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- BIRTH 29/04/1984, Athens, Greece
- RESEARCH INTERESTS Consumer Behaviour (Microeconomics), Non-Market Valuation (Experimental Markets, Choice Experiments, Contingent Valuation), Consumer Behaviour, Econometrics, Statistics, Health Economics, Agribusiness.
- EDUCATION **Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece
- PhD* **2011 – 2015**
- Title of thesis: *“Non-neoclassical preferences and valuation measures: Theoretical framework and empirical evidence from contingent valuation and experimental markets”*.
  - Advisors: Panagiotis Lazaridis, Andreas Drichoutis and Stathis Klonaris
- University of Arkansas, Dale Bumpers College**, Arkansas, USA
- Visiting Scholar* **Fall Semester 2009**
- Courses taken: Microeconomics III (Walton College of Business, PhD level), Econometrics I (Walton College of Business, Masters level), Marketing Theory (Masters level)
  - Research: Health issues concerning the Food Stamps Program (with Prof. R. M. Nayga)
- Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece
- M.B.A in Agribusiness Management* **2008 – 2010**
- Diploma degree: 9.19/10
  - Title of thesis: *“The Concept of Quality in Food Demand Analysis: A Microeconomic Approach”*.
- Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece
- Bsc,Msc in Agricultural Economics* **2002 – 2008**
- Diploma degree: 7.45/10
  - Title of thesis: *“Determinants of the Demand for Dairy Products in Greece”*.
- Summer Schools/Intensive courses:**
- University of Padova, Conegliano, Italy **2010**  
*“Summer School on the Experimental Design for Stated Choice and advanced modeling of choice data”*

- University of Oxford (Nuffield College), Oxford, U.K

2010

“Summer School in Experimental Economics”

SELECTED  
PUBLICATIONS &  
WORKING PAPERS

**Vassilopoulos A., Drichoutis A.C., Nayga R.M. and Lazaridis P. (2018)** “Does the Food Stamp Program Really Increase Obesity? The Importance of Accounting for Misclassification Errors”, *Journal of Applied Statistics*, Volume 45, Issue 12, pages 2269-2278.

**Vassilopoulos, A. and Koundouri, P. (2017)** "Valuation of Marine Ecosystems", *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Environmental Economics*. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199389414.013.529

**Drichoutis, A.C., Vassilopoulos, A., Lusk, J.L. and Nayga, R.M., Jr. (2017)** "Consumer preferences for fair labour certification", *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, Volume 44, Issue 3, pages 455-474.

**Vassilopoulos A., Klonaris S. (2016)** “Determinants of transitions in artificially discrete states Markov chains using micro-data”, *Economics Letters*, Volume 146, pages 17-20.

**Caputo V., Vassilopoulos A., Nayga R.M., Canavari M. (2013)** “Welfare Effects of Food Miles Labels” *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, Volume 47, Issue 2, pages 311-327.

**Vassilopoulos A., Klonaris S., Drichoutis A.C. and Lazaridis P. (2012)**. “Modeling quality demand with data from Household Budget Surveys: An application to meat and fish products in Greece.” *Economic Modelling*, Volume 29, Issue 6, Pages 2744-2750.

**Drichoutis, A.C. and Vassilopoulos, A.** “Intertemporal stability of survey-based measures of risk and time preferences over a three-year course” *Under Review - Theory and Decision*

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

**Mantziki K., Renders C-M., Vassilopoulos A., Gregório J. M., Graça P., De Henauw S., Visscher T., Hanjiev S., Radulian G., Borys J-M., Du Plessis H. and Seidell J. (2016)**. “Inequalities in energy-balance related behaviours and family environmental determinants in European children: Changes and sustainability within the EPHE evaluation study”, *International Journal for Equity in Health*, Volume 15:160.

**Mantziki, K., Vassilopoulos A., Radulian G., Borys J-M., Du Plessis H., Gregório M., Graça P., De Henauw S., Handjiev S., Visscher T. and Seidell J. (2015)**. “Inequities in energy-balance related behaviours and family environmental determinants in European children: baseline results of the prospective EPHE evaluation study.” *BMC Public Health*, Volume 15, page 1203.

**Mantziki, K., Vassilopoulos A., Radulian G., Borys J-M., Du Plessis H., Gregório M., Graça P., De Henauw S., Handjiev S., Visscher T. and Seidell J. (2014)**. “Promoting Health Equity in European Children: Design and Methodology of the Prospective EPHE (Epoque for the Promotion of Health Equity) Evaluation Study.” *BMC Public Health*, Volume 14, Issue 1, page 330.

**Chairman of session** “Supporting Sustainable Development Goals Implementation using research”, *Protection and Restoration of the Environment XIV*, July 2018, Athens, Greece.

