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#### QUALIFICATIONS

October 1987: Degree in Sociology (MAITRISE) of the University of Human Sciences of Strasbourg II. (Recognition of the title by D.I.K.A.T.S.A. with number. 8451/1989).

October 1988: Postgraduate Studies (D.E.A.) of Sociology. Graduate Diploma (DEA) from the University of Human Sciences in Strasbourg II with specialization in Social Alterations, Changes, Crisis and Conflict (Recognition of the Diploma by D.I.K.A.T.S.A. with no. Pr. 6842/1989).

November 2010: Ph.D. from the Department of Sociology of the University of Crete. Title of PhD thesis: "Immigration and Strategies for Social Integration in the Urban Area: The Case of the City of Heraklion".

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

October 1982: Higher Diploma in the French Language from the University of Humanities in Strasbourg II.

#### DISSERTATION

**Title:** "Immigration and Strategies for Social Integration in the Urban Area: The Case of the City of Heraklion".

The aim of the dissertation was to study the migratory presence in the city of Heraklion and in particular to examine the issues of the integration of immigrants into the economic and social network of the city and the strategies they are implementing in order to be accepted by the local population, and by the new social environment, and the implementation of their immigration plan.

The collection of research data was based on a complex research approach. The combination of quantitative and qualitative methods was considered the most

appropriate to investigate the issue. The first quantitative survey attempts to capture the conditions of the integration of immigrants into the labor market of the city of Heraklion and the socio-economic relations that have been formed in their new place of establishment. The qualitative research that followed has revealed new concerns that make it possible for us to understand the way immigrants understand the conditions of their integration both in the labor market and in the social network of the city.

The immigrants living in the city of Heraklion do not all come from the same social strata. Differentiation data on their social stratification is recorded in the country of origin. In the labor market of Heraklion both men and women are not able to achieve a professional upgrading through their work. It is a labor force that has an inferior manual occupation and remains in the lower strata of the city. The lack of professional development reflected in immigrant workplaces from the country of origin to the host country shows the difficulties they encounter in entering the city's labor market.

As regards the perceptions that shape their social integration in the city, decisive factors are the experiential situations, the immigration plan along with the degree of their integration into the labor market. Immigrants do not all follow the same rates of social inclusion, nor do they accept, to the same extent, the new social and cultural standards of the host country. Depending on the conditions prevailing in the host country, their social experiences, needs and plans, different adaptation modes and different "identity strategies" are observed.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**16 May 1991 to 9 October 1992: Associate of the General Partnership "SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT".**

**13 April 1994 to 28 September 1998: Duration of professional activity on: SOCIOLOGIST-RESEARCHER.**

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING IN THE TEI OF CRETE**

25 February 1991 to 14 January 1994: fixed-term employment contract at the level of the Assistant Professor at the Department of Tourist Enterprises of TEI of Crete.

21 September 1992 to 1 July 1995: Fixed-term employment contract, at the grade of the Assistant Professor at the Accounting Department of the TEI. of Crete.

25 February 1991 to 18 March 1998: Private-Law Contract for a fixed term at the level of the Assistant Professor and, from 30/9/96, Laboratory Associate in the Department of Social Work of the TEI of Crete.

18 March 1998 to date: Permanent Educational Staff, Sociologist, with a subject of "Community Organization and Social Change" of the Department of Social Work of the School of Occupations of Health and Welfare of the TEI of Crete.

## **Recent Teaching in the Department of Social Work.**

### **Lessons:**

- Introduction to Sociology.
- Writing a Scientific Paper. Computer Technology I (Practice Exercise).
- Social Movements and Social Change.
- Immigration and Social Inclusion.
- Inter-Cultural Social Work.
- Senior students' seminar.
- Practical Exercise-Supervision (Intercultural Education and Action Laboratory).

## **LABORATORY WORK EXPERIENCE AT THE TEI OF CRETE**

From 1993 to 2007: Participation in interdisciplinary group issues on research and action plans in community-oriented workshops in the framework of Practice Exercise - Supervision of the Department of Social Work. The purpose of the workshops is to apply the methodology and techniques of Social Work within the Community. They started in 1993 with the creation of the "Community Center for the Development of Tylissos", followed by a considerable number of workshops in other municipal districts mainly in rural municipalities, such as in the former municipalities of Gazi, Krousonas, Palliani, Episkopi, Gouves, Archanes, Kazantzakis etc.

