadopoulou (eds.) *The social integration of third-country nationals in the Greek society*, KRITIKI Editions. [in Greek]

Conference proceedings

Kokkali, I. (forthcoming). The Open Orchestra project in the public spaces of Athens: an urban utopia with transformative power? 36th AESOP Annual Congress 2024, Paris, 8-11 July 2024. Book of Proceedings.

Kokkali, I. (forthcoming). Η Ανοιχτή Ορχήστρα στους δημόσιους χώρους της Αθήνας: μια αστική ουτοπία με μετασχηματιστική δυναμική; 1st Scientific Conference of Spatial Planning & Development: Challenges and Prospects [1ο Επιστημονικό Συνέδριο Χωρικού Σχεδιασμού και Ανάπτυξης: Προκλήσεις και Προοπτικές], Thessaloniki, 17-18 June 2024. Book of Proceedings.

Kokkali, I. (forthcoming). “Ξαναδιαβάζοντας” τις αλβανικές μεταναστεύσεις υπό το πρίσμα της μελέτης της αστικοποίησης στην προ του 1990 Αλβανία: μια πρώτη προσέγγιση. 18th Scientific Conference of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) – Greek Section, Athens, 22-23 September 2023. Book of Proceedings.

Kokkali, I., Rembeci, G. (2024). Readdressing Urbanization and Migration in Albania circa 1990: a novel approach. International Conference of Tirana Planning Week 2024 (ICTPW24), Tirana, 22-23 April 2024. Book of Proceedings. <https://doi.org/10.37199/c41000700>

Kokkali, I., (2018). The Programme on Refugee Education of the Hellenic Ministry of Education: ambivalent relation between governmental and non-governmental actors in the field. National Conference of Education Sciences, Vol. 8: 470-483.

Kokkali, I., (2015). Migration and ethno-cultural diversity of the European cities: new vocabulary, new issues? (Abstract) Proceedings (in CD-ROM) of the 4th National Conference of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly, 24-27/09/2015, Volos, Greece.

Kokkali, I., (2012), [Being Albanian in Greece or elsewhere: negotiation of the \(national\) self in a migratory context](#), in F. Tsihiridou and N. Palantzas (επιμ.) *Myths of the Other in the Balkans. Representations, social practices and performances*, E-Book, www.balkanmyth.com, Thessaloniki 2013, pp.197-209.

Kokkali, I., (2009), "Albanians in Greece: a supernumerary migratory group spatially absent", *proceedings of the 2nd Panhellenic Conference on Urbanism, Planning and Regional Development*, University of Thessaly press, Volos, pp.1527-1534 [in Greek].

Kokkali, I., (2005), « Immigration albanaise en Grèce : diffusion et dispersion dans le territoire urbain. Le cas de Thessalonique », in A. Parant (ed.) : *Migrations, crises et conflits récents dans les Balkans*, Conference Proceedings of the International Conference "Migrations, crises and recent conflicts in the Balkans" (Belgrade, 27-29 October 2005), Réseau DemoBalk, University of Thessaly Press, Volos, pp.267-270 [in French].

Book reviews

Kokkali, I. (2018), «Virginie Baby-Collin, Sylvie Mazzella, Stéphane Murlane, Céline Regnard et Pierre Sintès (dir.), Migrations et temporalités en Méditerranée. Les migrants à l'épreuve du temps, XIXe-XXIe siècle», *Diasporas* 32 : 223-226.

Other work

Kokkali, I. & J. Vlassopoulos (2022), Refugees' and asylum seekers' participation in educational/ training activities. BREChT project, WP4 (Education), Deliverable D4.2. <https://brechtproject.gr/>

Kokkali, I. Vlassopoulos, Y., & P. Karlagannis (2020). Critical overview of educational and training policies addressed to refugees and asylum seekers, BREChT project, WP4 (Education), Deliverable D. 4.1 <https://brechtproject.gr/>

Contribution to the Global Education Monitoring Report (GEM) 2019 entitled [«Migration, displacement and education: building bridges, not walls»](#), as well as to the [executive summary in Greek](#).

Kokkali (2016), [Off the responsibility of planners and planning?](#), Blog of the scientific journal *Revue Urbanisme*.

Ranci, C., G. Como, I. Kokkali and F. Manfredini (2015), Segregazione scolastica a Milano [School segregation in Milan], unpublished background report, City of Milan – DG Education and Immigration.