**Vassilopoulos A.** “Technological Bridges between research and practice: OpenAIRE SDSN-Greece dashboard and Climate Innovation Window platform”, *Protection and Restoration of the Environment XIV*, July 2018, Athens, Greece

**Chairman of session** “Valuing Environmental Costs and Benefits”, *EAERE 2017 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, July 2017, Athens, Greece.

**Vassilopoulos A., Avgeraki N. and Klonaris S.**, “Resolving the Smog around the WTA-WTP disparity: A case study from Greece”, *EAERE 2017 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, July 2017, Athens, Greece.

**Vassilopoulos A.**, “Sustainable consumption patterns”, *Workshop on “The implementation of sustainable development goals in local government”*, organized by the Development Company OTA, ANATOLIKI SA in cooperation with the Municipality of Thessaloniki, 17 October 2016, Thessaloniki, Greece.

**Member of roundtable** on the topic "Sustainable development goals and the Greek context" with S. Famellos (Member of Greek parliament), N. Mitarakis (Member of Greek parliament), E. Ioannidis (Mayor of Kozani) and A. Pappas (Vice Mayor of Thessaloniki), *Workshop on “The implementation of sustainable development goals in Local Government”*, organized by the Development Company OTA, ANATOLIKI SA in cooperation with the Municipality of Thessaloniki, 17 October 2016, Thessaloniki, Greece.

**Chairman of session** “Sustainable development in a changing world”, *International Workshop on “Analytical tools to evaluate the impact of public policies on Sustainable Development Goals”*, organized by the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, September 2016, Milan, Italy.

**Vassilopoulos A., Drichoutis A.C. and Nayga R.M.**, “Expectations, anchoring, salience and the No-Loss-In-Buying hypothesis in non-market valuation: A test using the BDM mechanism”, *1st Athens meeting of Behavioral Economics and Experimental Social Sciences (ABEES)*, May 2016, Athens, Greece.

**Vassilopoulos A., Drichoutis A.C., Nayga R.M. and Lazaridis P.**, “Does the Food Stamp Program Really Increase Obesity? The Importance of Accounting for Misclassification Errors”, *71st International Atlantic Economic Conference*, March 2011, Athens, Greece.

**Caputo V., Vassilopoulos A., Nayga R.M., Canavari M.**, “Welfare Effects of Food Miles Labels”, *120th EAAE Seminar*, September 2010, Chania, Greece.

**Vassilopoulos A., Drichoutis A.C., Nayga R.M. and Lazaridis P.**, “Food Stamps and Obesity: Matching estimators and their sensitivity”, *International Meeting of Applied Economics and Finance*, June 2010, Ioannina, Greece.

**Vassilopoulos A., Klonaris S., Drichoutis A.C. and Lazaridis P.**, “Quality demand for meat and fish products: A microeconomic analysis”, *International Conference on Applied Business Research*, September 2009, Valleta, Malta.

**International Centre for Research on the Environment & the Economy (ICRES)**, Athens, Greece

*Senior Researcher*

**2016 – Today**

Provide requirement for dashboard service for the sustainable development community in Greece; pilot testing, assessment and promotion of the service to the community

EU Project : “OpenAIRE - CONNECTing scientific results in support of Open Science (acronym: OpenAIRE - CONNECT)”.

<http://www.icre8.eu/openaire-connect-h2020>

Assessment of economic values of social innovations and their impacts

EU Project : “Social Innovations in Marginalized Rural Areas (acronym: SIMRA)”.

<http://www.simra-h2020.eu>

Market scoping, adaptation and development of market analysis framework, guidance on business plan development of technological innovations on floods, droughts and extreme weather

EU Project : “BRIdging the GAp for Innovations in Disaster resilience (acronym: BRIGAIID)”.

<http://brigaid.eu>

Academic Manager

Greek chapter of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

<http://www.unsdsn.gr>

**Intrasoft International S.A.**, Luxembourg

*Senior Researcher*

**2017 – Today**

High level business plan (objectives, vision, goals, SWOT analysis, targeting market) for food analysis portable device and algorithms developed by the project

EU Project : “Portable photonic miniaturised smart system for on-the-spot food quality sensing (acronym: PhasmaFOOD)”.

<http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/206194>

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece

*Research Associate & Administrative Coordinator*

**2013 – 2015**

Member of EPHE scientific advisory board; Statistical analysis of behavioral data from questionnaires administered to schoolchildren parents.

Sub-contracting of NOSTUS Communications & Events for the EU Project : “EPODE for the Promotion of Health Equity (acronym: EPHE)”.

<http://www.epheproject.com>

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece

*Research Associate*

**2012 – 2015**

Consulting on Business Plans for Entrepreneurship Competition

Project Funded by the E.U. and by national funds: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Unit (IEU).

