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Qualifications

- PhD in Economic Geography, Faculty of Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2000). Thesis title: *“Geographical Restructuring of Manufacturing in Greece: The Case of Agrifood Processing Sector in the Framework of the Single European Market”*.
- MSc. in Regional Development, Institute of Regional Development / Panteion University of Athens (1988). Thesis Title: *“SMEs and local development in a highly competitive environment: The case of Chania, Crete”*.
- BA in Business Economics, Athens University of Economics (1982)

Scholarships received during postgraduate studies

- State Scholarships Foundation (IKY): Three-year grant, acquired after written exams, for PhD research in Economic Geography.
- EU Erasmus Programme: A full semester work as research student at the Geography Department, Durham University, UK (supervisor: Prof. Ray Hudson) and participation in two Intensive Erasmus Seminars held at the Dept. of European Studies, Sussex University, UK.

Career Profile

- *Professor*, Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, (2018 - present).
- *Head of Dept. of Geography*, Harokopio University, 09/22 – 08/24.
- *Adjunct Academic Staff* of Regional Development at the Hellenic Open University (09/2022 - 08/2025).
- *Adjunct Academic Staff* of Human Geography at the Hellenic Open University (10/2017 - 07/2019).
- *Visiting Academic Fellow*, Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, School of Geosciences, Utrecht University, the Netherlands (09/2016-03/2017).

- *Associate Professor*, Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, (2014 - 2018).
- *Assistant Professor with tenure*, Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, (2012-2014).
- *Visiting Academic Fellow*, Planning & Geography School, Cardiff University, UK (09/2011-03/2012).
- *Assistant Professor*, Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, (2008 - 2012).
- *Lecturer*, Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, (2003 - 2008).
- *Adjunct Lecturer*, Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, (2001 - 2003).
- *Adjunct Lecturer*, Dept. of Geography, Aegean University, (2000 - 2001).
- *Research Fellow*, Regional Development & Policy RU, Dept. of Economics, Macedonia University, Thessaloniki, (1999 - 2003).
- *Free-lance Researcher*, member of several research teams based at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Panteion University, National Technical University of Athens and Macedonia University (1994 - 1999).
- *Consultant* on Regional Development Projects, with STADION Consultants Ltd. (1991-1993).
- *SMEs Consultant*, Hellenic Organization for Small Firms (EOMMEX), (1984 - 1990).

Teaching

Undergraduate courses

- "Economic Geography", 2003/04 -
- "Special Topics in Economic Geography", 2003/04 -
- "Geography of Globalized Production Networks", 2011/12 -
- "Location Applications", 2011/12 -
- "Human Geography", 2017/18 & 2018/19
- "Spatial Dimension of Small Entrepreneurship", 2019/20-
- "Geography of Manufacturing, Services and Retail", 2003/04 – 2010/11
- "Geography of the Mediterranean and Southern Europe", 2004/05 & 2006/07
- "Regional Development", 2002/03
- "Globalization and Uneven Development", 1999/00
- "Geography of Labour Restructuring", 1999/00

I've been the principal supervisor in more than 30 and external examiner in more than 50 completed BA dissertations.

Postgraduate courses

- "Geographies of Globalization", 2005/06 -
- "Regional Development and Policies in Europe", 2005/06 -

I've been the principal supervisor in more than 25 and external examiner in more than 30 completed MA dissertations.

PhD Supervision – Examination

I was the principal supervisor in the completed PhD dissertation submitted at Harokopio University in spring 2022:

- Konstantina Tsakopoulou “*Local agri-food and tourism linkages: the case of Santorini island*”.

I’ve been assigned as an external examiner in six completed PhD dissertations submitted at Harokopio University, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and National Technical University in Athens.

