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Daniel Koglin | Independent researcher

On the Multistability of Greek - Turkish Relations Rebetiko and the Logic of Paradox

13:30-14:00 Spiros Delegos | Sibelius Academy Uniarts Helsinki

De-ideologizing Rebetiko Through the Concept of Heterotopia as an Analytical and Interpretive Tool

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Female Singing Careers in the Music Labour Market

Sissie (Aspasia) Theodosiou and Eleni Kallimopoulou

University of Ioannina - National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Despite the general belief that an adequate understanding of the musical phenomenon presupposes, among other things, an understanding of the work conditions of those engaged in music making, the distinction between music as work and music as art is not often explored. At the same time, the common theme of music work is rarely included in the otherwise captivating discursive field, both academic and public, of music practice. The present paper joins the recent turn to the study of creative and artistic labour, acknowledging that in the context of post-fordist modes of production, the artist becomes an emblematic figure of broader transformations taking place in the work-field. The paper focuses on aspects of the working lives of female singers who are active in the fields of entehno (art-song), and laïko-dimotiko (urban-folk) music, and work in a variety of music clubs (magazia, kendra), aiming to highlight the ways in which they themselves narrate and give meaning to their work experience. We approach the wider field of artistic/creative work by looking at the ways in which “immaterial” and “affective labour” (Hardt & Negri, Lazaratto) is embedded in processes of learning and performing music, in order to broaden our understanding of the multiple ways in which music acquires value. More specific questions explored include the following: What are the implications of acknowledging music as work for the widespread notion that music is an aesthetic practice that is closely intertwined with the production of affect/emotion, entertainment and fun? How are gender and emotion involved in the production of various forms of music work and musical subjectivities? How is precarity intertwined with racialized and gendered artistic labour? Our discussion will draw upon semi-structured interviews conducted with female singers face-to-face and online, in the context of a broader ethnographic research project.

Greek Trap Aesthetics and the Paradox of Female Listeners

Michalis Panagiotopoulos

University of Thessaly

For my undergraduate thesis, I had the chance to conduct ethnographical research on women listeners of Greek trap music. I investigated the ‘paradoxical’ relationship between women who support feminist ideologies and trap music. Through my examination of both individual and public practices of listening, I analyzed ‘tensions’ that arise around a genre of music that is considered highly controversial in Greek society. Many different issues emerged from this research. Firstly, women with whom I spoke told me that they feared their relationship with Greek trap music might threaten their status and position within certain groups of people, given that trap music is generally perceived as sexist and low-quality music. Furthermore, as trap lyrics are potentially threatening and insulting to my discussants due to their sexist references, they told me that they felt it necessary to consume this music in safe places and with people they can rely on, especially other women. Within this framework, the position of the “male listener” was judged negatively by them for consuming this “sexist” music. Finally, I examined the female identification with the male gaze of trap performers and the expression of lesbian desire through the perspective of male-dominated trap music. My analysis is based on a series of interviews and fieldnotes from parties I attended as part of my fieldwork research conducted in the fall of 2022.

“Tell the cop goodbye”: Embodiments of “laïko” and Hip Hop in Greek Queer Music Contexts

Natalia Koutsougera

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The concept of the popular in Greek mainstream contexts and mediaesthetics resonates with the notion

of 'laïko'. Very often this notion takes the form of a music idiom deriving from the genre of 'laiki' music with its meanings and aesthetics stemming from the orient (e.g. rebetiko). On the other hand, hip hop in Greece with its most pivotal element that is rap or emceeing is increasingly becoming one of the most emblematic popular genres in post-crisis Greece embraced mainly by young people. Astonishingly, Greek hip hop music is often compared to rebetiko by Greek hip hop musicians and publics while commercial rap (e.g. trap) is performed in 'laïko' venues such as ellinadika night clubs and pistes. What is more, in both genres' environments traditional masculinities and femininities are privileged and promoted while sexist, homophobic and heteronormative narratives circulate and reproduce heteropatriarchic norms. This presentation analyses the embodiments of 'laïko' and rap in Greece by queer performers belonging in the Greek LGBTQ+ scene who use them in frameworks of alternative music and club entertainment to deconstruct and subvert existing patriarchic and national narratives as well as gender conforming binaries. It designates the emergent possibilities of an alternative modality of the "popular" and its power for queering and carnivalesque which can be used as a strong political tool of visual cultures against state violence, police brutality, homophobia, femmephobia and transphobia.

