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### Educational background:

**Ph.D. Rural Sociology**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (2005)

**M.Sc. Agricultural Economics**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (2000)

**B.S. Agricultural Engineer** (Major in Agricultural Economics), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (1998)

**Qualifications:** **English:** Proficiency, University of Michigan & **Italian:** Certificato CELI III, Università per stranieri, Perugia  
Competent with SPSS

**Life-Long learning:** *Food and the city* (online course by Harper Adams University, Coventry, Birmingham college & Warwick). *Community Supported Agriculture* (by Grundtvig, C.S.A. for Europe) ELCAP:e-Learning course on the *CAP* (by Group de Bruges, DGAgri). *Quality standards* for food and drinks (by Greek Ministry of Agriculture). *Marketing* of agricultural products (by Greek Ministry of Agriculture). *Private Public Partnerships* (by Greek National Centre of Public Administration)

### Scientific & Professional Career

2015→ Assistant Professor A.U.TH.  
2011-2015 Lecturer & Researcher A.U.TH.  
2007-2011 Public Sector, Head of office Prefecture of Halkidiki, Greece  
Responsibilities: project management of EU and National co-financed projects (Technoman CADEs, INTERREG III, ENV LIFE, Information Society & Digital Convergence Programme etc).  
2001-2007 Head of Rural development office\_ Greek Local Action Group for EU LEADER Initiative  
1999-2001 Private sector-Associate (marketing plans for agricultural products, Local Quality Accords, Master plans etc).

**Field of expertise:** Maria PARTALIDOU is a faculty member involved in both research and teaching at Bachelor and Master courses, supervising a number of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students. Her primary research interests fall within Rural Sociology, Social Capital, Social innovation, Local Development, Qualitative research methods, Urban Agriculture, Community Gardens and Civic Movements, young farmers, Rural tourism, poverty, women in rural areas. She has published and reviewed papers in scholarly journals: Journal of Rural Studies, Sociologia Ruralis, Journal of Agricultural Education & Extension, RESER, TOURISMOS, NEW MEDIT, South European Society and Politics, Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship etc. She has been at the board of the organizing committee for national and international conferences. She has contributed to collective published work and to national - international conferences. She has great research activity as coordinator and executive researcher and more than 15 years experience in implementing EU co-funded research projects.

### Other Professional – Academic Experiences

**Member-Advisor National Rural Network** [Greek Ministry of Rural Development and Food] (2014-today).

**Mentoring** High School students for the School of Agriculture (2017)

**MC Substitute/COST Action CA15218** “Measuring Homelessness in Europe” (2016-till now)

**MC Substitute/COST Action CA 15226** “Climate-smart forestry in mountain regions” (2016- till now)

**MC Member/COST Action TU 1201** “Urban allotment Gardens in European Cities, future, challenges and lessons learned” (ended 2016).

**Member** of the Urgency Group (An Urban - Rural Network: Generating new forms of Exchange between Citizens (2013-2015).

**Member of the Board** of Hellenic Association of Agricultural Economists

### **Project Evaluator**

**Expert Evaluator** of research proposal for SONATA 10 for the National Science Centre of Krakow Warsaw (2016)

**Case study Evaluation Expert**, on the EC 7th Framework Programme; *GLAMUR project* no 311778 (2015).

**Evaluator** for the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (2014-today)

### **Reviewer for Academic Journals**

Journal of Rural Studies, Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension, Agricultural Economics Review, Journal of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, Review of European Studies, Nemis Journal of Agricultural Science, Agricultural and Food Economics South, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, Annals of agricultural science

### **Research Projects Experiences**

**Executive Researcher:** project entitled “*Social Entrepreneurship in rural areas*” EEA Financial Mechanism (2016-2017).

**Coordinator and Executive Researcher:** “*Corporate Social Responsibility in the rural*” Contract by McCain Alimentaire Hellas (2015).

**Coordinator and Executive Researcher:** “*Social- Economic & Agronomical diagnostic in rural areas (case study areas in northern and southern Greece)*” Contract by McCain Alimentaire SAS Hernes, France (2014).

**Coordinator and Executive Researcher:** “*Re-connecting with the Rural: Food miles and Local Food Systems*” national funding by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2014).

**Executive Researcher:** “*Urban agriculture: social inclusion and sustainable city*” Financed by the Greek Green Fund (2013-2014).