Research

Coordinator of Harokopio Research Team

- (01/2023 – 06/2023) *Formulation of Local Strategies based on Culture*, financed by the Ministry of Culture and Sports. Partners: AUTH (coordinator), IRD Panteion University, University of the Aegean.
- (01/06/2018-31/05/2022) *Area Based Collaborative Entrepreneurship in Cities (ABCitiEs)* financed by Interreg Europe, axe: SMEs competitiveness. Partners: Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (coordinator), Municipality of Amsterdam, Mykolas Romeris University, Sunrise Valley Science and Technology Park, The Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester City Council, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Organization and Informatics, The City of Varaždin, The City of Čakovec, Harokopio University and Municipality of Athens.
- (09/2016–09/2017) *Matching Funds for the EU FP7: ENV.2013.6.5-2 Programme KNOW-4DRR*” financed by the General Secretariat of Research and Technology.
- (02/2013-11/2015) *The human factor as the main component of development dynamics and differentiation of regions: the case of Greece*, financed by the EU and Hellenic Ministry of Education (THALIS 2011). *Partners:* University of Macedonia (coordinator) Harokopio University, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Panteion University.
- (06/2013–06/2015) *Enabling knowledge for disaster risk reduction in integration to climate change adaptation*, financed by the EU FP7:ENV.2013.6.5-2. *Partners:* Politecnico di Milano (coordinator), Harokopio University, Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Development Workshop (France), Salzburg University, UN University (Germany), Université de Savoie, European Academy of Bolzano, ADELPHI (Germany), Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (Mexico).
- (12/2010–05/2011) *The territorial dimensions of Attica’s productive system and its linkages with Research and Development Activities in the framework of the Athens 2020 Plan*, financed by the Organisation of Planning and Environmental Protection of Athens. National Technical University of Athens.
- (06/2005-12/2007) *Women in Rural Areas and Food: Social Perceptions and Business Initiatives at Local Level*, financed by the Hellenic Ministry of Education (Pythagoras II). Panteion University.

Senior Researcher

- (05/2022 - 10/2025) *Very Small and Small Businesses and Urban Development (VeSBUD)* financed by the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI)
- (01/2023 – 12/2025) *Nexus Framework for biodiversity-relevant transformative change (BIOTRAILS)* financed by Horizon CL6 – 2022. Partners: CNR - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Rome (coordinator); ETH, Zurich; Harokopio University, Adelphi Research GMBH, Berlin; White Research SPRL, Saint Gilles; Stichting Global Resilient Cities Network, Rotterdam; DRAXIS Environmental SA, Thessaloniki; EBOS Technology Ltd, Nikosia; Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT), Palmira; Hellenic Aquaculture Producers Organization (HAPO), Athens; Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi.
 - (10/2007-10/2009) *Contemporary Greek Cultural Landscapes: an Aerial Atlas*, financed by John Latsis Public Benefit Foundation. Harokopio University.
 - (02/2004-02/2005) *Women Towards Ownership in Business and Agriculture*, financed by the EU FP for Gender Equality 2003-2006. *Partners:* Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Iceland, Ministry of Welfare of Latvia, Innovation Norway, Swedish Business Development Agency, Panteion University.
 - (12/2002-03/2003) *Social and economic impact of the 07/09/1999 earthquake on SMEs and employment in Western Athens*, financed by the Earthquake Planning and Protection Organisation (OASP). Harokopio University.
 - (03/2000-09/2002) *The Future of Europe's Rural Periphery*, financed by the EU FP5. *Research Partners:* Macedonia University (coordinator), Institute of Social Sciences (Portugal), Hohenheim University, University of Luton, University of Lutz, University of Middlesex.
 - (10/1996-12/1997) *Internationalisation, Inter-firm Linkages and SMEs Development in Central and Eastern Europe*, financed by the EU-PHARE ACE 95. Partners: CEEDR, Middlesex University (coordinator), University of Lutz, Tallinn University, University D. Tsenov, University of Macedonia.
 - (06/1994-10/1996) *Technology Transfer and System Areas in Greek Manufacturing*, financed by the General Secretariat of Research and Technology. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
 - (06/1994-04/1996) *Informal Forms of Industrial Work: Production, Labour and Urban Space in Athens*, financed by the General Secretariat of Research and Technology. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Visiting Academic Fellow

- (09/2016 – 03/2017). Visiting Academic Fellow at the Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Department of Geography, University of Utrecht. I worked with Assist. Professor Agni Kalfagianni for the preparation of an edited volume on localizing global food edited by Routledge.
- (09/2011 – 03/2012). Visiting Academic Fellow at the School of Geography and Planning, University of Cardiff. I worked with Professor Kevin Morgan and members of the

Sustainable Food Systems research group on the dysfunctions of the conventional food system and the dynamics of local food systems.