Popular Music, Collective Memory, and Resistance

Anna Papaeti

National Hellenic Research Foundation

The paper explores the way the singing subject emerges as the political subject par excellence in the early post-dictatorship period in Greece. It investigates the ways in which popular music songs became the vehicles of the demand for democracy during the early transition to democracy. This alliance of popular music with the political has shaped, as I argue, collective memory about singing resistance during Junta. It also created a saturation that led to a move away from (political) popular songs to other kinds of popular music in the post dictatorship period. The paper focuses on the documentary *The Songs of Fire* by Nikos Koundouros (1975). Shot immediately after the fall of the military dictatorship, the film exhumes the elation of three popular music concerts and demonstrations, capturing the enthusiasm for the return to democracy expressed through singing. The paper shows how the film was crucial in establishing a narrative of resistance in collective memory that was centred on popular music and singing, investigating the ways in which this narrative, performed collectively and publicly, also betrays a latent reaction to a brutal regime fought by the few. It argues that collective singing seems to merge in memory with the 'singing resistance' performed individually and in secret during the dictatorship. Extended back in time, this sonic narrative registers an unconscious desire to repress the fact that large parts of society had remained silent during the regime's seven-year rule.

An "Other's" Popular Christian Music? Repertoires and Positionalities of Greek Youth of Nigerian Background in 21st-Century Greece

Evanthia Patsiaoura

University of Manchester

How fixed are the boundaries of 'Greek popular music' today? In addressing this question, both the designations 'Greek' and 'popular music' are at stake. My discussion challenges the fixity of both 'Greekness' and 'popular music', by focusing on Greek youth of Nigerian or other Black African backgrounds, frequently identifying as 'Afro-Greeks', and their engagement with popular religious music-making. It does so by drawing on fieldwork among communities of Nigerian Pentecostal background, which have been expanding on Greek soil since the late 1990s. In such communities, youth born/raised in Greece is exposed to rich repertoires of Nigerian gospel music, praise-worship music and/or contemporary Christian music. These repertoires epitomise a global booming of new Christianities and musics, which, since the 1960s has been subject to continuous human and digital mobilities between the global

south and north. How do such repertoires become meaningful within the spatiotemporal boundaries of 21st century Greece, to what extent do they evoke 'Greekness', and what kinds of audiences do they reach? I explore such questions through discourse and audio-visual analysis, as well as reflections on my positionings among such communities in Greece and their juxtaposition with similar communities in other parts of the world, including the UK, Brazil and Nigeria. Crucially, I problematise designations attached to both the music and populations in question to account for ethics of 'subject' constitution in ethnographic writing.

Poli_ploki: Language Switching and Subjectivity in Eleni Foureira's Songs

Marilena Gatsiou

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In this presentation I wish to highlight the relationships between language and subjectivity in pop music, focusing on the example of Eleni Foureira. Foureira (born Entela Fureraj in Fier, Albania) is a Greek pop singer, dancer and fashion designer, active in the Balkans (Panik Records, 2018). She became popular in Greece and Cyprus with her album "Anemos Agapis" in 2014 and achieved the highest position for Cyprus in the Eurovision Song Contest in 2018, placing 2nd (Panik Records, 2018). Eleni Foureira's music could fall under the category of laiko, pop and dance-pop, with oriental influences (Panik Records, 2018). In 2018, she represented Cyprus in the Eurovision Song Contest with "Fuego", a song with a Spanish title and a Beyonce-like choreography (Holden, 2018). In 2019, she released the album "Gypsy Woman", with songs in English, Spanish and a mix of the two languages (Panik Records, 2018). This essay will examine the continuous language shifts the artist utilizes, in relation to her own artistic representation and identity, the Greek context and feminist discourses.