From 2007 to present: Within the framework of the Practical Exercise - Supervision, participation in the workshop "Local Community Development", which has been operating since 2007 as an institutionalized educational workshop. The laboratory collaborates with a number of local community organizations for educational and research purposes and with the Municipalities of Heraklion, Malevizi and others. The intervention of Social Work in these areas aims at local development through the activation and participation of the inhabitants in the planning and implementation of specific collective actions in all areas of socio-economic and cultural life. Emphasis is placed on the interdisciplinary approach and understanding of the developmental - reforming role of Social Work and its particular role in shaping Social Policy at local level.

From 2000 to present: Scientific Director of the "Laboratory of Intercultural Education and Action". The laboratory started in 2000 in the Municipality of Gazi and a little later focused on the presence of immigrants in the city of Heraklion, having as a theme the cross-cultural education and training on immigration issues . In this context, the Department of Social Work has signed a program contract (11/10/2011) with the Municipality of Heraklion, the subject of which is the study of the immigration phenomenon and its intervention on issues related to the social integration of immigrants into the social network of the city .

### **Purpose and work.**

The purpose of the workshop is to intervene, through cooperative relations, for the social integration of immigrants into the local community and the promotion of the role they can play in the social life of the city.

Particular objectives are to take initiatives and plan actions to develop respect for the diversity of color, origin, culture, language and religion, to raise public awareness of various social issues and to create opportunities for visibility and presence in the local community of immigrants themselves. At the same time, the positive contribution of local authorities and institutions to the development of opportunities and actions for a smooth coexistence and the creation of a climate of cooperation between local communities and immigrants is sought. It also seeks to highlight the importance of Local Government in the development of cooperation, democratic coexistence and solidarity of the local population with immigrants, aiming at the well-being of all citizens and the social cohesion of the local community.

***Within the framework of this Convention, the following activities are defined:***

- Study and research of the migration phenomenon in the city of Heraklion.
- Sensitization and action of the institutional expressions of the local community on issues of integration and mutual acceptance of immigrant groups.
- Activation, organization and participation of the immigrant population in the social life of the city and development of cooperation with the local population.
- Taking and coordination of support actions to solve the problems faced by immigrants.
- Creation of actions in order for the public services that receive immigrants to be able to handle cultural issues.
- Scientific support for the organization and operation of the Immigration Integration Council (ΣΕΜ) in the Municipality of Heraklion.
- Co-operation of the Department of Social Work with the Social Service of the Municipality on Immigration Issues and the scientific support of the immigration policy of the Municipality of Heraklion.
- Taking actions to raise awareness of multiculturalism among local residents and strengthening the positive attitude of local communities to cohabitation with immigrants, to combat xenophobia and negative stereotypes towards them.

**TAKING PART IN PROJECTS**

October - November 1993: Action Research in the Community of Tylissos within the framework of the 100-hour research seminar on "Training of Social Workers for the Employing Social Services in the Local Government", realized by the Department of Social Work of the TEI of Heraklion.

September 1994: Scientific partner of Temeni Pediados Development Organization SA and the Malevizi Development Organization SA in drawing up the LEADER II proposal. The aim of the project was to exploit the development potential of the hinterland of the prefecture of Heraklion through the planning of its development strategy.

February 1994 - September 1996: Member of the research team of the University of Macedonia in the framework of research on relations of tradition, modernization in

Greece. The dynamics of the transformations of Greek society. "The above research was funded by the General Secretariat for Research and Technology of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Technology and the European Union.

ΠΕΠ of Crete 1994-1997: Participation in the design and implementation of training programs in the framework of the Informal Continuing Vocational Training programs of the ΠΕΠ of Crete 1994-97.

September 1995 - September 1996: Scientific Adviser of Malevizi Development Organization SA in the elaboration of the study of the Local Development Program of the province of Malevizi. The aim of the study was to prepare, elaborate the implementation program and define the mechanisms for implementing the Strategic Development Plan of the province of Malevizi.

Acad. Year 1997-1998: Participation in the SOCRATES program. Responsible professor for exchanges of students and educational staff of the Department of Social Work with corresponding departments of the countries of Europe.

October 1997 - September 2000: Responsible for the preparation, organization, planning and development of the Operational Program for Education and Initial Vocational Training (EPEAEK) of the Department of Social Work of the TEI of Crete. Internships for students. Title of project: Improvement - Reconstruction of internships for students of the Department of Social Work SEYP / TEI of Crete.

October 1997 - September 2000: Member of the project team for the implementation of the Operational Program for Education and Initial Vocational Training (EPEAEK) of the Department of Social Work of the TEI. Crete. Energy curricula - writings. Project title: Revising a curriculum of the Department of Social Work and applying it by extending the duration of studies.

October 2001 - January 2002: Member of the scientific team for the design and implementation of a demographic study at the geographical boundaries of the Municipality of Rouvas. The purpose of this study was to capture the structure of the population of the Municipality and to identify its members on the basis of individual, social and residential parameters. It would also contribute to planning, organizing, and implementing Development Programs.

