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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# Bridging generations: interdisciplinarity and life stories in the 21<sup>st</sup> century Oral history and life history approaches in the social sciences



Saratsi Hall, University of Thessaly  
25-27 May 2012

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## FRIDAY 25 MAY 2012

**9:00** Opening Conference  
**9:30-9:45** Riki Van Boeschoten. Welcome. New beginnings in challenging times.  
**9:45-10:15** Andonis Liakos, *Why oral history?*

### 10:30-11:45 Oral history and museums

Coordinator: Maria Repousi  
Andromachi Gazi, *The museum as a place of interaction between individual and collective memory.*  
Maria Vlachaki, *Co-creating a museum exhibition on migration: students and parents explore ways to present immigrants' life stories in a museum.*  
Esther Solomon, *Museums and oral histories: empowering memories and social relations.*

### 11:45-12:15 Coffee break

### 12:15-13:45 Oral history and digital technologies

Coordinator: Dimitris Bilalis  
Toby Butler, *Memoryscapes: experimenting our sense of place.*  
Stavros Alifragkis and George Papakonstantinou, *An audio-visual database for post-war architecture and the city in Greece.*  
Michael Varlas, *The archive without body: Cultural memory and digital oral history archives.*  
Dafni Tragaki and Giorgos Papakonstantinou, *Trails/narrative and the trails of narrative.*

### 13:45-14:30 The intergenerational memory of Asia Minor refugees

Coordinator: Giorgos Tsiolis  
Vasiliki Amorati, *The story of a life: re-covering the silent voices of the Greek Orthodox population of Smyrna during the early twentieth century.*  
Libby Tata Arsel, *Coping with the trauma of the Asia Minor Catastrophe: the transformation of the traumatic experiences of the first generation of a Greek family from Pergamon to the third generation descendants.*

### 14:30-16:00 Lunch buffet

### 16:00-17:40 Oral narratives and religious communities

Coordinator: Rika Benveniste  
Kosteleou Elli *"Music is Seva": tradition, improvisation, collective memory and the role of the researcher in the field.*  
Diana Riboli, *Between the hammer and sickle and the cross. The crisis of the political and religious identity in the oral histories of the Chepang of Nepal.*  
Lena Inowlocki, *Making sense of religious belongings. Reconstructing reflexivity in autobiographical narratives.*  
Joanna Bornat and Daniela Koleva, *Oral history crossing national boundaries: a study of belief and non belief in three European countries.*

## 17.40-18.00 Coffee break

### 18:00-19:30 Memory and forgetting of the 1940s

Coordinator: Polymeris Voglis  
Katerina Anagnostaki, *Oral history and fear: oral testimonies from the 1940s.*  
Pothiti Hantzaroula, *The social dimension of memory in testimonies of Jewish survivors of the Holocaust in Greece.*  
Dimitra Gefou-Madianou, *Eyes shut, muted voices: Narrating the post civil war era through a monument.*  
Olga Sevastidou, *Communities of memory and oblivion: the construction of memory in life story. narratives of Pontic Greeks about the persecutions and deportations of the Stalinist era in the USSR (1937-1949).*

### 19:30-21:00 Aspects of the present economic crisis through life stories

Coordinator: Diana Riboli  
Anastasia Kafe and Yannis Tsiibas, *Crisis, unemployment and politics: a biographical approach.*  
Emilia Salvano, *Personal and collective memories of migration in times of crisis. The adventures of the Pakistani migrants' community of memory in Athens.*  
Christos Tsarouchidis, *The "life stories" and "versions of truth" as reliable evidence: the case of homeless people in modern Greece.*  
Christina Adamou, Yannis Vlachopoulos, Pavlos Pantazis, Mayya Tsamprou, *The chronicle of a long winter.*

