

**BIO**  
**NIKI PAPAGEORGIU**

**Dr Niki Papageorgiou** is Professor in Sociology of Religion and Ethics at the Department of Theology of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. She studied Theology in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki as well as Sociology (specialization: Sociology of Religion) in the Roman Catholic University of Louvain-La-Neuve. She teaches at the Department of Theology (AUTH) the compulsory courses: *Sociology of Religion*, *Sociology of Christianity*, as well as *Religion and Society in the Middle East*, at the Introductory Direction of Muslim Studies at the same Department. She also teaches the optional courses on a rotating basis: *Gender and Religion*, *Religion, Identity and Politics in the modern world*, *Society, Religion and Law* (in collaboration with Professor K. Papageorgiou, Faculty of Law, AUTH). She also teaches in the Master's Program of the Department of Theology "Theology and Culture" in the specialization "Systematic Theology, Sociology and Study of Religion": the courses: *Society and Sacrum* (winter semester) and *Methodology of Social Sciences* (spring semester), in the Master's Program of the Department of Theology "Religion, Geopolitics and International Security" the course: *Human Resources Management and Communication in Intercultural Contexts* (3 lectures, head of course), in the Interdisciplinary Master's Program "Tourism and Local Development" the courses: *Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Tours* (1 lecture, head of course) and *Sociology of Tourism* (3 lectures). She has also taught in other Departments and Universities (Faculty of Law of AUTH, Department of Turkish Studies of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Social and Education Policy of University of Peloponnese) as well as in foreign Universities (Faculty of Theology of Holy Cross, Boston, U.S.A., Faculty of Theology of Erlangen, Germany, Department of Classical Philology of the University of Ivan Franco, Lviv, Ukraine, Faculty of Theology of the University of Eastern Finland, Finland, Faculty of Theology of Hamburg, Germany, Study of Religions Department, UCC) in the context of academic agreements (Erasmus, Jason, etc.). She has supervised 8 PhD theses that have been completed and she is supervising 8 PhD theses that are in progress. She has also supervised 24 postgraduate theses and she is supervising 6 are in progress.

**Scientific interests:** Religion and Society in modern Greece, Religious Identities and Communities in Greece and the Middle East, Migration and Religion, Gender and Religion.

**Scientific Societies:** She is founding member and President of the Greek Scientific Society for Middle East Studies (GSSMES), member of the International Society of Sociology of Religions / Société Internationale de Sociologie des Religions (ISSR/SISR), member of the South and Southeast

Asia Association for the Study of Religion (SSEASR), member of the European Society of Women in Theological Research (ESWTR), as well as member and President (2020-2022) of the Center of Ecumenical, Missiological and Environmental Studies “Metropolitan Panteleimon Papageorgiou” (CEMES).

**Projects:** Coordinator of the research project “Immigrant Communities in Thessaloniki. The role of women in the preservation and reproduction of cultural and religious identity” (July 2015-July 2016) funded by the Research Committee of AUTH and member of Scientific Group in various Greek and European Projects: “European Studies on Religion and State Interaction (EuReSIS Net), funded by ERASMUS (coordinator: prof. N. Magioros), “Lifelong Learning Program for Christian and Muslim Theologians of Thrace on Issues Related to the Teaching of Religion”, funded by Hellenic Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs (Scientific Supervisor Prof A. Ziaka) (September 2014-December 2015), “Strategic Partnership for Representatives of Religious Communities, funded by European Health and Digital Executive Agency (coordinator: prof. Ch. Tsironis) (1/10/2017 - 31/3/2020), “Promotion of Religious Tourism Destinations and Routes” funded by ESPA (Scientific Supervisor: prof. Ch. Tsironis) (28/6/2018 - 27/12/2021), “Development of an innovative system with application to the promotion of cultural heritage” funded by ESPA (Scientific Supervisor: Prof A. Ziaka) (09/7/2022 - 09/10/2022).

**Books:** *Transformations of sacred: Sociology and Religion in the work of Marcel Mauss*, Ed. P. Pournaras, Thessaloniki 2005 (in Greek), *India: Myth and reality*, Ed. Methexis, Thessaloniki 2006 (in Greek), *Religion and Migration. The community of Sikhs in Greece*, Ed. Kornilia Sfakianaki, Thessaloniki 2011 (in Greek), *Religion in Post-dictatorship period in Greece. Limits and ambivalences*, Ed. Barbounakis, Thessaloniki 2018 (in Greek), *Society, Religion and Law. Overlapping Relationships and Intersections* (with assoc. Professor K. Papageorgiou), Ed. Papazisi, Athens 2020 (in Greek).

**Editing Volumes:** Petros Vassiliadis, Niki Papageorgiou and Eleni Kasselouri-Hatzivassiliadi (eds.), *Deaconesses, the ordination of Women and Orthodox Theology*, Cambridge Scholar Publishing, Newcastle 2017, Petros Vassiliadis – Niki Papageorgiou – Nikolaos Dimitriadis (eds.), *Orthodox Ecumenical Theology. The Open Public Lectures*, CEMES E-Books, Thessaloniki 2021, John Chrysavgis, Niki Papageorgiou, Marilyn Rouvelas, Petros Vassiliadis (eds.), *Deaconesses: A Tradition for Today and Tomorrow*, Holy Cross Orthodox Press, Boston 2023.

She has also published more than 60 articles in Greek and international journals, while she has participated in about 100 Greek and international scientific conferences.