Publications

Books and Edited Volumes

- Skordili, S. & Kalogeresis, Th. (2023) *Spatial Dimensions of micro-entrepreneurship*, Open Access Ebook edited by Kallipos Hellenic Academic Ebooks (in greek).
- Skordili, S., Kalogeresis Th., Tsampra, M. (2023) *Economic Geographies of Globalization: Global challenges and local responses*, Open Access Ebook edited by Kallipos Hellenic Academic Ebooks (in greek).
- Lyberaki, A. & Skordili, S. (2019) *Economic Geography: the new coordinates of the map of location and spatial configuration of production*, Athens: Kritiki (in greek).
- Kalfagianni, A. & Skordili, S. (eds.) (2019) *Localizing Global Food: Short Food Supply Chains as Responses to the Agri-Food System Challenges*, London & New York: Routledge.
- Dandoulaki, M., Karymbalis, Th., Skordili, S. (eds.) (2018) *Contemporary issues in natural and human-made disasters*, Athens: KΨM Publishers (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (ed.) (2015) «Special Issue: Agri-food Systems in Human Geography and Urban Planning: the new research agenda», *Geographies*, (25): 3-76 (in greek).

Articles in peer reviewed journals

- Skordili, S. (2022) «Economic Geography and Regional Development: restricted presence with strong footprint», *Geographies*, 40:48-55 (in greek).
- Kalogeresis, Th., Skordili, S., Tsampra, M. (2021) «Digital Transformation and Uneven Geography of Knowledge Intensive Labour: New Co-working Spaces in Athens», *Geographies*, 38: 49-67 (in greek).
- Skordili, S. & Tsakopoulou, C. (2019) «Culinary Tourism and Rural Development: exploring the dynamic of 'the Greek breakfast' initiative in Santorini», *The Greek Review of Social Research*, 152: 209-26.
- Skordili, S. (2015) «The new research agenda for agri-food systems in Human Geography and Urban Planning: introduction to the special issue», *Geographies*, 25: 3-12, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2013) «The sojourn of Aldi in Greece», *Journal of Business and Retail Management Research*, v.8 (1): 68-80.
- Skordili, S. (2013) «Economic Crisis as a Catalyst for Food Planning: the case of Athens», *International Planning Studies*, v.13 (1): 128-41.
- Skordili, S. (2012) «Economic crisis and growing economic and geographical Inequalities: the effect of novel spatial strategies adopted by the top grocery retail chains in Greece», *Aeihoros*, 17: 82-105 (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2010) «The highly selective and unsteady character of Transnational

Corporations geographical expansion», *Geographies*, 16: 52-75 (in greek).

- Skordili, S. (2008) «Facets of agri-food globalization: geographical transformations of agro-food supply networks», *Review of Social Research*, 125: 131-61, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2004) «Internet technologies and space shrinkage: impediments in ICT penetration in rural peripheral SMEs», *Geographies*, 6: 60-76, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2003) «The new Geography of agro-food processing industry in Greece», *Topos*, 20-21: 99-118, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2001) «The contribution of Economic Geography on the Globalization debate: Comments on the more recent bibliography», *Geographies*, 2: 100-04, (in greek).

Chapters in edited volumes

- Kalfagianni, A. & Skordili, S. (2019) «Localizing Global Food: an Introduction», in A. Kalfagianni and S. Skordili (eds.) *Localizing Global Food: Short Food Supply Chains as Responses to the Agri-Food System Challenges*, London & New York: Routledge, pp. 1-24.
- Skordili, S. (2019) «“New” micro agri-food initiatives in crisis-hit Greece and beyond: a promising alternative or business as usual?», in A. Kalfagianni and S. Skordili (eds.) *Localizing Global Food: Short Food Supply Chains as Responses to the Agri-Food System Challenges*, London & New York: Routledge, pp. 90-103.
- Kalfagianni, A. & Skordili, S. (2019) «Short Food Supply Chains Responses to Agri-food Systems Challenges: Concluding remarks», in A. Kalfagianni and S. Skordili (eds.) *Localizing Global Food: Short Food Supply Chains as Responses to the Agri-Food System Challenges*, London & New York: Routledge, pp. 190-194.
- Skordili, S. and Faka, A. (2018) «The impact of the crisis on food retailing in Athens» in T. Maloutas and S. Spyrellis (eds.) *Athens Social Atlas. Digital compendium of texts and visual material*, at <https://www.athenssocialatlas.gr/en/article/food-retailing-in-athens/>
- Skordili, S. (2018) «The enhanced agenda of food security: Old and new risks to the sustainability of people and the planet», in M. Dandoulaki, Th. Karymbalis and S. Skordili (eds.): *Contemporary issues in natural and human-made disasters*, Athens: ΚΨΜ Publishers, pp.163-188, (in greek).
- Dandoulaki, M. Karymbalis, Th. and Skordili, S. (2018) «Risks and disasters in times of crisis», in M. Dandoulaki, Th. Karymbalis and S. Skordili (eds.) (2018): *Contemporary issues in natural and human-made disasters*, Athens: ΚΨΜ Publishers, pp. 9-29 (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2016) «'New' initiatives in agri-food sector: identification of opportunities and threats for a human-centered local development», στο L. Labrianidis, Th. Kalogeresis & G Kafkalas (eds.) *The Human Factor in Spatial Development: Alternative Readings of Regional Inequalities*, Athens: Kritiki, pp. 411-444 (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2013) «The impact of the new network development policies of the leading grocery chains in Athens retailing landscape» in Th. Maloutas, G. Kandyliis, M. Petrou and N. Souliotis (eds.) *Athens Centre as political stake*, Athens: National Centre of Social Research, pp. 119-143, (in greek).