## SATURDAY 26 MAY 2012

### 9:30-11:00 Saratsi Hall: Life stories and gendered subjectivity

Coordinator: Vasiliki Yiakoumaki  
Irene Kambrani, *When biography and biology enter into dialogue: the narrative negotiation of the family history of disease.*  
Dimitra Lambropoulou, *Individual lives and historical change: the experience of postwar internal migration from the perspective of oral history.*  
Nikolas Christakis, *Women motorcyclists: gender migrants on the borders of non community.*  
Ioanna Bibili, *Women and crisis: a negotiation between continuity and change.*

### 9:30-11:00 Room 9: Oral history and education I

Coordinator: Kostas Magos  
Katerina Trimi-Kyrou, *Motivating empathy: oral history as a tool for anti-racist education.*  
Georgia Kouseri and Michalis Katsibardis, *Oral histories of the Holocaust and their interpretation in the present.*

Irene Nakou, *Collection and interpretation of oral narratives as a history-learning process at different levels of education.*  
Sofia Avgeri, *From "learning" to the "creation" of history. An oral history program on the Bulgarian occupation with high school students.*

### 11:00-12:30 Saratsi Hall: From personal to community memory

Coordinator: Penelope Papailia  
Athina Daskalaki, *Photo stories: The 'narration' of the photographs of Asia Minor refugees.*  
Tryfon Babilis, *Photographic traditions and Aegean modernities. An ethnographic biography approach.*  
Manos Savvakis, *"My story 'is' the history of the community!" Empowerment, collective identity and images of the self.*  
Yannis Zaimakis, *Contested worlds in the outskirts of cities. The musical biography of a rebetis over the course of the 20th century.*

### 11:00-12:30 Room 9: Oral history and education II

Coordinator: Irene Nakou  
Ioulia Pentazon, *"The lives of our grandparents": an educational experiment of oral history for primary students.*  
Kostas Magos, *«Others' Stories»: The biographic narratives as starting point of transformative learning in higher education.*  
Manos Dalakavoukis and Ioannis Manos, *Anthropology, oral history and education: training future professionals through experiential learning.*  
Nikolaos Grekos, *Student recording actions of the local historical memory. Educational approaches and questions about method and meaning.*

### 12:30-13:00 Coffee break

### 13:00-14:30 Healing with life stories

Coordinator: Pavlos Pantazis  
Stelios Pelagos, *Building a storytelling community while revisiting local history. The Volos experience.*  
Aegli Brouskou, *Once upon a time there was an old man and an old woman. Exchanging folktales with life stories in an elders home.*  
Stelios Krasanakis, *The long journey of language through the body.*  
Grigoris Abatzoglou, *Listening to the others: biography and autobiography in psychotherapeutic sessions with children.*

### 16:00-17:30 Communities and oral testimonies

Coordinator: Dimitra Lambropoulou  
Eleni Kovani, *The polysemia of simple oral stories.*  
Ioannis Kolakis, *Conversions to Islam and the massacre of Chios. Grey identities: the example of Ibrahim Eddhem Pasha and Mustapha Khaznadar.*

## SUNDAY 27 MAY 2012

### DINNER

Paul Thompson, *Is it worth forming an Oral History Society? Some reflections from English experience.*

### 20:00-20:45 Key note speech

Coordinator: Pothiti Hantzaroula  
Christina Alexopoulou, *Role and position of the receivers of oral testimonies.*  
Rea Kakaboura, *Secondary narrative analysis of biographical interviews: a workshop.*  
Maria Thanopoulou and Chrysanthi Zachou, *Between Oral History and oral histories: the management of collective memory and the role of the social researcher.*  
Yorgos Tsiolis, *Theoretical and methodological controversies in biographical Konstandina Bada, Reusing and reevaluating archive materials of oral history. The example of a corpus of silversmiths' life stories.*

### 18:00-20:00 Oral history and biographical research: methods and reflexivity

Coordinator: Tasoula Verventi  
Alexandra Pudliszak, *Studying Gypsy history in Argentina. The necessity of anthropological approach.*  
Katerina Králová, *«Our tears dried up...»: personal accounts of the Greek community in Czechoslovakia.*

