

Dr. Christos Tsironis

Dr. Christos Tsironis was born in Thessaloniki, Greece. He followed graduate studies in Theology (dep. of Theology, 1995) and Philosophy (dep. Philosophy and education, 2005) in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. His postgraduate (M.A., 1999) and doctoral studies (PHD, 2002) were focused on social theory and sociology. His master thesis was focused on the issue of poverty in EU and his doctorate on the ambivalence and the challenges of Late Modernity. Part of his postgraduate studies was implemented in University of Freiburg and Katholische FachHochschule Freiburg in Germany. For more than one decade he took part in various Seminars and Long Term Training courses (1-2 years each Tr. C.) of the Council of Europe and other organizations (the most recent ACT, Advanced Course for Trainers in Human Rights Education. Council of Europe 2006-2007) specializing in the issues of Intercultural Communication and Human Rights, Cultural and Religious Diversity, Social Problems etc.

He worked as social researcher in national and international research Programs and was elected lecturer in 2008, at the school of Theology (Contemporary Social Theory) in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The major research projects are:

- "Man", Religion and Culture in an era of globalization and multiculturalism. Theoretical images and experiences from Greece in the early '90s ". [15/09/1998-15 / 03/1999] Research Committee AUTH.
- "European Identity, Welfare State, Religion(-s) [25/09/1999- 25/07/2000 European Commission].
- "Material / Module for the Training of Specialized Executives in the Approach of Problems of Intercultural Communication in the Field of Local Community (Neighbourhood, Municipality, Prefecture)». [25/10/2004 to 29/02/2008] Leonardo da Vinci- European Commission
- "European Studies on Religion and State Interaction, EuReSIS Net". ERASMUS 3 Thematic Networks. EU COMMISSION [2007-2009]

He worked also as social worker, educational advisor, social counsellor and lecturer in various organizations and NGOs. He has participated in congresses and scientific meetings at national and international level presenting papers, posters or research results.

Since 2008 he lectures Epistemology of Diversity and Theories of Social Interaction in pluralistic social environment in the Master Course "Integration and Diversity" (Aristotle University- Aegean University) and Main Issues of Contemporary Social Theory (dep. Of Theology). At graduate level he lectures Sociology and Sociology of Religion, Welfare State, social policies and social problems.

He has published articles in the areas of social theory, sociology of religion, theology, intercultural dialogue, education and epistemology of humanistic and social sciences.

His main publications include:

Books

1. Social Exclusion and Education in Late Modernity, Thessaloniki: Vantias, 2003, pp.531. [Greek]
2. Globalization and Local Communities: Social Ethics and Community Work, Thessaloniki: Vantias, 2007, pp.267. [Greek]

Chapters in Books:

- Petrou I. (Ed.), Ch, Tsironis et al., Module on Intercultural Dialogue in Local Communities, Thessaloniki: Leonardo daVinci, 2008, p.178. [In English, German, Greek, and French]
 - Human Rights and Cultural Pluralism [pp. 27-47]
 - Research Findings and Recommendations [pp.86-93]
 - Coordinated action at local level [pp. 117-143]
 - Practical Exercises [pp.149-171]
- Petrou I. (Ed.), Ch, Tsironis, Training Guide on Intercultural Dialogue in Local Communities, Thessaloniki: Leonardo daVinci, 2008, p.62. [In English, German, Greek, and French]
- "History of diaconical community work in Orthodoxy", in History of Orthodox Church, 8 Volumes, Athens, 2009, ROAD publ.
 - Diaconia: From early communities to Byzantium, Vol. 2, pp. 564-601.
 - Diaconical work and philanthropic initiatives from 1453 to modern Greece, Vol. 6, pp. 154-181.
 - Diaconia- Welfare State - Orthodox Church in Modern Greece", Vol. 7, pp. 594-625.

Articles selection

- «Multiculturalism and Education: Dysfunctionality and Challenges in Europe». in: A. Nesti (ed.), "Multiculturalismo e pluralismo religioso fra illusione e realita: un altro mondo e possibile?", Florence: Firenze University Press, pp.305-316. [Engl.]
- "Concept-centric or method-centric research? On paradigm war in the interdisciplinary study/research of religion", in: Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion, Vol. 3 (forthcoming) [Engl.]
- "The Synthetic Life and Life as Synthesis: Ethical and Social Challenges of Synthetic Biology" in: Group of Medical Law and Bioethics (ed.), Synthetic Life, Bioethics and Law, Thessaloniki, Sakoula 2011, pp. 15-48. [Greek]
- "Social interaction and social relations at school. The Role of the Educators in Students' inclusion", in: Eppas, Training Guide: Intercultural education, Thessaloniki: EPPAS- Ministry of National Education, 2008, pp. 123-140. [Greek]
- "Social Exclusion and Social Theory: The role of non-formal education in overcoming the marginalization and exclusion at school ", in: Processes of Inclusion and Exclusion in Education Area. Conference proceedings, Thessaloniki: 2007 (forthcoming) [Greek].

- “Religious Education: Towards Peace and Reconciliation”, in: Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy, Religious education, Identity and Culture, Athens, 2005, pp. 76-88 [Greek].
- Petrou- C. Tsironis, “Orthodoxy and Cultural Identity in Modern Greece” στο: J.Sutton-Van den Bercken W., Orthodox Christianity and Contemporary Europe, Leuven-Paris-Dudley 2003, pp. 503-515 [Engl.]
- “Peace-War-Ecclesia in Modern Greece: Fragments and Continuities”, in: Orthodox Peace Ethics. International Consultation Proceedings, (forthcoming), [Engl.]
- “Globalization: Conceptual Ambiguity and Social Turbulences. The Social Challenges of European Churches”, in: Globalization and the European Christian Theology, Athens, Indictos, 2011. [Greek].
- “The Globalisation of Economy and the Absurd: Ethical Dilemmas and Conflicts of Values in Late Modernity”, in: mag. Thriskologia, vol. 1/2000, pp. 145-158. [Greek].
- “The New Social Welfare State and the Social-Diaconical Initiatives of Christian Churches in the EU. Research Findings and Critical Queries of a European Program”, in: Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy, Voluntarism as Expression of Cultural Pluralism and Solidarity. Warsaw, Conference Proceedings, (forthcoming), [Engl.].