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He was born in Thessaloniki in 1967, where he lives permanently. He has worked since 1990 as a research associate at the Center for Byzantine Research of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and since 2000 as a member of EEDIP II in the Department of Pastoral and Social Theology (today Social Theology and Christian Culture). Since 2006 he has been serving as a faculty member in the same Department with the subject: "History of Religions". He is married and has three children.

STUDIES- ACADEMIC TITLES

1985-1989: BSc in Theology from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Department of Pastoral and Social Theology)
1986-1988: Seminar in Greek Paleography / Patriarchal Foundation for Patristic Studies (Prof. P. Christou)
1989-1993: M.Th. -Faculty of Theology AUTH/Religious Studies
1994-2001: PhD - Faculty of Theology AUTH/Religious Studies
1991: Postgraduate studies/research in Durham University, UK, Oriental Research Institutes, London, UK

SCHOLARSHIPS-D DISTINCTIONS

1985-1989: Scholarship for undergraduate studies from IKY

ACADEMIC CAREER

2019-Today: Professor at the Department of Social Theology and Christian Culture
2015-2019: Associate Professor at the same Department
2009-2015: Assistant Professor in the same Department
2005-2009: Lecturer in the same Department

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2022-Today: President of the Department with a two-year term

- 2022-Today: Member of the Senate of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, as President of the Department
- 2022- Today: Member of the Supervisory Committee of the Central Library of AUTH
- 2019-Today: Member of the Board of Directors of the Confucius Institute
- 2017-2018: Responsible for drafting a new Doctoral Program Regulation of the Department
- 2016-2020: Director of the MSc in "Orthodox Theology and Christian Culture"
- 2016-2017: Director of the Bible and Patristic Secretariat Section of the Department
- 2010-2020: Member of the Supervision Committee of the Central Library of AUTH
- 2010-2012: Member of the Supervision Committee of the Children's Center of AUTH
- 2010-2011: Member of the Senate of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, as representative of the faculty members of the Department of Pastoral and Social Theology
- 2011-2012: Participation in workshops of the Research Committee and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki for the preparation and submission of proposals for research and educational programs, funded by the EU
- 2007-2012: Editing and publication of the Department's Study Guide in collaboration with other faculty members
- 2005-σήμερα: Member of various committees of the Department concerning administrative issues, such as finances, receipt of materials in the Department and in the Department of Bible and Patristic Secretariat, Qualifying Examinations, etc.
- 2005-2007, 2010-2011: Preparation of the Timetable of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Studies and the Examination Program
- 2000-2005: Appointment as an indefinite term at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in the Department of Bible and Patristic Literature of the Department and then integration into a position of EEDIP II. He offered research and administrative services to the Department, especially in matters of logistics, coordination and information of undergraduate and postgraduate students. He also participated in the coordination of the team of postgraduate scholars of the Department who undertook anew the elaboration, drafting and submission of a second proposal of the Department for the implementation of projects of the EPEAEK of the General Secretariat of Studies (2001) and the upgrading of the Postgraduate Studies Program
- 1999-2000: Service as a doctoral candidate according to Y.A. 2039066/4017/0022/ (Government Gazette 732/ 16-7-98, vol. B) in the exercise of students, conducting tutorial and laboratory exercises, supervising examinations and correcting papers.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019: He participated together with Professor A. Tsalambouni, in the EDUC8 proposal to the European Commission, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, an interdisciplinary, multicultural project designed to build, through religious education (RE) in secondary schools, resistance to children and young people from radicalization and polarization (Work Package 3, "Shallow Content Production")
- 2012: Participation in a Program in the "Announcement for the Support of Research Activity at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki through the Research Committee 2012" and more specifically in the "Action D: Support of Research Activity of Humanities". The title of the Program is "Byzantine Theology and Islam. Critical view of the meeting between Christianity and Islam" (2012-2014)

1996-1998: He participated as a postgraduate scholar in the elaboration team for the implementation of projects of EPEAEK (Operational Program of Education and Initial Vocational Training) of the Second Support Framework (CPC, 1997)

1997-1999: He participated as a PhD candidate in the research program of Prof. Ath. Angelopoulos entitled: "Strengthening research infrastructure"