- Skordili, S. (2011) «The industrial concentration at Oinofyta», in C. Hadjimichalis (ed.) *Contemporary Greek Landscapes: an aerial atlas*, Athens: Melissa, pp. 100-04 (in greek).
- Sapountzaki, P., Skordili, S. and Halkias, Ch. (2010) «The impact of the Parnitha 7/9/1999 earthquake to SMEs located in the Western Athens greater area», in P. Delladetsima & E. Beriatos (eds.) *Earthquakes and Urban Development*, Athens: Kritiki, pp. 389-443, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2008) «Regional inequalities and the digital economy challenge: variations in internet accessibility across Greek regions», in H. Cocossis & Y. Psycharis (eds.) *Regional Analysis and Policy: the Greek experience*, London: Springer – Physica Verlag, pp. 231-48.
- Skordili, S. (2007) «Industrial Geography», in Th., Terkenli, Th. Iosifidis and J. Chorianopoulos (eds.) *Human Geography: Homo, Society and Space*, Athens: Kritiki, pp. 310-327, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2005) «Entrepreneurship and ownership of women in manufacturing, services and retail», in M. Stratigaki (ed.) *Entrepreneurship of Women: Aspects of Ownership and Management*, Athens: Gutenberg, pp. 87-104, (in greek).
- Gidarakou, I., Demopoulou, E., Kazakopoulos, L. and Skordili, S. (2005) «Gender inequalities in employment, education and income», in M. Stratigaki (ed.) *Entrepreneurship of Women: Aspects of Ownership and Management*, Athens: Gutenberg, pp. 65-86, (in greek).
- Gidarakou, I., Demopoulou, E. and Skordili, S. (2005) «Institutional Framework», in M. Stratigaki (ed.) *Entrepreneurship of Women: Aspects of Ownership and Management*, Athens: Gutenberg, pp. 41-63, (in greek).
- Labrianidis, L., Kalogeresis, A., Kourtesis, A. & Skordili, S. (2004) «Technology, Peripherality and Rurality», in L. Labrianidis (ed.) *The Future of Europe's Rural Periphery*, London: Ashgate, pp. 87-113.
- Labrianidis, L., Skordili, S. & Kalogeresis, A. (2004) «Entrepreneurship in Rural Greece: Kilikis and Lesvos», in L. Labrianidis (ed.) *The Future of Europe's Rural Periphery*, London: Ashgate, pp. 223-246.
- Labrianidis, L., Skordili, S. & Kalogeresis, A. (2004) «Entrepreneurship in Rural Greece: Kilikis and Lesvos», in L. Labrianidis (ed.) *The Future of Rural Europe*, Athens: Patakis, pp. 277-344, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (1998) «Restructuring trends in Greek agri-food sector», in E. Sefertzi (ed.) *Innovation: System Areas, Technology Transfer and Innovative Development in Greece*, Athens: Gutenberg, pp. 117-150, (in greek).

Papers in Conference Minutes

- Skordili, S. (2018) «Urban agriculture in times of crisis: the municipal gardens in greater Athens», Minutes of the International Workshop *Connections and missing links within Urban Agriculture, Food and Food Systems*, organized by the Universidade Nova de Lisboa with the participation of RUAF organization, Lisbon, 26-27/04/2018, pp. 68-72.