Self-Promotion and Cosmopolitan Belonging in Austerity Athens

Leandros Kyriakopoulos

Research Center for the Humanities

Athens has witnessed a surge of Electronic Dance Music parties in the last decade of the debt crisis and austerity measures. This (re)ascendance of EDM has been co-introduced with the corresponding increase of social media's use. The paper addresses the ways with which the rise of EDM in Athens is associated with the modalities of visibility and self-presentation inaugurated by social networking. The fact that Greece and specifically Athens has been saddled with the burdens of austerity is central to this question. Within an everyday life of financial deprivation dominated by the neoliberal ideals of individual success, local musicians invest in music experimentation and production longing for an 'authentic' lifestyle and acknowledgment for their labor in the public sphere. To what extent does the desire for innovation and lifestyle experimentation, which characterize the EDM consumption culture, intertwine with the social media's mechanics of self-promotion and recognizability? To what extent does bohemian lifestyle become a shared vision for a common experience of austerity mediated (and commemorated) by techno soundscapes? The paper ponders on how EDM party culture accrues value in conditions of neoliberal austerity wherein ideals of success fail to provide a sense of authenticity and cosmopolitan belonging.

"Low-budget' Cosmopolitanism: Live Jazz in Recession Athens

Georgia Vavva

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This paper maps the transformations related to the work practices of professional jazz musicians and jazz-music venue owners during the recession, and the ways in which these are spatialized in the area of Kerameikos in Athens, Greece. The areas of Gkazi and Kerameikos, have been primarily associated with

Greek popular musics, with the two big avenues traversing the area – namely Piraeus and Iera Odos – hosting a number of big clubs. However, during the recession the area of Kerameikos developed into a ‘jazz neighborhood’ due to the establishment of a number of small jazz venues that employed local jazz musicians, triggering an impressive rise of small-scale musical performances. I argue that the finance-scape disruption that occurred after 2010, led to the prioritization of a globally-informed locality, as local musicians provided a much cheaper alternative to their international counterparts, while invoking the cosmopolitan imaginary related to the Anglo-American music traditions that was nurtured during the previous decades of economic growth. In Kerameikos this process has been further assisted by the decelerating rhythms of gentrification, where these work practices have brought together two concepts pertaining seemingly to contradicting social imaginaries, that of jazz and kafeneio, adding further to the emergent puzzling urban ‘crisis-scape’.

Urban and Untold Music Histories: The Makeshift Music Studios of Thessaloniki

Alexandra Karamoutsiou

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For over forty years, musicians of different backgrounds, meet at D.I.Y. music spaces (makeshift music studios) in Thessaloniki, “outside” of the recorded, official, local histories of music life. This narrative starts from the mid-1970s and the first post-Junta (dictatorship) years and extends to the first years of the 1990s, the years of the 1980s form the core of the stories. During this decade, the MMSs (makeshift music studios) consolidated their presence in the city of Thessaloniki, both through their proliferation and through the systematisation of their makeshift techniques. The reasons for the initiation of the musical practice of the MMSs are explored in the political and cultural conditions of the 1980s, “another” -Metapolitefsi (Avgeridis, Gazi, Kornetis 2015, 18), and in the Greek appropriation of the D.I.Y (do it yourself) ethos. The MMSs emerge as the center of a vibrant D.I.Y music network consisted of self-managed concerts, festivals, independent record labels, self-releases, pirate, community radio and the fanzine press. Through those stories MMSs emerge as vital spaces where musical processes and forms of sociality come together and interact. Each MMS could be interpreted as a space where it is possible for a ‘utopia’ (ideal future vision) (Foucault 1998) to meet the ‘heterotopia’ (temporal realisation of utopia) (Foucault 1998, Stavridis 2006). Overall, for the city of Thessaloniki, the MMSs are valued as “urban musical paths” (Finnegan 2007), ready to be re-carved by future musical generations. A combination of methodological tools originating from the realms of oral history, ethnography and archival research was used to research the MMSs.