1993-1995: He participated in the research program "The Saints of Macedonia", funded by the 1991 General Secretariat for Research and Technology of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology

1991: Research assistant at the Center for Hagiological Studies of the Holy Metropolis of Thessaloniki

1990-2000: Scientific collaborator of the Center for Byzantine Research of the University of Thessaloniki in the programs "The Monasteries of Macedonia", "The Saints of Macedonia" and "The Saints and Monasteries of Thrace". Editor of the publication "Bibliography of Mount Athos, 1975-1998"

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Graeco-Roman Period-Late Antiquity
- History of Religions of the Peoples of Southeastern Europe
- Religions of the Black Sea
- Byzantium and early Islam
- Academic study of Religion
- Interreligious Dialogue
- New religions and the modern world
- Issues of religious communities and multiculturalism

TEACHING – EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006-Today: He taught the courses Introduction to Religion [205Y (2006-2013), Y303 (2013-Today)], History and teaching of foreign Religions [304Y] (2005-2013) and History of Religions and Interreligious Dialogue [HR 14] (2013-today) at the Department of Social Theology and Christian Culture of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

2005-Today: He taught and teaches the following free elective courses in the Department: Religious overview of the Black Sea region [X173] (2005-2011), Religions of the peoples of Central Asia [X174] (2005-2006), The spread of Islam in Asia [X201] (2007-2013), Cults and Deities in Greco-Roman Palestine [X279] (2013-2015), The Religions of the Eastern Mediterranean during the Greco-Roman Times [X300] ((2015-2019), Religions and the Environment [X299] 92016-present), Occult and para-religious movements in Greece [T145] (2005-2007), Religious perceptions of the peoples of Palestine during the Hellenistic and Roman Times [T178] (2005-2007), The emergence of New Religions in the Western World [T206] (2007-2010), Religions of the Hellenistic and Roman periods [T207] (2007-2013), Cults in the Roman Empire until the 4th century AD [T280] (2013-Today), Islam and Byzantine Theology [T282] (2013-2022), Early and Medieval Christian Thessaloniki [T312] (2017-2019)

2005-Today: He teaches in the Postgraduate Program in the same Department the courses of specialization in Religious Studies: *First semester*: Introductory Topics in Religion [THR1] (2005-2013), Special Topics in Religion [THR11] (2005-2013), Topics in Methodology and

Scientific Theory of Religion [THR12] (2013-Today), Philological and Historical Issues of the New Testament [KD41] (2018-today), Key milestones of the History, Archaeology and Art of Mount Athos [YAO01] (2018-today), Sources of the Ecclesiastical History of Greece [E1] (2020-present), Religious monuments in Greece: History and culture [XE009] (2020-today). *Second semester:* Christianity and other Religions. Thesis of the Bible and the Fathers of the Church [TH3] (2006-2013), History of Religions [TH2] (2007-2013), Issues of the History of Religions [TH15, TH16] (2013-present), The Athonite area and the possessions of the Monasteries of Mount Athos [IAO04] (2018-today), Orthodox Culture and Greek Identity [THE2] (2020-today). *Third semester:* Ancient Greek Religion [THR4] (2007-2013), Islam and modern ideological matters [THR9] (2007-2013), Ancient Greek and Roman Religion [THR15] (2013-2019), Topics in Interreligious Dialogues [THR42] (2015-2019)

2002-2003: He has taught under contract according to presidential decree 407/80, at the Department of Language, Literature and Culture of the Black Sea countries of the Faculty of Philosophy of the Democritus University of Thrace, the compulsory course of the second semester: Religious overview of the Black Sea region

2000-2005: As a member of EEDIP, branch II, he assisted in the teaching of the elective courses "Islam. Historical evolution-modern currents" (X58), "The religious element in ancient Greek tragedy" (T56) and "Religious perceptions of the peoples of Asia Minor" (T125) and participated in the teaching of the elective course of the summer semester "Occult and Para-religious movements in Greece" (T145). He also taught the compulsory course of the fifth semester, "Modern Christian Sects".