Kokkali, I., (2013), City representations and the selective visibility of the (ethnic) 'Others'. A short note on the fervent 'diversity discourse' in Europe, *iQuaderni#2: Urban Representations*.

Kokkali, I., (2011), From scapegoats to 'good' immigrants? Albanians' supposedly 'successful' integration to Greece, *Quaderni del Circolo Rosselli*, 3/2011: Europa: immigranti e città, Alinea Editrice, Firenze, pp.161-173.

Triandafyllidou, A. and I. Kokkali (2010), Tolerance and Cultural Diversity Discourses in Greece, Country Report on Tolerance

and Cultural Diversity Discourses, project ACCEPT PLURALISM, European University Institute, Florence, Italy. Available at: http://cadmus.eui.eu/bitstream/handle/1814/19781/ACCEPT_2010-08_Wp1_BackgroundReport_Greece.pdf?sequence=1

Kokkali, I., (2010), "Spatial proximity and social distance: Albanian migrants' invisible exclusions. Evidence from Greece". Available at the World Bank portal at:

<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTECAREGTOPPOVRED/Resources/ikokkalipaperWBWesternBalkans.pdf>

Kokkali, I., (2008), «Etre Albanais» en Grèce: modes d'adaptation de migrants à un climat social général hostile », Passerelle ; mobilités des savoirs, N°8 (décembre), pp.9. [in French].

Kokkali, I., (2002), The recent evolutions in South- Eastern Europe and the role of Thessaloniki, Discussion Paper series, University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development, No 3, Volos, p.50. [in Greek; summary in English/French].

- **INVITED TALKS (selection)**

2019_ Invited by International Step by Step Association/ISSA to the panel session entitled "Bridging the Gap: Working together to support wellbeing, learning, development and the integration of young refugee and migrant children in Greece" at the ISSA Conference 2019 "Nurturing Environments for young children and their families", Leiden (the Netherlands), 17-20 June 2019.

2019_ Invited by ANTIGONE - Information and Documentation Center on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non Violence to a joint event of the European Programmes M.I.C.R.ON. (Managing Issues of Controversy by human Rights education) and NIEM (National Integration & Evaluation Mechanism). Intervention entitled «Entering Mecca at last: background, challenges and successes of Refugee Education in the islands of Northeastern Aegean», Thessaloniki, 30 March 2019.

2018_ Invited to the 8th Pan-Hellenic Conference of Education Sciences entitled "The education of refugee students in Greece – Emerging challenges in the work of the Teacher" to give a talk to the panel session «The education of refugee students in Greece: Challenges in the Role and Work of the teacher». Talk entitled «Ambiguous relations and roles between appointed teachers and substitute teachers in the field». Athens, 14-17 June 2018.

2018_ «Planning for Inclusive Cities». Invited by Symbiosis- School of Civic studies in Greece of the Council of Europe to give a talk at the panel session «Negotiating scale and complexity », Thessaloniki, 13-15 April 2018.

2018_ Invited by prof. Claire SCHIFF (Université de Bordeaux, Centre Émile Durkheim) to the panel session «Working with migrant and refugee children inside and outside the educational system: the role of volunteers and professionals during the initial reception process», at the International Conference «École, migration, itinérance : regards croisés»/ «School, migration, itinerancy: complementary perspectives». Lecture entitled «Refugee reception and education in transit: complementarity and competition between NGOs, International organizations and the governmental policies in Greece», Suresnes, 5-6 April 2018.

2017_ Athens Lab on Unpacking Integration. Invited by Symbiosis- School of Civic studies in Greece of the Council of Europe to give a talk at the Workshop on Housing and Urban space, Athens, 15-16 December 2017.

2017_ Select Respect Forum "Human Rights in Practice: Social Integration, discrimination, diversity". Invited by the Project coordinator of the programme Select Respect to give a talk at the opening of the forum entitled "The political and legal framework of social integration", as well as to make an introduction to the Round table 2 entitled Education: Access and Opportunities, Thessaloniki, 23-25 November 2017.

2017_ Invited by Ekaterina Demintseva, Head of the Centre for Qualitative Social Policy Research, Institute for Social Policy, Higher School of Economics in Moscow to give a lecture to the International Conference 'New Trends and Directions of Migration' entitled «Refugee Children in Greek Public Schools: a first appraisal», National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 26-27 October 2017.