Putting the Black Back into the Mediterranean: Coloniality and Race in the Trampetika of Negros tou Moria

Penelope Papailias

University of Thessaly

Centered on the 2021 music video “Ego eimai Sourtoukis” (I am a Tramp) by Greek-Ghanaian rapper Negros tou Moria, this presentation considers the potential of contemporary Greek popular music and visual culture to expose the hidden centrality of coloniality and white supremacy to myths of Greek nation and modernity. Performed just days after the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution, in front of the iconic statue of Theodoros Kolokotronis, Greece’s most famous hero and the rapper’s namesake, the video can be understood as claiming voice and visibility in the public sphere for a migrant and subaltern subject: a gesture of self-interpellation into a national narrative oblivious at best, hostile at worst, to the presence of so-called AfroGreeks in contemporary Greek society. I would like to push the analysis further though: to ask how Negros tou Moria’s use of language (“Ottoman” Greek), performative cosplay with national costume, trampetika (“trap” and “rebetika” hybrid, fueled by a fusion of ideas drawn from Elias Petropoulos and Bob Marley) operates as a productive de/facement of Greek history that brings into relief the

“whiteface” put on by Greeks from Kolokotronis to PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis, while calling into question the historic whitening - rather than the inherent whiteness - of the Greek Mediterranean.

Negros tou Moria: Afro-Greek Hip Hop as Postmigrant Counternationalism

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Three decades after the fall of the Iron Curtain, debates about migration, integration, and national identity remain salient in Greece. The recent influx of asylum seekers from countries like Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq introduced unprecedented levels of ethnic diversity into the social fabric that challenged normative perceptions of belonging in the national community. Music, theatre, and other performing arts have come to the forefront as a means for first and second-generation activists to challenge exclusionary discourse and policies that often leave the newcomer and their descendants perpetually outside of the national community. In this paper, I discuss the music of second-generation Afro-Greek hip-hop artist Negros tou Moria, as a rich counternarrative to hegemonic models of national belonging. Engaging Langhoff's emergent concept of postmigration (2004), I position Negros's work as postmigrant counternationalism, the reworking of traditional culture and history into an alternative nationalist discourse that places the newcomer rather than those constructed as indigenous at the center of national identity constructs. A central conclusion is that his creative juxtaposition of Greek folk music and culture with subaltern musical styles like rebetika and reggae creates a space of sonic empowerment that brings to the fore the constructed nature of racial, ethnic, and national identities.

White Ethnicity and the 21st Century Greek American Folk Revival

Panayotis League

Florida State University

This presentation concerns the remarkable resurgence of traditional Greek music and dance among young adult members of the Greek American community in the context of Orthodox parish dance groups both at home and at regional folk-dance festivals and competitions. What I hope to show here is that, for a critical mass of young American-born members of the global diaspora, it is focused, detail-oriented study of and participation in exactly particular musical practice associated with very specific locales in Greece – more often than not, regions and villages unconnected to these practitioners' ancestral origins, and instruments that have an explicitly subaltern character in relation to more canonical actors such as the bouzouki and clarinet – that calibrates the emotional, psychological, and aesthetic dimensions of their sense of belonging to a wider diasporic Greek world. I argue that this orientation towards a shared diasporic Greekness that is explicitly predicated upon active involvement in historically marginalized folk traditions in a performative context both presents a challenge to some aspects of the “symbolic ethnicity” paradigm that has dominated studies of expressive culture in the Greek diaspora, and at the same time reinforces some of the facets of “choose-your-own-adventure” white ethnicity that confound attempts to articulate an activist political stance beyond advocating for the preservation of particular traditions. My focus throughout will be on personal experience, and how it intersects with lived ideals of a collectively created sense of belonging to an equally poetic and problematic sense of diasporic Greekness

Fluid Contexts, Blended Practices, Ambivalent Identities: Exploring Urban Popular Music in Cosmopolitan Smyrna During the Early 20th Century