He has also been appointed as a member of three-member committees for postgraduate theses and seven-member committees for doctoral dissertations, as well as in many electoral bodies for judgments of faculty members.

ADDITIONAL COLLABORATIONS WITH INSTITUTIONS AND SCIENTISTS IN GREECE AND ABROAD

2022-today: He is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Magazine "Ecclesia" of the Church of Greece

2013: He was appointed as a member of the scientific organizing committee of the International Symposium entitled, *Constantine the Great and his era. 1700 years since the Decree of Mediolana /Constantine the Great and his Age. 1700 years from the Edict of Milan*, held in Thessaloniki on December 4-6, 2013, by the Department of Pastoral and Social Theology and the Center for Byzantine Research of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He was then appointed a member of the scientific committee for the editing and publication of the Proceedings of the Symposium

2011: Appointed by decision of the Senate member of the special scientific committee for the establishment of the Confucius Institute in collaboration between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Hunban University of Shanghai in China

2011: He went through the Erasmus Programs of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, to the Catholic Theological School of the University of Strasbourg where he gave two (2) lectures to undergraduate and postgraduate students with titles: "Contacts of Islam with

- the Byzantine East/ "Contacts de l'Islam avec le monde byzantin" (in English with French translation), "Contemporary Islam in Greece
- 2011 He was appointed member of the organizing committee of the International Symposium entitled, *Byzantium and the Arab World. Meeting of Cultures/Byzantium and the Arab World. Encounter of Civilizations*, held in Thessaloniki on 16-18/12/2011 by AUTH. He was then appointed as a member of the scientific committee for the editing and publication of the Proceedings of the Symposium
- 2008-2009: He participated as an editor in the collective work entitled, *The Xopός of the Saints in Athos. Agioretikon Panagion*, the scientific supervision of which is held by Professor Simeon Paschalidis
- 2007-today: He participates as a Supervisor in the Program entitled, "Internship of Students of the Department of Pastoral and Social Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki". The Program was included in the Act "Higher Education Internship" Measure 2.4. "Vocational Guidance and connection with the labor market", of the 2nd Operational Program of Education and Initial Vocational Training (EPEAEK II). The scientific coordinator of the Program is Prof. Iraklis Rerakis
- 2006-today: He participates in the organization and operation of the Postgraduate "Seminar of Orthodox Hermeneutic Theology" of the Department of Ag. Writing and Patristic Literature
- 2006-today: He is a member of the research team of the Network of Textual and Interpretive Ecclesiastical Tradition of the Research Committee of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- 2006-today: He is a member of the Special Synodal Committee for the Study of Antiquarian-Neo-Paganism by decision of the Permanent Holy Synod of the Church of Greece
- 1998: He participated in the Greek edition of the book "Atlas of Biblos" by the newspaper Kathimerini. He has also edited yearbooks of both Departments of the Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the publication of the Papers of Scientific Conferences, as well as the two-volume work "Holy Pilgrimages Bastions of Orthodoxy"

PUBLICATIONS

He has published seven monographs and many articles. He has also collaborated on four collective works and series.

Bellow there a detailed list of publications:

Monographs

1. *Divus Imperator. Power and political ideology in the Roman Empire. The Severan dynasty (193-235 AD)*, Athanasios Altintzis Publications, Thessaloniki, ISBN: 978-960-9465-42-7, pp. 399 (in Greek)
2. *Byzantium and the world of Islam*, Published by the Holy Theological School of Halki 2019, ISBN: 978-618-83985-9-7, pp. 282 (in Greek)
3. *Cults of Thessaloniki during the Hellenistic and Roman period*, Athanasios Altintzis Publications, Thessaloniki 2019, ISBN:, pp. 242 (in Greek)
4. *Cults of the Roman army in the time of the Severians (192-235 AD)*, VANIAS publications, Thessaloniki 2014, ISBN: 978-960-288-335-8, pp. 460 (in Greek)