2017_ 'Education of Refugee Children in Greece'. Invited by Lola Joksimović to intervene at the panel discussion *Refugees and Europe: Kinopolitics — politics of movement* organised at the International meeting entitled "Times of Resistance" by the Center For Cultural Decontamination (CZKD) in cooperation with CCFD-Terre Solidaire, Belgrade, 9–10 June, 2017.

2017_ 'La ville refuge'. Invited by professor Marco Cremaschi to give a talk at the student Workshop entitled 'Urbanism: resilience, welcome and urban innovation', organised in Thessaloniki for the MSc students in Urban Planning of Sciences Po Paris (Cycle d'Urbanisme of the Ecole Urbaine), in cooperation with the Municipality of Thessaloniki, l'Institut français de Thessalonique, the European research project RE.CRI.RE (Horizon 2020), as well as ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy, LADDER and SOS Malta. Thessaloniki, 21-28 May 2017.

2016_ 'Ethno-cultural diversity of cities as a new panacea of urban policies'. Invited by Symbiosis- School of Civic studies in Greece of the Council of Europe to give a talk at the Workshop for Urban Policies, Athens, 18-19 December 2016.

2015_ 'Planning for diversity: international experience and town-planning in Greece'. Invited by professor B. Kotzamanis to give a talk at the 4th National Conference of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly, 24-27/09/2015, Volos, Greece.

2015_ 'Struggling with diversity: Insights from Milan', POLIMI International Fellowship Lectures, DASTU, POLIMI.

2012_ 'Ethno-cultural diversity in European cityscapes: conflicts and negotiations over visibility'. Invited talk at the seminar DiverCity: towards the intercultural city', organised by the SSIM Unesco Chair 'Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants – Urban Policies and Practices', IUAV, Venice, 26-27 March 2012.

2011_ 'Spatial invisibility and identity management: some reflections based on the study of Albanian migrant strategies of adaptation in a Greek city'. Invited by prof. Costanzo Ranci to give a talk at the Social Policy Lab, DASTU, PoliMi, Milan, 13 December 2011.

2011_ 'Immigration to Greece: an overview of immigration policies, legislation and sporadic attempts at social inclusion of immigrants'. Invited by the Catalan Center at New York University with the support of the Center for European and Mediterranean Studies at NYU to the meeting: "Europe beyond the states: The role of Southern European sub-states in immigration and other public policies", New York, 27-28 January 2011.

2010_ 'Immigration – Integration: from the Western Balkans to Southern Europe'. Invited lecture at the Study Session 'Migration and Youth in Europe - New Realities and Challenges', organised by the Council of Europe & the European Youth Centre Budapest for NGO members and young researchers working on immigration, 4-5 December 2010, Budapest.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS IN SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES (selection)**

'The Open Orchestra project in the public spaces of Athens: an urban utopia with transformative power? 36th AESOP Annual Congress 2024, Paris, 8-11 July 2024.

"Η Ανοιχτή Ορχήστρα στους δημόσιους χώρους της Αθήνας: μια αστική ουτοπία με μετασχηματιστική δυναμική;" 1st Scientific Conference of Spatial Planning & Development: Challenges and Prospects [1ο Επιστημονικό Συνέδριο Χωρικού Σχεδιασμού και Ανάπτυξης: Προκλήσεις και Προοπτικές], Thessaloniki, 17-18 June 2024

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(with Godiva Rembeci). Readdressing Urbanization and Migration in Albania circa 1990: a novel approach. International Conference of Tirana Planning Week 2024 (ICTPW24), Tirana, 22-23 April 2024.

Representative of the Greek Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs at the the3rd Policy Forum of the OECD project "Strength through Diversity": Learning from Data", Paris, 12-13 February 2018.

"Beneficiary for whom? The role of International Organizations and NGOs in the refugee crisis in Europe: insights from Greece", presentation to The Migration Conference 2017, Athens, 23 – 26 August 2017.

Representative of the Greek Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs to the the1st Policy Forum of the OECD project "Strength through Diversity". Working group intervention entitled "Immigrants and Refugees into Greek schools: challenges & practices", Paris, 9-10 May 2017.

"Is diversity in the cities of Europe really increasing? Increase vs. recognition of diversity", paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference (research topics: Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Diversity & Immigration, Population and Demographic Trends in Urban Areas), San Diego, USA, March 16-19, 2016.