**Executive Researcher:** “*Collective action, innovation and young farmers*” Financed by the Technological institute of Thessaloniki, Greece (1/4/2009-31/12/2009).

**Executive Researcher:** “*Protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians*” co-financed by INTERREG IIIB /CADSES

Lead partner: Greek Biotope wetland Centre (2007-2008).

**Executive Researcher:** “*Women’s Entrepreneurship in rural areas*” 3<sup>rd</sup> CFS Greek EPEAEC (1/10/2005-31/01/2006)

**Executive Researcher”** “*Governance models for sustainable integrated rural development and multifunctional agriculture, networking and dissemination on the web*” INTERREG III B CADSES (2000-2006) GOVERNET no 3B083. (1/5/2006-31/12/2006).

**Research Expert:** “*Driving rural education in innovation*” co-financed by Socrates Grundtvig 2, Lead Partner: American Farm School of Thessaloniki, Greece (2003- 2004) [writing of the module, transnational Workshops]

**Research Expert:** “*MEDMONT- Tools for evaluating investment in the mountain Mediterranean areas – An integrated framework*” for DG Research 5<sup>th</sup> Framework QLRT- CT-2000-01031. (2002-2003). Lead Partner: Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania [development of indicators for evaluating rural development projects]

### **Experience as a Facilitator trainer - rapporteur**

**Fair Trade Hellas:** 3 Workshops by project: Food Smart Cities for Development [Food Justice, Local Food chains-Food waste] Greece 2015-2016.

**COST ACTIONS:** 3 international training schools [new forms of rural governance, community building, social aspects of urban food production] in Slovenia, 2014, Warsaw 2015 and Athens 2015.

**25th ESRS conference** (Florence 2013) WG 37: Urban agriculture. Social inclusion and sustainable cities in times of economic crisis

**International Workshop:** “*Empowering competitiveness and innovation in rural sector, new opportunities for employment*” funded by EC programme Europe for Citizens 2007-2013 CAP against crisis (Greece 2013).

### **Published work**

#### **[Academic journals]**

**Partalidou, M.** and Anthopoulou, T. (2016) Urban Allotment Gardens During Precarious Times: From Motives to Lived Experiences. *Sociologia Ruralis*, Early View (Online Version of

Record published before inclusion in an issue) Vol 00, Number 00, Month 2015 DOI: 10.1111/soru.12117.

Stefanis, Ch., Kamateri, E., **Partalidou, M.** Gargas,S., Zafiris, O. and Nasias, K. (2016). Identification of the strategic factors for the development of a new ICT-based biomass tool: The case of the B.I.O.M.A.S. platform. *International Journal of Sustainable Agricultural Management and Informatics* (paper in press)

**Partalidou, M.,** (2015) Food miles and future scenario for local food systems: an exploratory study in Greece *Outlook on AGRICULTURE* Vol. 44, No 2, pp.151-157

Tsimitri, P., Michailidis, A., **Partalidou, M.** and Kountios, G. (2015) The real rural influentials: behavioural dimensions of perceived leadership which influence rural people. *Procedia Economics and Finance* Vol. 22, pp. 211-218.

Sergaki, P., **Partalidou, M.,** and Iakovidou, O. (2015) Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship (JDE) Women's Agricultural Co-operatives in Greece: a comprehensive review and SWOT analysis *Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship* Vol. 20, No. 1 (14 pages)

Manos, B., Bartocci, P., **Partalidou, M.,** Fantozzi, F. and Arampatzis, S. (2014). Review of public-private partnerships in agro-energy districts in Southern Europe: The cases of Greece and Italy. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, Vol. 39, pp. 667-678.

Koutsou S., **Partalidou M.** and Ragkos, A. (2014). Young farmers' social capital in Greece: Trust levels and collective actions. *Journal of Rural Studies*, Vol.34, pp. 204-211.

Manos, B., **Partalidou, M.,** Fantozzi, F., Arampatzis, S. and Papadopoulou, O. (2014). Agro-energy districts contributing to environmental and social sustainability in rural areas: Evaluation of a local public-private partnership scheme in Greece. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, Vol.29, pp.85-95.

