

Brief Curriculum Vitae  
Dr. Zacharoula Kasseri

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

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**CURRENT PROFESSIONAL POSITION**

Assistant Professor (Hellenic Mediterranean University, School of Health Sciences,  
Department of Social Work)

From August 2021 – Until now

Scientific field: "Social Work with an emphasis in the Addictions".

**ACADEMIC/RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Social work interventions in the field of addiction (screening, assessment, treatment)
- Addiction/addictive behaviors (etiology of addiction, psychosocial approaches, treatment interventions, social policies for drug users, gender and addiction treatment).
- Qualitative research (research planning, data collection and analysis)

**EDUCATION**

**2011. PhD Social Work**

Title of dissertation: "*The addiction treatment of women in the light of empowering-feminist social work*". Democritus University of Thrace. Department of Social Administration.

**2004. MSc Psychology**

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Department of Psychology. Postgraduate course: Social Clinical Psychology of Addictions.

**2000. BSc Social Administration (Social Work)**

Democritus University of Thrace. Department of Social Administration.

**PUBLICATIONS**

A. Co-Editor [In Greek]

Kallinikaki, Th. & **Kasseri, Z.** (2014) (Eds.). *Social Work in Education. Issues of diversities in schools*. Athens: Topos Books

B. Book chapters

1. Tsiolis, G. & **Kasseri, Z.** (2021). Drug addiction treatment as biographical work: Life-stories of young women in recovery from addiction. In Chatwin, C., Gary R.P., & Werse, B., '*Who? Variation and distinction in the European drugs landscape*', Pabst Science Publishers ([www.pabst-publishers.de](http://www.pabst-publishers.de)). [pages 12]
2. **Kasseri, Z.** (2014). Social work and empowerment of families of children with disabilities in education. In: Th. Kallinikaki & **Z. Kasseri** (Ed.) *Social Work in Education* (pp. 189-222). Athens: Topos Books. [In Greek]
3. **Kasseri, Z.** (2014). The Contribution of Software in the Analysis of Qualitative Data: NVivo10 Software. In: G. Tsiolis: *Methods and techniques of analysis in qualitative social research* (pp. 427-486). Athens: Kritiki. ISBN: 978- 960-218-885-9 [in Greek]

### C. Scientific journals

1. **Kasseri, Z.** (2020). Conducting a qualitative research in the field of addiction: Dilemmas and challenges. *Social Science Tribune*. 72, 99-115 [in Greek]
2. **Kasseri, Z.** (2019) Social work in the field of addiction: in a search of an ethical practice based on virtues. *Social Work*, 134, 3-29 [in Greek]
3. **Kasseri, Z. & Avdi, E.** (2008). Drug addiction, identity and gender: The narrative study of a single case. *Hellenic Journal of Psychology*, 5(1), 1-32. [in Greek]

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE / TEACHING

Overall 6,5 years of teaching experience.

### 1. Undergraduate teaching experience

#### **A) Hellenic Mediterranean University, School of Health Sciences, Department of Social Work.**

- Winter Semester 2021: Lessons:
  - I. Social Work in the Addictions
  - II. Introduction to Social Work (Class Exercises)
  - III. Internship - Supervision of social work students during their practice (one group of for students)
  - IV. Supervisor of undergraduate theses.
- Winter Semester 2020: Lesson titled "Social Work in the Addictions". Supervisor of undergraduate theses.

#### **B) University of Crete, School of Social Sciences, Department of Psychology.**

- Winter Semester 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020: Lesson titled "Qualitative Research Methodology in Social Sciences".
- Spring Semester 2018, 2019, 2020: Lesson titled "Psychology of Addictions".
- Spring Semester 2018, 2019, 2020 & Winter Semester 2018, 2019, 2020: Seminar titled "Therapeutic Communities".
- Spring Semester 2018, 2020 & Winter Semester 2018, 2019, 2020: Seminar titled "Addiction and Special Populations".