- Skordili, S. (2015) «Human capital, creativity and local development: A study of 'new' agro-food ventures in crisis-hit Greece», Minutes of the Regional Studies Association Winter Conference, *Great Transformation: Recasting Regional Policy*, London 19-20/11/2015, London: RSA, pp.221-223.
- Skordili, S. (2015) «"New" initiatives in the agri-food sector: upgrading human capital, creativity and spatial development», Digital Minutes of the *4th Panhellenic Conference of Urban and Regional Planning and Development*, Department, of Regional Planning and Development University of Thessaly, Volos, 24-27/09/2015, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. & Melissourgios, G. (2014) «Economic crisis as an opportunity for human-centred and greener development of Greek regions», Digital Minutes of the international conference *Human Development in Times of Crisis*, organised by the Human Capabilities Development Association, Athens, 02-05/09/2014.
- Skordili, S. & Artelaris, P. (2012) «Are MNCs infallible? Failures in the spatial development of ALDI stores network in Greece», Digital Minutes of the 10th Conference of the Greek Section of the European Regional Science Association University of Macedonia and AUTH, Thessaloniki, 1-2/6/2012, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. & Hadjimichalis, C. (2010) «Economic Geography and Globalization: An Introduction», *Minutes of the 8th Panhellenic Geographical Conference*, organised by the Hellenic Geographical Society, v.3, pp. 530-534, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. and Papadopoylos, P. (2010) «Geographical Distribution of the Foreign Direct Investments in China», *Minutes of the 8th Panhellenic Geographical Conference*, organised by the Hellenic Geographical Society, v.3, pp. 535-544, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2009) «Gross-continental agri-food chains and local agro-food complexes: the case of the orange juice agri-food complex in the Peloponnese region», Minutes of the International Conference *Changing European Spaces: Winners and Losers*, Chania, 28/8 – 1/9/2007, Seminars of the Aegean Series, pp. 111-124.
- Kontogiorgi, E. & Skordili, S. (2007) «The Geography of agri-food processing industry in Greece during the first decades of the 20th century», Minutes of the Conference *The Greek Rural Society and Economy during the Governance of E. Venizelos*, 3-5/11/2004, Athens: Greek Letters Pbls, pp. 144-72, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (2006) «New forms of regional inequalities in Greece: the diffusion of the internet across Greek regions», Digital Minutes of the international conference *Enlargement, Southern Europe and the Mediterranean*, organized by the European Regional Science Association (ERSA), University of Thessaly - Volos, 31/8 – 3/9/06 (paper n. 892).
- Hadjimichalis, C., Rovolis, A. & Skordili, S. (2004) «Assessing the extent of regional inequalities in Greece: Issues of methodology», Minutes of the Conference *Social change in Modern Greece (1980 – 2001)*, Karagiorgas Foundation and Panteion University, Athens, 9-12/04/2003, pp. 472-499, (in greek).

- Skordili, S. (1999) "The Geography of Agri-food Processing Industry in the Single European Market", *Minutes of the 5th Panhellenic Geographical Conference*, organised by the Hellenic Geographical Society, pp. 381-390, (in greek).
- Skordili, S. (1996) "Contemporary geographical restructuring trends of agri-food processing industry in Greece", *Minutes of the Conference Regional Development, Planning and Environment in the framework of the EU*, organized by the Association of Greek Regionalists and the Academic Journal Topos, v.1, pp. 211-23, (in greek).