5. *The imperial cult in the period of the Tetrarchy (284-313 AD)*, VANIAS publications, Thessaloniki 2010, ISBN: 978-960-288-238-2, pp. 399 (in Greek)
6. *The Khazars and Byzantium. An historical and religious approach*, Savvalas Publications, Athens 2003, ISBN: 960-460-860-6, pp. 341 (+3 χάρτες) (in Greek)
7. *The Sadducees. An historical and religious study*, VANIAS publications, Thessaloniki 2007², ISBN: 978-960-288-182-8, pp. 278 (in Greek)

Articles

1. "Polytheism in the Roman Empire during the Dominate: mapping the landscape", *Constantine the Great and his era. 1700 years since the Decree of Mediolana /Constantine the Great and his Age. 1700 years from the Edict of Milan*, International Conference, 4-6 December 2013, Conference Papers, Thessaloniki, 2022, pp. 115-125 (in Greek)
2. "The sudden death of Herod Agrippa 1 in Caesarea and the ruler cult (Prov. 12:20-23)", *Bible and Culture. Honorary Volume to Professor Christos K. Economou*, Thessaloniki-Nicosia 2020, pp. 335-347 (in Greek)
3. "The historical development of Islam. Appearance of religious sects and traditions", *Byzantina* 36 (2018) 281-296 (in Greek)
4. "The title *mater castrorum*/mother of castles in the context of the apotheosis of the Roman emperors in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD", *Κόσμος/Cosmos* 5 (2018) 1-17 (in Greek)
5. "Codification and critique of the sources concerning the Judeo-Christian and Islamo-Christian dialogue", *Κληρονομία* 39A-B (2016-2017) 43-66 (in Greek)
6. «La rencontre de l'orthodoxie et de l'islam au 14e siècle : les positions de Grégoire Palamas et de l'empereur Jean VI Cantacuzène», *Revue des Sciences religieuses* 89.4 (2015) 451-459
7. "Christianity and Islam in 10th century Byzantine epistolary", *Πνευματική Διακονία* 22 (2015) 29-38 (in Greek)
8. "Diplomatic contacts and interreligious dialogue between the Byzantines and the Arabs in the two letters of Nikitas Byzantios (9th century)", *Βυζάντιο και Αραβικός κόσμος. Συνάντηση Πολιτισμών (Θεσσαλονίκη, 16-18 Δεκεμβρίου 2011), Πρακτικά Διεθνούς Συμποσίου/, Byzantium and the Arab World. Encounter of Civilizations (Thessaloniki 16-18 December 2011), Proceedings of the International Symposium, (ed.) A. Kralidis-A. Goutzioukostas, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki 2013, p. 249-268 (in Greek)*
9. "The Eulogy of the Archbishop of Thessaloniki, John I to St. Demetrius. A religious reading", *Fifth Scientific Symposium, "History and literature on Saint Demetrius and his city from the eighth to the twelfth century", 23-24 October 2009, Thessaloniki History Center [= "The Eulogy of Archbishop John I of Thessaloniki to St. Demetrius (BHG 547h): A Religious Reading", Periodical Κόσμος/Cosmos* 1 (2012) 331-341 (in Greek)
10. «Evidence for the Imperial Cult in Thessalonica in the First Century C.E.», *European Association of Biblical Studies, Thessaloniki Meeting, 8-11.8.2011, Thessaloniki* [=«Evidence for the Imperial Cult in Thessalonica in the First Century C.E.», Periodical *Κόσμος/Cosmos* 2 (2013) 49-63