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### 9:30-11:00 Round-table discussion

### Communities write their history: oral history groups, experiences and methods

Coordinator: Maria Thanopoulou  
Maria Repousi and Chrysoula Anagnostopoulou, *The oral history project of Hania, Crete.*  
Kypseli Oral History Group: *Iakovos Anyfantakis, Tasoula Verventi, Katerina Kyriakou & Argyro Kyriakouli, History and stories from the neighbourhood.*

### 11:00-11:30 Coffee break

### 11:30-12:00 Keynote speech

Coordinator: Riki Van Boeschoten  
Robert Perks, *Looking critically at different modes of collecting oral history.*

### 12:00-14:30

Creation of a non-profit association.

## Speakers at the Congress "Bridging the generations" (Volos 25-27 May)

Adamou Cristina, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Krasanakis Stelios, Dramatherapy Center AFON
Alexopoulos Christina, National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO) Paris	Kyriakou Katerina, Group of Oral History of Kypseli
Alifragkis Stavros, University of Thessaly	Kyriakouli Argyro, Group of Oral History of Kypseli
Ambatzoglou Grigoris, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Lambropoulou Dimitra, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Amorati Vasiliki, <i>Bogaziçi</i> Universitesi, Turkey	Liakos Antonis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Anagnostaki Katerina, University of Crete	Magos Kostas, University of Thessaly
Anagnostopoulos Chrysoula, University of Crete	Manos Ioannis, University of West Macedonia
Anagnostopoulos Irene, University of Thessaly	Nakov Irene, University of Thessaly
Antantakis Iakovos, Group of Oral History of Kypseli	Pantazis Pavlos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Argei Libby Tata, University of Copenhagen, Denmark	Papakonstantinou Giorgos, University of Thessaly
Avgeri Sofia, Democritus University of Thrace	Pelagos Stelios, International Society for Folklore Narrative Research
Babilis Trifon, University of Leiden, The Netherlands	Pentazou Loulia, University of Thessaly
Bada Konstantina, University of Ioannina	Perks Rob, National Life Stories, British Library, London , UK
Bimbli Ioanna, University of Lancaster, UK	Pudliszak Alexandra, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Bornat Joanna, Open University, UK	Repousi Maria, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Brouskou Aigli, American College of Thessaloniki	Riboli Diana, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
Butler Toby, University of East London, UK	Salvanou Aimilia, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Christakis Nikolas, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Savvakis Manos, University of the Aegean
Dalkavoukis Vasilis, Democritus University of Thrace	Sevastidou Olga, University of Thessaly
Daskalaki Athina, Foundation of the Hellenic World	Solomon Esther, University of Ioannina
Gazi Andromachi, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences	Thanopoulou Maria, National Centre for Social research
Gefou-Madianou Dimitra, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences	Thompson Paul, University of Essex, UK
ences	Tragaki Daphne, University of Thessaly
Graikos Nikolaos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Trimi-Kyrou Katerina, Educator
Hantzaroula Pothiti, University of the Aegean	Tsamprou Magia, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Inowlocki Lena, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University Frankfurt	Tsarouchidis Christos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Kafe Anastasia, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences	Tsiolis Giorgos, University of Crete
Kakampoura Rea, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Tsirbas Giannis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Kampriani Eirini, National School of Public Health	Van Boeschoten Riki, University of Thessaly
Katsimpardis Michalis, Educator	Vervenioti Tasoula, Historian
Kolakis Ioannis, Historical Library of Chios	Viachaki Maria, University of Thessaly
Koleva Daniela, University of Sofia, Bulgaria	Viachopoulos Giannis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Kostelou Elli, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Warlas Michael, Foundation of the Hellenic World
Kouseri Georgia, University of Thessaly	Zachou Chrisanthi, Deree – The American College of Greece
Kovani Eleni, National Centre for Social research	Zaimakis Yiannis, University of Crete
Kralova Katerina, University of Prague, Czech Republic	