"Unpacking diversity: contradictions and discontinuities in the making", paper presented at the panel #82 'Ethno-culturally diversified urban dwellers: rights, invisibility and recognition in the city', 12th IMISCOE Annual Conference on Rights, Democracy and Migration, Geneva, 25-27 June 2015.

"Beyond innovation and creativity: the dark sides of urban diversity", paper presented at the 5th Halle Forum on Urban Economic Growth, Halle Institute for economic Research, Halle, Germany: 11-12 December, 2014.

(with Byron Kotzamanis, Nicolas Vogiatzidis, Thanos Papaioannou, Michail Agorastakis) "Caught in the labyrinth of crisis: Greek cities and regions unraveling the threads of hope towards a more resilient and adaptive future", paper presented at the Conference 'Cities in Crisis', DAAD, HafenCity Universität, Hamburg, 5-6 December 2013.

"Θεσσαλονίκη, Salonika, Selanik, Solun, Salonicco... ' a century later: Thessaloniki's new multiethnic face", paper presented at the International Conference 'Thessaloniki: A City in Transition, 1912-2012', Municipality of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, October 18-21, 2012.

(with Maria Xenitidou) "Identity Construction and Negotiation in the context of Migration: Comparing Greek and Albanian Lay Discourses in Greece", paper presented at the CRONEM's 8th Annual Conference 2012: 'The Future of Multiculturalism: Structures, Integration Policies and Practices', University of Surrey, 26 - 27 June 2012.

"La cohabitation pluriethnique en Europe urbaine: conflits et négociations. Réflexion sur les politiques urbaines appropriées", paper presented at the XIXe Congrès of the Association internationale des sociologues de langue française (CR02 Sociologie urbaine: villes, sociétés et action publique), in Rabat, Morocco, 2-6 July 2012.

"Greece without (any more) Muslims: silencing religious difference in the context of migration", paper presented at the 13th Mediterranean Research Meeting, Workshop 9, Montecatini Terme, 21 - 24 March 2012.

"Economically assessed ethnic diversity vs invisibility of the cultural and religious 'other' in the public space. Conflict, (in)tolerance and coexistence in the cities of Europe: some preliminary thoughts", paper presented at the IMISCOE 8th Annual Conference, Workshop no.25: The local Policymaking of Interculture between national integration policy, diversity, cohesion and development, Warsaw, 8-9 September 2011.

"Being Albanian in Greece or elsewhere: negotiation of the (national) self in a migratory context", paper presented at the international conference: "Myths of the Other in the Balkans. Representations, social practices and performances", Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies (University of Macedonia -Thessaloniki) & Via Egnatia Foundation, Thessaloniki, 24-25 February 2011.

"Spatial proximity and social distance: Albanian migrants' invisible exclusions. Evidence from Greece", paper presented at the World Bank Conference on Poverty and Social Inclusion in the Western Balkans, Brussels, Belgium, December 14th and 15th, 2010. Available at the World Bank portal:

<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTECAREGTOPPOVRED/Resources/ikokkalipaperWBWesternBalkans.pdf>

"Albanians in Greece: a supernumerary migratory group spatially absent", paper presented at the 2nd PanHellenic Conference on Urbanism, Planning and Regional Development, Volos (Greece), 24-27 September 2009.

«De la dissimulation identitaire à l'invisibilité spatiale: les Albanais en Grèce, un groupe migratoire surnuméraire», paper presented at the Journées d'étude pluridisciplinaires: «Le visible et l'invisible dans le champ des études sur les migrations», MIGRINTER [the main research network on migration in France], Poitiers, 14-16/06/2009.

"Absence of a 'community' and spatial invisibility: migrants from Albania in Greece and the case of Thessaloniki", paper presented in the international conference organised by Future 2008: The ethnically diverse city, Weimar, 31st October-2nd November 2008.

"Albanian immigration and Thessaloniki's new (population) geography. Exploring the patterns of territorial insertion of an 'exemplary' migratory group", paper presented at the 3rd International Conference on Population Geographies, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, 19-21 June 2006.

«L'immigration albanaise en Grèce : diffusion et dispersion dans le territoire urbain. Le cas de Thessalonique», paper presented at the International Conference "Migrations, crises and recent conflicts in the Balkans", Belgrade, 27-29 October 2005.