11. «Contacts de l'islam avec le monde byzantin», *In Martyrdom to the Nations, Volume of Grace twenty years to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki 2011, p. 403-424
12. "The Rapprochement between Christianity and Islam in the Middle Byzantine Period", *"Byzantina"*, vol. 29 (2009) 479-492 (in Greek)
13. "Burial and remembrance of the dead in the pre-Christian Greco-Roman world and in the extra-Christian religions", *Proceedings of the TH Panhellenic Liturgical Symposium "The Sacrament of Death in the Worship of the Church"*, Pastoral Library Series (volume no. 19), Publication of the Publications Branch of the Communication and Educational Service of the Church of Greece, Athens 2009, pp. 95-111 (in Greek)
- 14.. "Deities and beliefs in Asia Minor in the work of "Pseudo-Nonnus" (6th century). A.D.)', *Scientific Yearbook of the Faculty of Theology, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology* 12 (2008) (in Greek)
15. "Religious studies in Greece from the Liberation to the present day", Announcement in *Seminar of Orthodox Hermeneutic Theology*, of the Department of Bible and Patristic Literature, October 2007 (in Greek)
16. "Sol Invictus". The imperial cult in the dynasty of M. Constantine", *Scientific Yearbook of the Faculty of Theology, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology*, vol. 11 (2006) 93-128 (in Greek)
17. "The worship of Egyptian deities in Thessaloniki and Macedonia until the 3rd century A.D.», *38th Dimitria-Scientific Symposium "Christian Macedonia" "Thessaloniki-Alexandria"*, *Thessaloniki 31 October-2 November 2003*, Thessaloniki 2004, pp. 29 [= ΕΕΘΣΠΘ, [Τμ. Π.κ.Κ.Θ.] n.s. vol. 10 (2005) (reprint)] (in Greek)
18. "Christianity and Islam in the Byzantine Epistolary of the 10th century.", *5th Meeting of Byzantinologists of Greece and Cyprus, Faculty of Philosophy of the Ionian University, 3-5 October 2003*, Thessaloniki 2004, pp. 15 (reprint) (in Greek)
19. «"Ποίας θρησκείας πέλει;" Idolatrous religions and beliefs in the Lives of Chrysostom", *Fourth Meeting of Byzantinologists of Greece and Cyprus, Faculty of Philosophy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 20-22 September 2002*, Thessaloniki 2003, pp. 58 [= ΕΕΘΣΠΘ, [Τμ. Π.κ.Κ.Θ.] n.s. vol. 9 (2004) (reprint)]) (in Greek)
20. "The religious beliefs of the Scythians", *ΕΕΘΣΠΘ, [Τμ. Π.κ.Κ.Θ.] n.s. vol. 8 (2002) 211-235* (in Greek)
21. «The Khazar-faced Patriarch. The contribution of M. Photios to the mission of Saints Cyril and Methodius to the land of the Khazars», *Proceedings of the 15th Theological Conference on: "Megas Photios", 14-17 November*, Thessaloniki 1995, pp. 269-298 (in Greek)
22. "The Holy Monastery of Timios Prodromos ("Cloister of Veria") within the framework of the research program of K.B.E./B.R.C., "The Monasteries of Macedonia during the Byzantine and post-Byzantine period""", *Proceedings of the two-day conference: "The Monastery of Timios Prodromos ("Cloister of Veria")"*, Edition of the Holy Metropolis of Veria and Naoussa, n s. 25, Veria 1994, pp. 141-159 (reprint) (in Greek)
23. "The Monasteries of Macedonia during the Byzantine and Post-Byzantine periods. Research project of KBE/AUTH" (in collaboration with Chr. Arabatzis), *Byzantina* 16

(1991) 372-389, 417-420 ("Holy Monastery of Asomatoi Taxiarches [Naoussa]") (reprint) (in Greek)

Writing chapters on collective works

1. *The Atlas of Bible*, Ed. Kathimerini, Athens 1998, Abbreviations, Maps-Images, The Faces of the Library, Index, translation-critical editing, pp. 336

He participated in the translation, editing and transfer of the original version of the work entitled 'ATLAS OF THE BIBLE', from the English original to Greek, with the required linguistic and sign editing of the essays. For this purpose, a special editorial team was formed by professors and researchers of the Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. (in Greek)

2. *The Hagiologion of Thessaloniki*, Center for Hagiological Studies 4, vol. A -B, Thessaloniki 1996-1997

He participated in the writing of the entries for the two-volume work of the Center for Hagiological Studies of the Holy Metropolis of Thessaloniki

3. *Bibliotheca Sanctorum Orientalium. Enciclopedia dei Santi: Le Chiese Orientali*, v. I- II, Città Nuova, Roma 1998-1999

He also participated in the writing of entries of the collective work on the Saints of the Orthodox Church, included and published in *Bibliotheca Sanctorum Orientalium. Enciclopedia dei Santi: Le Chiese Orientali*, v. I- II, Roma 1998-1999, published by the Italian publishing house Città Nuova

4. «The monasteries of the Holy Metropolis Beroia Kambania and Naoussa», *The Monasteries of Macedonia, B Central Macedonia*, General supervision of Th. Zisis, protopr. -professor, Thessaloniki (forthcoming)

His participation in the above project is one of the fruits of his many years of presence at the Centre for Byzantine Research, where he worked as a scientific associate in the research program "The Monasteries of Macedonia during the Byzantine and Post-Byzantine periods".