(Selected) Oral Presentations at International Conferences

- Skordili, S., Kalogeresis, Th. (2024) "The actual and potential impact of the New Gastronomic Scene of Thessaloniki in urban development", paper presented at the Regional Studies Association (RSA) Annual Conference *Global Challenges, Regional Collaboration and the Role of Places*, University of Florence, 11-15/06/2024.
- Skordili, S., Anthopoulou, Th. And Tsakopoulou, K. (2022) "Culinary tourism as a stimulator of local agrifood production: the actual status and potential prospects in the island of Santorini", paper presented at the international forum *Origine, Diversité et Territoires*, Saignelégier, Switzerland, 19-21/10/2022.
- Tsampra, M., Kalogeresis, Th. and Skordili, S. (2022) "Linking islands through digital labour: Teleworking and co-working spaces in the Greek islands", paper presented at the international conference *Inequalities, mobilities and justice in rural areas, organized by the European Society of Rural Sociology*, Chania, 15-17/06/2022.
- Thoidou, E. & Skordili, S. (2018) "Urban agriculture and territorial challenges: evidence from the metropolitan area of Athens", paper presented at the AESOP annual conference paper *Making Space for Hope*, Gothenburg, 10-14/07/2018.
- Skordili, S. (2018) "Feeding Athens: prospects for the vulnerable micro agrifood initiatives in the framework of a city food planning", paper presented at the International Workshop *Work connections and missing links within Urban Agriculture, Food and Food Systems*, organized by the Universidade Nova de Lisboa with the participation of RUAF organization, Lisbon, 26/04/2018.
- Skordili, S. (2018) "The spatial footprint of increasing concentration in grocery retailing in crisis-hit Athens: limits and possibilities for the vulnerable micro food retailers", paper presented at the Urban Studies Seminar *Work practices in the aftermath of the global economic crisis*, organized by University of Patras and EKKE (National Centre of Social research), Athens 08-09/02/2018.
- Skordili, S. (2017) "New micro agri-food initiatives in crisis-hit Greece and beyond: a promising alternative or business as usual?", paper presented at the 8th AESOP Sustainable Food Planning Conference *Localizing urban food strategies, farming cities and performing rurality*, Coventry, 08-09/11/2017.
- Lakrintis, Th. and Skordili, S. (2017) "Food for thought: Exploring new consumer-producer relationships in crisis hit Greece", paper presented at the 13th Conference of

the European Sociological Association *(Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities*, Athens, 29/08- 01/09.

- Thoidou, E. & Skordili, S. (2016) "Urban agriculture and urban policies: evidence from municipal gardens in the metropolitan area of Athens", paper presented at the International Conference *EU and the City*, organised by the RSA (Regional Studies Association) and the Department of Urbanism, Delft University of Technology, 14/10/2016.
- Skordili, S. (2015) "Human capital, creativity and local development: A study of 'new' agro-food ventures in crisis-hit Greece", paper presented at the *RSA (Regional Studies Association)* Winter Conference, London 19-10/11/2015.
- Skordili, S. (2015) «Alternative market channels established by small agri-food firms at the outskirts of Athens», paper presented at the 7th *AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning) Sustainable Food Planning* Conference, Torino 7-9/10/2015.
- Skordili, S. (2014) "Transformations of food retailing in crisis-hit Athens: the potential for "new" small-scale initiatives", paper presented at the 6th *AESOP Sustainable Food Planning* Conference, Leeuwarden, 05-07/11/2014.
- Skordili, S. & Melisourgos, Y. (2014) "Economic crisis as an opportunity for human-centred and greener development of Greek regions", paper presented at the *Human Development and Capability Association* Annual Conference, Athens, 05-09/09/2014.
- Skordili, S. (2013) "Agri-food short supply chains as a new territorial development strategy in crisis-hit Greece", paper presented at the RSA Winter Conference, London, 25/11/2013.
- Skordili, S. (2013) "Reconnecting local agro-food systems with urban markets in crisis-hit Greece: the potential for Farmers' Markets and Social Economy Initiatives", paper presented at the 5th *AESOP Sustainable Food Planning* Conference, Montpellier, 28-29/10/2013.
- Skordili, S. (2011) "The resilience of the small food retail sector in Greece: prospects for affordable food and employment opportunities", paper presented at the 3rd *AESOP Sustainable Food Planning* Conference, Cardiff, 28-29/10/2011.
- Foutakis, D., Skordili, S., Thoidou, B. (2010) "Internet accessibility and e-governance applications: spatial and content issues and some evidence from Greece", paper presented at the 24th *AESOP* Annual Conference, Helsinki, 7-10/07/2010.
- Skordili, S. (2009) "Geographical expansion of perishable agro-food supply networks and local agro-food complexes: the case of orange juice processing in the eastern Peloponnese", paper presented at the 3rd *Nordic Geographers* Conference, Turku, 08-11/06/2009.
- Skordili, S. (2008) "Wider global processes and the changing Geography of agro-food production networks in Greece", paper presented at the 104th *AAG (Association of American Geographers)* Annual Conference, Boston, 15-19/04/2008.
- Skordili, S. (2007) "Cross-continental agro-food chains and local agro-food complexes: The case of orange juice complex in the Peloponnese region", paper presented at the

International Conference *Changing European Spaces: Winners and Losers*, Seminars of the Aegean, Chania 28/08–01/09/2007.