Liltsi, P., Michailidis, A. and **Partalidou, M.** (2014). Mapping Perceived Happiness alongside the Rural-Urban Continuum. *Procedia Economics and Finance*, Vol.9, pp.288-301.

Charatsari, Ch., Papadaki-Klavdianou, A., Michailidis, A. and **Partalidou, M.** (2013). Great expectations? Antecedents of women

farmers' willingness to participate in agricultural education programmes. *Outlook on AGRICULTURE*, Vol.42, No3, pp.193-199.

**Partalidou M.** and Koutsou S. (2012). Locally and Socially Embedded Tourism Clusters in Rural Greece. *TOURISMOS, An International multidisciplinary Journal of Tourism*, Vol.7, No1, pp.99-116.

Koutsou, S. and **Partalidou, M.** (2012). Pursuing Knowledge and Innovation through Collective Actions. The Case of Young Farmers in Greece. *The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension*, Vol.18, No5, pp.445-460.

Iakovidou, O., Koutsou, S., **Partalidou, M.** and Emmanouilidou, M. (2012). Women entrepreneurs in rural Greece: do they come from the same "neck of the woods"? Locals, Daughters-in-law and Urban-newcomers. *NEW MEDIT: Mediterranean journal of economics, agriculture and environment*, Vol.11, N°2, pp.58-64.

Koutsou, S., **Partalidou, M.** and Petrou, M. (2011). Present or absent farm heads? A contemporary reading of farming in Greece. *Sociologia Ruralis*, Vol.51, No4, pp.404-419.

Michailidis, A., **Partalidou, M.** Nastis, S.A., Papadaki-Klavdianou, A. and Charatsari, C. (2011). Who goes online? Evidence of internet use patterns from rural Greece. *Telecommunications Policy*, Vol.35, pp.333-343.

Koutsou S., Notta O., Samathrakis V. and **Partalidou M.** (2009). Women's Entrepreneurship and Rural Tourism in Greece: Private Enterprises and Cooperatives. *South European Society and Politics*, Vol.14, No2, pp.191-209.

Iakovidou O., Koutsou S. and **Partalidou M.** (2009) Women Entrepreneurs in the Greek Countryside: A Typology According to Motives and Business Characteristics. *Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship* Vol.14, Issue:2, pp. 165-179.

**Partalidou M.** and Iakovidou O. (2008). Crafting a Policy Framework of Indicators and Quality Standards for Rural Tourism Management. *International Journal of Tourism Policy*, Vol.1, No4, pp 353-367.

Iakovidou O., Koutsouris A. and **Partalidou M.** (2002). The development of Rural Tourism in Greece, through the initiative LEADER II: The case of Northern and Central Chalkidiki.

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**Partalidou, M.**, Tsagaraki, E. and Livadiotis, A. (2011). Life + Recycling sympraxis project: an analysis of the current situation in waste management and recycling in Halkidiki, mass tourism area. In Proceedings of the 3rd International Symposium on Environmental Management Towards sustainable technologies, eds. N. Koprivanac, H.Kušić and A.Lončarić Božić, University of Zagreb, Croatia, ISBN 978-953-6470-56-3 (pp.107-114).

Michailidis, A., **Partalidou, M.** and A. Papadaki-Klavdianou (2010). Internet development as a change driver in rural areas: Potentials and pitfalls. In Proceedings of the 9th European IFSA Symposium: The added value of systems approaches in times of change and uncertainty, eds. I. Darnhofer and M. Grötzer. Universität für Bodenkultur, Vienna, Austria, ISBN 978-3-200-01908-9 (pp.218-229).

**Partalidou M.** and Iakovidou O., (2008). Safeguarding Rural Tourism Experience. Do different quality norms exist? In Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Monitoring and Management of Visitor Flows in Recreational and Protected Areas, eds. A. Raschi and S. Trampetti, Pisa, Italy ISBN9788879704083 (pp.193-197).

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Iakovidou O., Koutsouris A. and Partalidou M. (2004). **Lo sviluppo del turismo rurale in Grecia grazie all' Iniziativa LEADER II.** Il caso della Calcidica settentrionale e centrale a cura di A. Savelli nel Turismo, Territorio, Identita. Ricerche ed esperienze nell area mediterranea, Associazione Mediterranean di Sociologia del Turismo, FrancoAnglei, ISBN 88-464-25-2 (pp.167-176).