#### **C) Technological Institute of Crete, School of Health and Welfare Services, Department of Social Work.**

- Spring Semester 2015, 2016, 2017: Lesson titled "Social Work in the Addictions". Supervisor of undergraduate theses.
- Spring Semester 2012-2013: Lesson titled "Methodology of Generalist Social Work". Supervisor of undergraduate theses.
- Winter Semester 2012-2013: Lesson titled "Theoretical approaches in Social Work" and "Methodology of Generalist Social Work". Supervisor of undergraduate theses.

## 2. Postgraduate Teaching Experience

Spring Semester 2017 & 2019. Teaching in the Postgraduate Program “Clinical interventions in the addictions”. Title of the lesson: *“Research: Qualitative methodology in the Addictions”*. University of Crete, Department of Psychology (13 lessons/three hours each semester) (Rethimno, Greece).

Winter Semester 2018-2019. Teaching (two lessons / three hours each) after invitation in the Postgraduate Course titled *“Generalist Social Interventions in Crisis Situations”*, Technological Institute of Crete, School of Health and Welfare Services, Department of Social Work. Title of first presentation: *“Critical Social Work, Qualitative Research and Gender”* (3 hours: November 8, 2018). Title of second presentation: *“Risks in social work profession and reflective practices for their confrontation”* (3 hours: January 9, 2019) (Heraklion, Crete)

Winter Semester 2014-2015: Teaching after invitation on the Postgraduate course: *Social Policy and Social Work*. Title of the presentation: *NVIVO10 Research Software for analysis and insight* (12 hours /December 13-14, 2014). Democritus University of Thrace. Department of Social Administration (Komotini, Greece).

### PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROGRAMS

From autumn 2020 – today: Participation in a transnational research titled «Multicultural Study of Trauma Recovery» (MiStory). University of Michigan (USA). Department of Nursing, coordinator prof. Dr. Denise Saint Arnault. Cooperating Universities: Department of Social Work (Hellenic Mediterranean University) University of Tokyo, University of Pennsylvania, Padua University, Istanbul University, University of Haifa, Tampere University. The main goal of the research is to understand the process of healing on women who had suffered from trauma after gender-based violence.

### PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

**A) December 2007 – November 2017.** Social Worker - Elementary Special School for children with disabilities, Rethimno (Greece). Overall working experience in Special Education: 8,5 years.

**B) May 2005 – August 2005.** Social Worker, Prevention Center Against Drugs “Pnoi”, Lesvos, Greece (Organization Against Drugs – O.Ka.Na.).

**C) July 2003 – March 2004 & June 2004 – January 2005:** Social Worker, Municipality of Sykies, Thessaloniki. Tasks: Family Counseling, social support of vulnerable populations, implementation of European Programs against social exclusion.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Presentations / Conferences – Symposiums

- September 13-15, 2021. Τίτλος: *Domestic violence and substance use. Case study Greece.* European Conference in Domestic Violence (ECDV), Slovenia, Ljubljana (online)

- September 19-20, 2019. Title: *“Gender “in bracketing”: Women’s voices in male dominated therapeutic communities”*. European Federation of Therapeutic Communities (Thessaloniki, Greece).
- October 11-12, 2018. Title: *“Qualitative research in the field of addiction: dilemmas, challenges and reflections”*. 8<sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Conference of Social Care Units “Ep Arogi”: Current trends in Social Protection. Needs – Practices – Research (Rethimno, Crete).
- October 12-13, 2017. Title: *“Planning and implementation of qualitative research projects in Social Intervention Services: contribution to professionals’ self-reflection”* (in common with Dr. Giorgos Tsiolis). 7<sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Conference of Social Care Units “Ep Arogi”: Current trends in Social Protection. Needs – Practices – Research. (Chania, Crete).
- June 22-23, 2012. Title: *“Forms of discipline of women’s body in therapeutic communities”*. Presentation in Interdisciplinary Panhellenic Symposium with title *“The Absent Presence of the Body in Social Sciences, Art, Education and Health Sciences: Methodological Issues and New Perspectives”*. The Symposium organized by University of Crete, Faculty of Education, Department of Preschool Education (Rethimno, Crete).
- October 19-21, 2007. Title: *“The empowering-feminist research in Social Work. A qualitative study about drug addicted women in treatment”*. Presentation in a Panhellenic Conference with subject *“Social Policy, social administration, Social Work and Social Intervention: Current situation and Future Trends and Prospects*. Democritus University of Thrace. Department of Social Administration (Komotini, Greece).
- December 3-5, 2004. Title: *“Women drug users: A narrative study of lives”*. First International Conference with subject *“Quality of life and Psychology”*. The Conference organized by Hellenic Psychological Society and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Department of Psychology and Department of Physical Education and Sport Science) (Thessaloniki, Greece).