- Skordili, S. (2006) “New forms of regional inequalities in Greece: the diffusion of the internet across greek regions”, paper presented at the *ERSA (European Regional Science Association)* Annual Conference, Volos, 31/8 – 3/9/2006.
- Skordili, S. (2005) “Internet based technologies and space shrinkage: SMEs in rural areas in Greece”, paper presented at the *Inaugural Meeting of Nordic Geographers*, Lund, 10-14/5/2005.

Various Academic Activities

- Reviewer of the international journals: *Journal of Rural Studies*, *Environment and Planning A*, *European Urban and Regional Studies*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Outlook on Agriculture*.
- Reviewer of the academic publisher Routledge.
- Reviewer of the Greek academic journals: *Geographies*, *The Greek Review of Social Research*, *Aeihoros*, *Agora without Frontiers*.
- Reviewer of oral presentations and papers submitted for publication at the Minutes of several Panhellenic Conferences organized by the Hellenic Geographical Association, the Hellenic Association of Agricultural Economy, the Greek Section of European Regional Science Association, e.tc.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Academic Journal *Geographies*.
- Member of the Scientific Group of the Academic Journal *Aeihoros*.
- Member of the Scientific Committee of several Panhellenic Conferences: «7th Pan-Hellenic Conference on Planning and Regional Development», organized by the Dept. of Planning and Regional Development, Thessaly University, 09/2025, «16th Conference of the Hellenic Association of Agricultural Economics», Athens, 10/2021, «Creative and Cultural Economy: Spatial Development Policies», organized by the Dept. of Spatial Planning and Development, AUTH, 12/2015 «4th Pan-Hellenic Conference on Planning and Regional Development», organized by the Dept. of Planning and Regional Development, Thessaly University, 09/2015, e.tc.
- Member of the Greek Agri-food Platform set by the General Secretariat for Research and Innovation in the framework of the national Smart Specialization Strategy (04/2016 - 04/2017).
- Evaluator of several Academic Research Projects financed by the Hellenic Foundation of Research and Innovation.
- Evaluator of several Post-Doctoral Research Projects financed by the Hellenic Foundation of Research and Innovation
- Evaluator of New Researchers Projects, financed by the Ministry of Development and Investments (ESF).

- Evaluator of candidates for the PhD research award of State Scholarship Foundation (IKY) in Human Geography, 2004-2010.
- Coorganiser of “SS39: Micro and Small Firms. (Re)Shaping the Urban” in the framework of the Regional Studies Association (RSA) Annual Conference *Global Challenges, Regional Collaboration and the Role of Places*, University of Florence, 11-15/06/2024.
- Co-organizer of the session «Agri-food Geographies», in the framework of the Conference *22 years of the journal Geographies: Crises, Resistance and Prospects*, Harokopio University, Athens, Αθήνα: 25-27/11/2022.
- Co-organizer of the session «Small and micro entrepreneurship and urban development», in the framework of the Conference *22 years of the journal Geographies: Crises, Resistance and Prospects*, Harokopio University, Athens, Αθήνα: 25-27/11/2022.
- Co-organizer of the session «Micro-entrepreneurship and networking in the city», in the framework of the Conference *Geography in a Changing World*, University of the Aegean, Lesvos, 02-04/06/2021.
- Organiser of the International Workshop «Place-making and Urban Commons», in the framework of the research project ABCities, Athens, 16/05/2019.
- Organiser of the International Workshop «Short Food Supply Chains: Responses to the Agro-Food System Crisis», in the framework of the preparation of the relevant edited volume, University of Utrecht, 12-13/10/2016.
- Organiser of the Scientific Meeting «Food Justice: Local and Global Perspectives» with key-note speakers Robert Gottlieb, Prof. Occidental College LA and Agni Kalfagianni, Asst. Prof. Copernicus Institute, University of Utrecht, Harokopio University, 21/10/2015.
- Organiser of the special session «Human capital and regional development» in the framework of the *4th Panhellenic Conference of Urban and Regional Planning and Development*, University of Thessaly, Volos, 24-29/09/2015.
- Organiser of the special session «Agri-food networks in Economic Geographic and Urban Planning» in the framework of the *10th Panhellenic Geography Conference*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 10/2014.
- Organise of the International Workshop «Disaster Risk Reduction in integration to Climate Change Adaptation in times of Crisis: aspects from Europe» in the framework of the research project *KNOW – 4DRR*, Harokopio University, 07/04/2014.
- Organiser of the special session «Economic Geography and Globalization», in the framework of the *8th Panhellenic Geography Conference*, Thessaloniki, 10/2014.