Nick Poulakis and Spyros Pratilas

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Until its destruction in 1922, Smyrna was a cosmopolitan port of the Eastern Mediterranean, a center of intercultural encounters, economic networking, artistic exchanges, and religious diversity, with a strong Greek element. Based on its rich mosaic of ethnicities, cultures, trends, and ideas that came into contact, the city demonstrated a remarkable commercial and artistic activity which contributed substantially to the social development of the region and shaped what we now perceive as Smyrnic heritage. Art and light music from the West, Eastern-style amanedes, church hymns, rebetika, local folk songs, Armenian and Jewish musical idioms, European and Oriental dances—all these contributed to the multicultural everyday life of Smyrna, the so-called “Paris of the East”. In this paper, we will examine the contexts, practices, and functions of urban music in Smyrna during the early 20th century. In particular, we will analyze the fluid conditions which formulated Smyrna’s musical mosaic, as well as its performative and popular dimensions in relation to the economic and demographic expansion of the city. By investigating Smyrna’s music venues, ensembles, and recordings, we will try to understand how modern Western styles coexisted with earlier local musical expressions and how these were blended together, although today considered incompatible, thus resulting in the reconceptualization of urban popular music practices of this particular place and period, and the creation of ambivalent ethnomusical identities

I Ekdikisi tis Gyftias (Η Εκδίκηση της Γυφτιάς): On Uses and Consumption of Greek Popular Music Genres “East”-and-“West”

Vassiliki Yiakoumaki

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I am exploring (what I view as) processes of exoneration of the *laikó* in trajectories of Greek popular music in Eastern Mediterranean/“Middle Eastern” settings (particularly Greece and Israel) at present. Specifically I pursue to understand trajectories of the Greek *laikó* genre and sub-genres, from being ethnicity-and-social-class specific, to transcending their underprivileged belongings, and acquiring a certain cultural hegemony in the public spheres of both societies.

Either as component of the so-called Mizrahi music culture in the “Middle East,” or as component of the so-called *vari laikó* (and/or oriental, and/or *kapsoura*) in Greece, this sonic universe used to be identified with subaltern, disempowered, underdog, oriental, and orientalized social categories (e.g., Arab-Jewish Israelis, working-class Greeks). It implied, therefore, non-elite cultural capital as well as cultural intimacies of various kinds. By exoneration, I suggest that these *laikó* sounds are deployed/re-visited/re-appropriated by different audiences, artists, and consumers at present, thereby transcending ethno-class boundaries, and allowing for new or formerly non-permissible aesthetic and affection gamuts to be displayed. Without losing their original significations, i.e., for the original audiences, these *laikó* sub-genres today may become available to other, wider, audiences for confirming distinction. The fact that the social locus of their abjection is becoming a locus of affection, reveals shifts in political sentiment and various power hierarchies in either society, worthy of comparing.

Rebetiko and the Logic of Paradox

Daniel Koglin

An important reason why the Greek popular song genre rebetiko enjoys a constant fan base is its rare ability to both unite and divide. Its references to low life, its association with marginalized sub-cultures of Greek society, including drug users, prostitutes, and refugees, as well as its incorporation of musical influences from the Ottoman Empire led to the genre being suppressed and even banned at times. This suppression, however, only added to the

nonconformist flavour of rebetiko, turning it into a symbol of defiance against the dominant culture and its norms. And its rebellious spirit continues to inspire musicians and audiences, not only in Greece but – since the 1990s – also in Turkey. In my presentation I focus on 21st-century cases of rebetiko serving as a subversive sonic system for strengthening cross-border online communities of dissenters. My main question is why rebetiko maintains this capability, even though there are contemporary genres of both Greek and Turkish popular music that voice political protest and social critique much more outspokenly. To answer this question, we must not only look at specific cases of dissident musicking and examine the accompanying discourse – but we also must take account of the underlying emotional rationality peculiar to rebetiko.

De-ideologizing Rebetiko through the Concept of Heterotopia as an Analytical and Interpretive Tool