PARTICIPATION WITH PRESENTATION IN CONFERENCES - LECTURES

He has participated with a presentation in International Conferences or Symposia in Greece and abroad and has also given a series of lectures

- "The patriarch Saint Gennadius II Scholarios and his age", *International Scientific Conference, October 19-20, 2018, Amphitheatre P. I. P. M., Holy Patriarchal and Stavropegic Monastery of Vlatadon, Thessaloniki*. Title of paper: "The dialogue of patriarch Gennadius II Scholarios with the Ottomans in his work, *Questions and Answers about the Deity of Our Lord Jesus Christ* (1470) and its signifiers"
- "The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church: Orthodox Theology in the 21st Century", *8th International Conference on Orthodox Theology, Thessaloniki, May 21-25, 2018, Faculty of Philosophy-Building of the Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*. Title of paper: «The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church and the Interreligious Dialogue: Proposals and Perspective"

- *"Religious Coexistence: Interreligious-Intercultural Dialogue"*, Ecclesiastical Diplomacy Workshop, Saturday February 17, 2018, "Manolis Anagnostakis" Hall, Municipality of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki. Title of paper: "Communities of Eastern religions in Europe: An image of coexistence or confrontation?"
- *Ecumenical Patriarchate and Balkan area. History-Ecclesiastical Tradition. Lifelong Learning Programme, May-July 2017*, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, AUTH. Title of paper: "The Bektashi sect in Islam and their relations with the Christian populations of the Balkans (influences and influences)"
- *38th Historical Conference, May 25-27, 2017, Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki History Center*. Title of paper: "The letter of Michael VII Dukas to Sultan Malik Shah: Diplomatic contacts and interreligious dialogue"
- *"Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Men"*, 4th International Conference, *Theology of the Translation of Septuaginta*, May 4-5, 2017, Faculty of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology, Thessaloniki. Title of paper: «Hellenistic Divine Kingship in 3 Maccabees»
- *"Byzantine Influences on Medieval Russia"*, International Scientific Conference. 2016 Tribute Year of Greece to Russia and Russia to Greece, December 7-8, 2016, Amphitheater "Stefanos Dragoumis", Museum of Byzantine Culture, Thessaloniki. Title of paper: "Religion and Diplomacy: The Foreign Policy of Byzantium in the Northern Black Sea and the Emergence of the Rus"
- «*Tinerii si educatia religios-morala in contextul provocarilor lumii contemporane. Contributia Bisericii la cultura universala*», Simpozion International, Targoviste 2-3 iunie 2016, Universitatea "Valahia" di Targoviste. Title of paper: «Prezentarea marilor religii in manualele scolare din Grecia» (= "The presentation of the great religions in school textbooks in Greece", in English)
- *The Ecumenical Patriarchate. History-Law-Worship. Lifelong Learning Programme, May-July 2016*, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, AUTH. Title of paper: "The Ecumenical Patriarchate and interreligious dialogue"
- *Graduate specialization seminar-Byzantium Program. Theology, 5-2-2016*, Centre for Byzantine Research, AUTH. Title of paper: "The religious mosaic of Thessaloniki during "Late Antiquity"
- *36th Historical Conference, May 22-24, 2015, Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki History Centre*. Title of paper: «"Numen Imperatoris". Epigraphic evidence of imperial worship in the Roman army in the early 3rd century BC"
- *"Religions-Institutions-Cultures within the work of the Apostle Paul. Encounter and Transcendence in Christ"*, Second International Scientific Conference May 12-13, 2015, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Faculty of Theology, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology, Apostle Paul Center, Thessaloniki. Title of paper: "Greco-Roman pagan cults and conceptions of the time of Apostle Paul"