Invited Speaker (selection)

- Post Graduate Course «Spatial Planning for Sustainable and Resilient Development», Dept. of Spatial Planning and Development, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 04/05/2023. Presentation title” “The resilience of small groceries retail sector: recent developments and the next day”.

- Post Graduate Course «Spatial Planning for Sustainable and Resilient Development», Dept. of Spatial Planning and Development, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 20/05/2021. Presentation title "Micro-enterprises of the historical Athens centre in the framework of the pandemic: direct impact and the next day".
- Post Graduate Course «Spatial Planning, Tourism and Culture Development», Dept. of Spatial Planning Urban and Regional Development, University of Thessaly, 08/12/2021. Presentation title "Does Covid-19 pandemic lead to a more resilient tourism? The first insights from small firms in the Athenian triangle".
- Scientific Meeting «Greece 2030: The role, the socio-economic dimensions and the prospects of the European cohesion policy», organised by the Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation and the General Secretariat of Media and Communication, Athens, 29/11/2019. Presentation title: "Area Based Collaborative Entrepreneurship".
- Meeting of social entrepreneurs located at the Municipal Market of Kipseli organised by the City of Athens, Kipseli Market, 25/11/2019. Presentation title: "The advantages of Area Based Collaborations for social economy ventures".
- Meeting of micro-entrepreneurs located at the Athens Historical Centre organised by the City of Athens, Athens City Hall, 18/11/2019. Presentation title: "The advantages of Area Based Collaborations for specialty retail and hospitality micro-enterprises".
- International Workshop "Changes in food consumption in austerity Europe" organized by the Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Copenhagen, 09-10/04/2015. Presentation title: «Food Insecurity in crisis-hit Greece».
- National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government (EKDDA), spring semester 2014. Five lectures on the broader thematic "Public Policies fostering small-scale entrepreneurship".
- Seminar "Strategies for Central Athens Revitalization" organized by the National Social Research Centre, 22/03/2011. Presentation title: «Network development strategies adopted by major grocery retailers in Athens».
- Workshop "Retail Trade and the City" organized by the Athens Organization of Planning and Environmental Protection, 23/02/2011. Presentation title: «Recent changes in the geography of food retailing in Athens».
- Seminar "Local products in a sustainable society" organised by the Krestena Municipality, 24-26/01/2014. Presentation title: "Local food products as a response to the dysfunctions of the conventional agri-food system".
- Post Graduate course "Integrated Development and Management of the Agricultural Space", Department of Agricultural Economy and Development, Agricultural University of Athens, spring semester 2007/08-2010/11. Presentation title: "Geographical transformations of agri-food supply chains in rural areas: the case of Peloponnese region".

Overall Educational Management Role

- Member of the Disciplinary Council of Harokopio University, 01/2025 -.
- Coordinator of the Research Studies Committee of Department of Geography, 10/2024.
- Member of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Committee of Harokopio University, 05/2024 - .
- Head of Department of Geography, School of Environment, Geography and Applied Economics, Harokopio University, 09/2022 – 06/2023.
- Member of the Senate of Harokopio University, 09/2022 – 08/2024.
- Member of the Faculty of the School of Environment, Geography and Applied Economics, Harokopio University, 09/2022 – 08/2024.
- Elected representative of the Department of Geography at the Faculty of the School of Environment, Geography and Applied Economics, Harokopio University, 09/2021 – 08/2022.
- Director of post graduate studies of Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, 02/2018 – 02/2020.
- Deputy Head of Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, 09/2015 – 09/2017.
- Member of several Evaluation Committees for new appointments and promotions of faculty members at various Greek Universities and Research Centres.
- Member of the Evaluation Committee of candidates for the Post graduate course “Applied Geography” at the Department of Geography, Harokopio University, 2005/06 - .
- Member of the Post-Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, 2005 – 2020.
- Member of the Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Geography, Harokopio University, 09/2021- 09/2023.
- Member of the provisional Assembly of the Department of Regional Economic Development, University of Central Greece, 2011-13.

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