Within the framework of the community-oriented workshops of the Department participating in a series of intervention projects:

1) 2003-2004 Primary and Secondary Control Program in a Nutrition and Exercise Intervention Program in a High Risk Adult Group in the Municipality of Tylissos. Implementing bodies were the Laboratory of Local Community Development, the Agricultural Clinic and the Anogia Health Center.

2) 2006-2008 Screening, prevention of breast and cervical cancer. Implementing bodies were the Local Community Development Laboratory, the Agricultural Clinic, the KY. Ag. Varvara, the Social Medicine sector of the Pan. Crete, the Municipality of Tylissos.

May 2011-June 2011: Action Coordinator of Action 1.5 / 09: Information campaign to promote the smooth integration of immigrants into local communities. Priority 1: Implementation of Actions for the practical implementation of the "Common Basic Principles of Integration Policy for Migrants in the European Union". The program was part of the 2009 Annual Program of the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals.

December 2010 - October 2013: Member of the project team for the implementation of the Operational Program for Education and Lifelong Learning (E.II.E.Δ.B.M.). Practice: "Practical Training of TEI Students". WP1.1 "Practical Exercise of the Department of Social Work".

September 2012 to August 2013: Award of a project in the framework of the implementation of the sub-project -37- entitled "Epidemiological recording of health problems, investigation of health needs and intervention of health education in the rural population of Crete", "Archimedes III, Groups at TEI of Crete "of EII" Education and Lifelong Learning ".

August 2013 to September 2015: Assignment of a project in the framework of the implementation of the Sub-project -01- entitled "Development of digital courses, support of the foundation platform and other actions", of the act titled "Open Academic Courses of the Technological Educational Institute of Crete" in the framework of the EII "Education and Lifelong Learning".

January 2014 to November 2014: Award of a project by the Technological Educational Institute of Crete as part of the implementation of the project "EvaluationforProfessionalDevelopmentofAdultEducationStaff - EduEval" of the "GrundtvigMultilateralProject" project funded by the European Commission.

August 2014 - October 2015: Member of the project team for the implementation of the Operational Program for Education and Lifelong Learning (E.II.E.Δ.B.M.). Practice: "Practical Training of TEI Students". WP1.1 "Practical Exercise of the Department of Social Work".

November 2014 - October 2015: Assignment of a project by the Technological Educational Institute of Crete as part of the implementation of the actions of subproject 2 entitled "Quality Assurance Unit (MOΔIII) of the Technological Educational Institute of Crete - 2nd Phase" of the act "Quality Assurance Unit (MOΔIII) of TEI of Crete "Of the Operational Program" Education and Lifelong Learning ".

### **PUBLICATIONS IN SCIENTIFIC MAGAZINES WITH JUDGES**

1.Prokopakis M. (1988), "L'influence du tourisme sur deux villages insulaires en Crete""CAHIERS DE L'I.D.I.M."- num.3, Revue del' Institut du développement des îles méditerranéennes, UNIVERSITE DE CORSE PASCAL PAOLI, CORSE – FRANCE.

2. Katrivesis N., Prokopakis E., (2010), "Foreign workers, collective representations and identities. The case of immigrants in the district of Agia Triada, Heraklion, Crete ", *Social Cohesion and Development*, volume 5, issue 2, pp. 129-150.
3. Prokopakis E., Koutra K., Oikonomou K., (2011), "The social capital of immigrant pupils attending elementary schools in the city of Heraklion", *Modern Society, Education and Mental Health*, issue 4, p. 145 -170.
4. Prokopakis E., Economou K., (2011), "The woman immigrant in the city of Heraklion", *VIMA OF SOCIAL SCIENCES*, vol. 15, 60th, pp. 159-182.
5. Prokopakis E., Oikonomou K., (2014), "The contribution of social capital to the formation of attitudes and perceptions of the population on migration issues. The example of young people in the city of Heraklion ", *VIMA OF SOCIAL SCIENCES*, vol. 16, 64, pp. 163-188.
6. Vassilaki M., Petrou I, Prokopakis E., "Gender discrimination in the labor market. Recruitment of women working in the private sector ", *SOCIAL WORK* (under publication).

#### **PUBLICATIONS IN BOOKS WITH SCIENTIFIC EDITORS**

Koutra K., Pelekidou L., Kyrou I., Prokopakis E., Ratsika N., (2011). "The interventionist role of Social Work for the care of the elderly and their carers in an agrarian semi-mountain community" at Paralix Stavros (scientific supervision), *Practical Applications of Social Work in Greece and in Cyprus*, Athens, Pedio, pp. 255-269 .