- *Theology and the Environment: Reflections and Ecotheological Proposals through the Christian Textual Tradition. Seminar Exegeticum January 29, 2015, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, AUTh. Title of paper: "Religions and the Environment"*
- *Ο Μέγας Κωνσταντίνος και η εποχή του. 1700 χρόνια από το διάταγμα των Μεδιολάνων /Constantine the Great and his Age. 1700 years from the Edict of Milan, International Conference, December 4-6, 2013, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology-Center for Byzantine Research, Society for Macedonian Studies Hall, Thessaloniki. Title of paper: «Polytheism in the Roman Empire during the Dominate: mapping the landscape/ Πολυθεϊσμός στη Ρωμαϊκή αυτοκρατορία την εποχή της "Δεσποτείας": μία χαρτογράφηση του τοπίου»*
- *Σεμινάριο Καινής Διαθήκης/New Testament Colloquium, April 2-3, 2013, Theological Seminary Conference Room. Title of communication: «The Imperial Cult in Thessalonica in Paul's Time» (in Greek)*
- *International Conference "The Other in the Various Religions". Co-organizer: Council of Europe-Aristotle University of Thessaloniki-Municipality of Thessaloniki, Tuesday October 16, 2012, Teloglion Conference Room. Title of communication: "The other's view of Hinduism" (in Greek)*
- *Byzantium and the Arab world. Meeting of Cultures/Byzantium and the Arab World. Encounter of Civilizations, International Symposium, 16-18/12/2011, Centre for the Dissemination of Research Results A. P. Th., Thessaloniki. Title of paper: "Diplomatic contacts and interreligious dialogue between Byzantines and Arabs in the two letters of Nikitas Byzantios (9th century)"*
- *European Association of Biblical Studies, Thessaloniki Meeting, 8-11.8.2011, Thessaloniki. Title of paper: «Evidence for the Imperial Cult in Thessalonica in the First Century C.E.»*
- *Graduate specialization seminar-Byzantium Program. Theology, "Spiritual Thessaloniki", 6-12-2011, Centre for Byzantine Research of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Lecture title: "From the Roman to the Christian city: Cults in Thessaloniki during the 4th century"*
- *"Contemporary Islam in Greece". Lecture to undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Strasbourg (through the Programs Erasmus of AUTh), May 2011*
- *Graduate specialization seminar-Byzantium Program. Theology, 18-11-2011, Centre for Byzantine Research of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Lecture title: "Christianity and Islam in the eastern provinces of Byzantium during the 7th century"*
- *«Contacts of Islam with the Byzantine East/«Contacts de l'Islam avec le monde byzantin» (in English with French translation). Lecture to undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Strasbourg (through the Programs Erasmus of AUTh), May 2011*
- *Scientific Workshop on: "Neopaganism", I. Metropolis of Neapolis and Stavroupolis (Saturday November 28, 2009). Title of the paper: "Ancient Greek religion. Forms and characteristics"*
- *Specialization Seminar of Graduates-Program of Byzantine Theology, 25-2-2010, Centre for Byzantine Research A. P. I. Title of paper: «"Divus Imperator", The cult of the emperor in late antiquity"*