## **B. Presentations / Workshops-meetings**

- January 13, 2018: Title: *“Highlight the ‘strengths’: Social Work and Counseling in School”*. Presentation in the meeting with subject *“Holistic and Interdisciplinary Approaches of Quality of life in Health and Illness”* organized by Laboratory of Interdisciplinary approaches for the Enhancement of Quality of Life (QoLab). Technological Institute of Crete, School of Health and Welfare Services, Department of Social Work (Heraklion, Greece).
- March 17-18, 2017: Title: *Gender in bracketing: Women’s voices in male dominated therapeutic programs*. Presentation in the 2<sup>ND</sup> Educational Scientific Symposium of Social Work with International Participation. Subject of the Symposium: *“Social Work for Social Justice and Social Change: Empowering People and Communities”*. Technological Educational Institute of Athens, Department of Social Work in collaboration with National Association of Social workers (SKLE) and the National Confederation of Disabled People (ESAMEA) (Athens, Greece).
- October 21, 2016. Title: *“Deconstructing the representation of ‘psychoanalyst’: Building the researcher-researched relationship in the field of addiction treatment”*. Workshop: *“Issues of research methodology in Social Sciences”*. University of Crete. Department of Sociology (Rethimno, Greece).

- June 16, 2013. Title: *“The contribution of social work in special school: the request of empowerment of students with disabilities and their families”*. Presentation in two-days meeting with subject: *“Social Work in Education and Education in Social Work in the times of crisis”*. Democritus University of Thrace, Department of Social Administration. (Komotini, Greece).
- January 19-22, 2010. Title: *“The framework and the principles of empowering-feminist approach in social work”*. Presentation in a meeting organized by the Postgraduate Program *“Social Policy and Social Work”*. Democritus University of Thrace, Department of Social Administration (Komotini, Greece).
- November 23-26, 2007. Title: *“The construction of gendered identity in the treatment of drug addicted women”*. Workshop: *“Issues of research methodology in Social Sciences”*. University of Crete, Department of Sociology (Rethimno, Greece).

#### **PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN MOBILITY PROGRAMS**

- June 18, 2016- June 25, 2016: Participation in Erasmus+ program with title *“Experiential Teaching Methods in Special Education”* and attendance of a workshop. Subject of the workshop *“Introduction to psychodrama – implementation of psychodrama in special education”*. Institution of Placement: Teatr Grodzki, Krakow (Poland).
- December 22, 2002 – February 21, 2003: Two months training (mobility program Leonardo Da Vinci) in Rome, Italy. Title of the program: ***Innovative practices in the treatment of addiction***. The program took place in the therapeutic community for addicted individuals «Santa Maria». Tasks: Participation in everyday life of the community and in therapeutic groups. Institution of Placement: Centro Italiano di Solidarieta (CEIS – Italian Centre of Solidarity).

#### **AWARDS**

Fellowship from State Scholarship Foundation (IKY) of Greece. Academic years: 2002-2003, 2004-2006.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member of Southeast Europe Academic Women’s Leadership Network
- Member of Committee for gender equality (Hellenic Mediterranean University)
- Member of National Association of Social Workers (SKLE, Greece)

#### **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

English (Very good)

Italian (Basic Knowledge, Celi 2, B1)