<http://www.techtransfer.aua.gr/>

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece

*Project's Team*

**2014**

Research Associate and Coordination Assistance of the project "Consumers' willingness to pay for agricultural products certified to ensure fair working conditions" funded by the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation.

<http://www.latsis-foundation.org/>

**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**, Rome, Italy

*Economist*

**2013**

Statistical analysis of data from National Household surveys and the Rural Income Generating Activities datasets (RIGA) and development of indicators for small scale agriculture on Production, Consumption, Income, Capital, Inputs, Technology adoption, Access to markets, Labour, Social, and Infrastructure for developing countries.

Project Title: "Smallholders in transition".

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece

*Research Associate*

**2012 – 2013**

Statistical and Econometric analysis of crop model simulation results.

EU project: "Innovative precision technologies for optimized irrigation and integrated crop management in a water-limited agrosystem, (LIFE08 ENV/GR/0000570)"

<http://www.hydrosense.org>

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece

*Research Associate & Administrative Coordinator*

**2010 – 2011**

Mapping of Public-Private Partnerships regarding obesity prevention in Greece, Cyprus, Malta and Bulgaria.

EU project: "Partnership, healthy eating and innovative governance as tools to counteract obesity and overweight (acronym: Obesity Governance)"

<http://www.sifo.no/obesity-governance>

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece

*Research Associate & Administrative Assistant*

**2009 – 2010**

Acceptance of novel food products by the consumers and their effect on the food chain.

EU project: "Increasing fruit consumption through a trans-disciplinary approach delivering high quality produce from environmentally friendly, sustainable production methods (acronym: ISAFRUIT)"

<http://www.isafruit.org>

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**University of Ioannina**, Ioannina, Greece **2018 – Today**  
*Assistant Professor, Department Economics*  
Public Economics, Microeconomics II, Consumer Theory (MSc Economic Theory and Policy)

**MBA in Agribusiness Management, Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece  
**2016 – Today**  
*Visitor Professor*  
Special topics in marketing (Microdata Analysis using EXCEL)

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece **2018**  
*Adjunct Assistant Professor (PD 407/1980), Department of Agricultural Economics & Rural Development*  
Microeconomics II (spring semester)

**ATHENA Research and Innovation Information Technologies**, Athens, Greece **2018**  
*CLOBAQUA Training Course: Economics of Sustainable Water Management in accordance to the Water Framework Directive (WFD), the Millennium Ecosystems Assessment (MEA) and Sustainable Development Goals of the UN Agenda 2030*  
Session: Non-market valuation methods: Contingent Valuation, Choice Experiments & Experimental Economics

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece **2016 – 2018**  
*Department of Agricultural Economics & Rural Development*  
Strategic Planning in Agribusiness (fall semester),  
EU-funded National Strategic Reference Framework (ESPA) programme “Acquisition of teaching experience for Ph.D holders”

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece **2016 – 2017**  
*Department of Agricultural Economics & Rural Development*  
Microeconomics II (spring semester)  
EU-funded National Strategic Reference Framework (ESPA) programme “Acquisition of teaching experience for Ph.D holders”

**Agricultural University of Athens**, Athens, Greece **2010 – 2015**  
*Teaching Assistant*  
Teaching assistant for undergraduate courses in Quantitative Methods in Economics, Microeconomics, Econometrics.

REVIEWING  
SERVICE FOR  
SCIENTIFIC  
JOURNALS

- Economic Modelling
- Agribusiness : An International Journal
- Public Health Nutrition
- Research Topics in Agricultural and Applied Economics (e-book)
- Agricultural Economics Review
- British Food Journal
- Review of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Studies

HONOURS AND  
AWARDS

- John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation **2014**  
Research Grant of €12,000 “Consumer’s willingness to pay for agricultural products

certified to ensure fair working conditions”

- M.B.A in Agribusiness Management, Agricultural University of Athens **2010**  
Highest diploma degree (9.19/10) among fellow students
- Bsc,Msc in Agricultural Economics, Agricultural University of Athens **2008**  
Highest diploma degree (7.45/10) among both entry-year and graduation year fellow students
- Enterpreneurship competition, Agricultural University of Athens **2007**  
*Business Plan: Bioland, Fast-Food Restaurant Chain with Organic Products.*

LANGUAGE(S)

- Greek (Mother tongue)
- English (Fluent)
  - Certificate of Proficiency in English (University of Cambridge)
  - Certificate of Proficiency in English (University of Michigan)
- Italian (Independent User)
  - Celi 1, livello A2 (Università di Perugia)

SOFTWARE

Stata, NLOGIT/Limdep, SPSS, R, Eviews, SAS, Ngene, z-tree, Python (Statsmodels), SQL (Basic queries), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.