Pelekidou L., Prokopakis M., Ratsika N., (2017). "Intercultural Social Work in a School Community of the City of Heraklion: A Pilot Action of the Laboratory of Intercultural Education and Action of the Department of Social Work, TEI of Crete" at Panagiotopoulos Ch., (Scientific Research), *Social Work and School. Applied Interdisciplinary Interventions*. Athens: Publishing Group of Ion.

#### **PAPERS IN CONFERENCES**

##### **Papers at foreign universities.**

Prokopakis E., "The Migratory Phenomenon in Greece". 12-hour lecture at the University of the Mediterranean, Department of Humanities under the ERASMUS-SOCRATES European Program on Immigration and Interculturality in Europe, Marseilles 5-10 June 2006.

Prokopakis E., "The change of Greece from a sending country to a host country of migratory flows". 5-hour lecture at the University of Aix-Marseille, Faculty of Social Sciences, Marseilles 28 September, 10 October 2012.

### **Papers at scientific conferences.**

Prokopakis E., "The Interventional Role of Local Authorities in Immigrant Groups. (Initial Approach of the Municipality of Gazi) ". Contribution to the Pan-Hellenic Social Policy Conference. "Social Care Services Network". Organization: Association of Social Workers of Greece, KINO.POLITI.A, ΕΣΑΕΑ, Heraklion, 20-23 October 2001.

Koutra K., Kyrou I., Prokopakis E., Ratsika N., "Right or obligation to provide care for the elderly?", Announcement at the 8th Pan-Hellenic Conference on Public Health and Health Services "Social Outbreaks", National School of Public Health. Athens 15-17 March 2010.

Oikonomou, K., Prokopakis, M., Pelekidou, L. and Kornelaki, E., "Assessment of Health Needs in a Rural Municipality of Crete". 8th Panhellenic Conference on Public Health and Health Services "Social Outbreaks", National School of Public Health. Athens 15-17 March 2010.

Koutra Klio, Kritsotakis George Pelekidou Lina, Prokopakis Manolis, Ratsika Nicoletta, Androulaki Zacharenia, Philalithis Tasos, "STUDY OF ACCESSIBILITY TO HEALTH SERVICES IN PROTOVATHMIES GIGENEIS AND IMMIGRANTS IN CRETE" 4th of PANELLINIOSYNEDRIO FOROUMDIMOSIAS HEALTH & SOCIAL MEDICINE. Athens 22 - November 24, 2013.

Kritsotakis G., **Ratsika N.**, Koutra K., Pelekidou M., Prokopakis M., Konstantinidis T., Zografakis M., Androulaki Z. Social context and decision-making of permanent residents and immigrants with permanent resident status when accessing healthcare in rural Crete, Greece: a qualitative approach. 4th European Transcultural Nursing Association International Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 29-30 June 2015.

Kritsotakis G, Ratsika N, Prokopakis M, Koutra K, Pelekidou L, Androulakis G. Investigation of the accessibility of primary health services to natives and immigrants in Crete. Innovative Products and Services. Applied research of the Technological Educational Institute of Crete in the framework of the "Archimedes III" act. Heraklion - Crete, 28-29 / 09/2015. POSTER

### **Seminars and Conferences without Judges**

Prokopakis E., "The characteristics of the employment of migrants in the city of Heraklion", at the Conference of the ??? of Heraklion with the subject: Interculturalism in the Prefecture of Heraklion. Under the PEOPLES program (New Human Relations in the Eastern Mediterranean), the INTERREG IIB Community Initiative Archimed, Heraklion, 16 December 2007.

Oikonomou K., Prokopakis E., Koutra K., "Local Government and Immigrants-Propositions", at the Workshop Social Needs Investigation and Policies of



Conservation, Technological Educational Institute of Crete-SEYP-Department of Social Work, Municipality of Heraklion, Heraklion, 22-5-2009.

Koutra K., Prokopakis E., K. Oikonomou K., "The social capital of immigrant pupils of elementary schools in the city of Heraklion", at the Conference on Social Needs and Policies, Technological Educational Institute of Crete-SEYP-Department of Social Work, Municipality of Heraklion , Heraklion, 22-5-2009.

Prokopakis E., "Social and Work Profile of Immigrants Living in the City of Heraklion", in the Seminar on Social Needs and Policies, TEI of Crete-SEYP-Department of Social Work, Municipality of Heraklion, Heraklion, 22-5-2009.

Prokopakis E., "The Position of Women in the History of Immigration", at the Workshop Violence Against Immigrants at the Workplace: Dimensions of the Problem, Treatment, Suggestions, TEI of Crete-SEYP-Department of Social Work, Laboratory of Health & Road Safety, Heraklion 21 March 2014.