- *5th Scientific Symposium on: "History and Literature on Saint Demetrius and his city from the eighth to the twelfth century-B"*, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology AUTH-Network of Textual and Hermeneutic Ecclesiastical Tradition (Friday 23 & Saturday 24, October 2009). Title of paper: "The Eulogy of the Archbishop of Thessaloniki, John I, in Agios Dimitrios. A religious reading"
- *Third Scientific Conference on: "The historical and interpretive context of the time of St. Gregory Palamas"*, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology AUTH-Network of Textual and Hermeneutic Ecclesiastical Tradition (Friday March 20, 2009). Title of lecture: "St. Gregory Palamas and John St. Kantakouzenos against Islam"
- *9th Panhellenic Liturgical Symposium of Executives of Holy Metropolises on the subject: "The Sacrament of Death in the Worship of the Church"*, Special Synodal Committee for Liturgical Rebirth, Conference Center I. M. Dimitriadou and Almyrou (November 5-7, 2007). Title of paper: "Burial and remembrance of the dead in the pre-Christian Greco-Roman world and extra-Christian religions"
- *Third Scientific Conference on: "History and Secretariat for Agios Dimitrios and his city until the seventh century"*, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology AUTH-Network of Textual and Hermeneutic Ecclesiastical Tradition (Wednesday October 31, 2007). Title of paper: "The Roman cult in Thessaloniki during the period of the Tetrarchy"
- *Daily with the central theme: "Acquaintance with Islam"*, Special Synodal Committee for the Monitoring of European Affairs and Synodal Committee for Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Christian Relations (Saturday, May 12, 2007), Inter-Orthodox Church Center of Greece (Holy Monastery of Pentelis). Title of paper: "The historical development of Islam. Appearance of religious sects and traditions"
- *First Scientific Conference on: "The historical and interpretive context of the time of St. Gregory Palamas"*, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology AUTH-Network of Textual and Hermeneutic Ecclesiastical Tradition (Thursday April 19, 2007). Title of paper: "Byzantium and Islam in the 14th century: History-Literature"
- *Scientific Workshop on: "Conditions and criteria for the publication and interpretation of ecclesiastical sources"*, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology AUTH-Network of Textual and Hermeneutic Ecclesiastical Tradition (Wednesday April 18, 2007). Title of paper: "Codification and critique of the sources concerning the Judeo-Christian and Islamo-Christian dialogue"
- *19th International Byzantine-Patristic Symposium on "Islam-Byzantium-Orthodoxy-Europe on the path of peace of peoples"*, (Thessaloniki, November 12, 2006). Title of paper: "The rapprochement between Christianity and Islam in the middle Byzantine period"
- *Second Scientific Conference on: "History and Secretariat for Agios Dimitrios and his city until the seventh century"*, Department of Pastoral and Social Theology AUTH-Network of Textual and Hermeneutic Ecclesiastical Tradition (Tuesday October 31, 2006). Title of paper: "Cults in Thessaloniki during the time of Saint Demetriou"
- *Niš and Byzantium V, "1700 Anniversary of the Proclamation of Constantine as Emperor- 306-2006"*, Symposium, Niš, June 3-5, 2006. Title of paper: «'Sol Invictus'. The imperial cult in Constantine's Dynasty»

- *Sixth Meeting of Byzantinologists of Greece and Cyprus*, with the general theme: "The charm of Byzantium once and now", Faculty of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Athens, September 22-25, 2005). Title of paper: "Deities and beliefs in Asia Minor in the work of "Pseudo-Nonnus" (6th century A.D.)"
- *Municipality of Thessaloniki: 31st Dimitria - Scientific Symposium "Thessaloniki - Alexandria"* (Thessaloniki, October 31-November 2, 2003). Title of paper: "The worship of Egyptian deities in Thessaloniki and Macedonia until the 3rd century BC»
- *5th Meeting Byzantinologists of Greece and Cyprus*, Faculty of Philosophy, Ionian University (Corfu, October 3-5, 2003). Title of paper: "Christianism and Islam in the Byzantine epistolary of the 10th century."
- *4th Meeting Byzantinologists of Greece and Cyprus*, Faculty of Philosophy AUTH (Thessaloniki, September 20-22, 2002). Title of paper: «"Ποίας θρησκείας πέλει;" Idolatrous religions and beliefs in the *Lives* of St. John Chrysostom."
- *Holy Metropolis of Thessaloniki: 15th Theological Conference on «Megas Photios" (Thessaloniki, 14-17 November 1994)*. Title of paper: « The Khazar-faced Patriarch. The contribution of M. Photios to the mission of Saints Cyril and Methodius to the land of the Khazars"
- *Holy Metropolis of Veria and Naoussa - Public Central Library of Veria: Two-day conference on the Monastery of Timios Prodromos ("Cloister of Veria") (Veria, March 27-28, 1993)*. Title of lecture: "The Holy Monastery of Timios Prodromos ("Skete of Veria") within the framework of the research program of K.B.E., "The Monasteries of Macedonia during the Byzantine and post-Byzantine period""

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