Spiros Delegos

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Diverse ideological-cultural narratives have been introduced variously in rebetiko-related studies as analytical and interpretive devices. For instance, the ideologically charged politico-cultural narrative of the East-West dipole has contributed to promoting hegemonically several generalizations and stereotypes without clear musicological meanings in rebetiko discourse. In my study, I attempt to de-ideologize rebetiko in terms of the East-West dualism through an analysis and interpretation of syncretic rebetiko-related phenomena, based on the Foucauldian philosophical concept of heterotopia. I draw upon the theoretical background of historical ethnomusicology and I contextualize the concept of heterotopia within the musico-cultural field as a critical and de-ideologized tool. In this regard, I show that syncretic musical expressions and practices, such as the blending of makam modality and chordal harmony, and the tune *Minore manes* as a seed of rebetiko development, can be perceived beyond East-West narrative. Therefore, I argue for the deconstruction of the East-West dichotomy in and, by extension, the decolonization of rebetiko by understanding it as a musico-cultural heterotopia.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Alexandros Baltzis is an associate professor in Sociology of the Arts and Mass Communication at the School of Journalism and Mass Media Studies of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and a professor-consultant at the Hellenic Open University (MA programme “Cultural Management”). He has taught as a visiting professor at universities abroad and at the Democritus University of Thrace. He is the author of many papers and chapters in three languages and the editor of three publications. He has participated in many international and local scholarly conferences, as well as in many international and local research projects. He is a member of several local and international academic associations and scholarly networks and a reviewer in international scholarly journals. His research and teaching work focuses on the production and consumption of cultural goods and services, on the effects of globalization on the cultural industries, on cultural management and cultural communication (more details at: <https://baltzis.webpages.auth.gr/>).

Nikos Bozinis was born in Thessaloniki in 1960. He Studied Greek Language, Literature, History and Social Anthropology in the University of Thessaloniki and Cultural Studies in Nottingham Trent University under the supervision of Professor Richard Johnson. He holds a PhD degree in Modern History from the University of Athens and his thesis was edited under the title of *Rock Globality and Greek Locality* by Nefeli Publishers. He has also published articles on rock culture, Greek popular culture, youth culture, and educational policies. He is currently living in Athens and working as a Senior Executive in Secondary Education.

Spiros Delegos is a doctoral candidate at the Sibelius Academy Uniarts Helsinki, holds a Master’s degree in “Ethnomusicology and Cultural Anthropology” from the University of Athens and a Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics from the University of Patras. He has studied Greek traditional and makam music on the *lavta* at the Municipal Conservatory of Patras, theory of European Classical Music at the Philharmonic Foundation Conservatory of Patras, Ottoman music and classical mandolin privately. Furthermore, he has got an excellent knowledge of the folk guitar and the Greek three- course bouzouki and baglama. As a musician, he has appeared at numerous musical venues, live concerts and festivals and has composed music for theatre. He is a music teacher at the Philharmonic Foundation Conservatory of Patras, the founder and musical director of the “Urban Greek Popular Music Orchestra” (a large ensemble with string, wind instruments, etc.), and has given an array of musical workshops on makam modality and harmonization in *rebetiko*. As a scholar, he has presented several papers at (ethno)musicology conferences and published articles in Greek and international scientific journals; he currently translates-edits into Greek the scientific collective book “Greek Music in America” (University Press of Mississippi).

Marilena Gatsiou completed her undergraduate studies at the Department of History, Archeology and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly in Volos (Greece) and postgraduate studies at the “Gender, Culture and Society” program of the University of the Aegean in Mytilene (Greece). She also holds an MA in Visual Anthropology from Aarhus University, Denmark. Currently, she is a PhD candidate at the Department of Social Anthropology of Panteion University (Athens, Greece). In conversation with feminist and queer theory, her thesis focuses on the study of Kosovo’s pop culture and contemporary art and its connection to local politics. Through her research, she intends to examine new possibilities of agency in (political) aesthetics and visual cultures. Her interests include queer theory and politics of desire, as well as visual cultures in and around Balkans and South Eastern Europe.

Eleni Kallimopoulou is Assistant Professor at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (PhD, MMus, SOAS, University of London). She is author of *Paradosiaká: Music, Meaning and Identity in Modern Greece* (Routledge, 2009), co-author of *Learning Culture through City Soundscapes – A Teacher Handbook* (University of Macedonia, 2013), and co-editor of *Counter-Archives: Rethinking Oral History from Below* (Gree Oral History Association, 2021), *Music Communities in 21st-century Greece: Sonic Glances in the Field* (Pedio, 2020), and *Introduction in Ethnomusicology* (Asini, 2014). Her research interests span

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