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### STUDIES

2006: B.A. in Classics, University of Siena

2008: M.A. in Library Science, University of Siena

2016: Ph.D. in History, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2009-2012: Research Scholar at the Hellenic Institute for Byzantine and Post-byzantine Studies of Venice

2015-2016: Research Assistant, University Ca' Foscari of Venice

2016-2017: Postdoctoral Researcher, University Ca' Foscari of Venice

2017-2018: Visiting Research Fellow, University of Crete

2018-2019: Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Crete

2020-2022: Postdoctoral Researcher, Johannes Gutenberg University – Mainz

2022-: Associate Researcher, Institute of Historical Research / NHRF

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Byzantium and the West. Trading of ideas, texts and mobility of scholars in the late Byzantine period and during the Venetocracy
- Intellectual history and culture in the eastern Mediterranean in the late Byzantine period and during the Venetocracy
- Greek scholars of the diaspora during the Renaissance

## RESEARCH AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of the scientific group for the implementation of the project "Athonite Digital Ark", Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Member of the scientific group of Greek manuscripts of the Monastery of Zographou (Mount Athos)
- Member of the Associazione Italiana di Studi Bizantini
- Member of the Centro Interdipartimentale di Studi Storici sul Cristianesimo (CISC)
- Member of the Leibniz-WissenschaftsCampus – Byzantium zwischen Orient und Okzident – Mainz/Frankfurt

## MAIN PUBLICATIONS

### Monograph

- *John Plousiadenos (1423?-1500). A Time-space Geography of His Life and Career* (Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta, 284. Bibliothèque de Byzantion, 21), Leuven, 2020.

### Co-edited volumes

- *Byzantine Hagiography. Textes, Themes & Projects*, ed. A. Rigo – M. Trizio – E. Despotakis, Byzantios. Studies in Byzantine History and Civilization, 13. Turnhout, 2018.

### Articles and book chapters

- Greek Manuals for the Catholic Confession (ms. Athens, National Library, gr. 2473), in P. Ch. Athanasopoulos (ed.), *Translation activity in the Late Byzantine World* (Byzantinisches Archiv. Series Philosophica, 4), Berlin 2022, 531-603 (with Panagiotis Ch. Athanasopoulos).
- The MS Oxon. Bodl. Holk. gr. 79. Historical and philological remarks, in A. Rigo – N. Zorzi (eds), *I libri di Bessarione. Studi sui manoscritti del Cardinale a Venezia e in Europa* (Bibliologia, 59), Turnhout 2021, 404-415.
- A Letter in Praise of Cardinal Bessarion in the context of the Fifteenth Century Venetian Flexibility towards the Union of the Churches, in A. Bucossi – A. Calia (eds), *Contra Latinos et Adversus Graecos: The Separation between Rome and Constantinople from the 9th to the 15th Century* (Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta, 286. Bibliothèque de Byzantion, 22), Leuven, 2020, 475-481.

- Nuovi materiali sulla carriera ecclesiastica di Aristobulo-Arsenio Apostolis, in S. Cosentino – M. E. Pomero – G. Vespignani (eds), *Dialoghi con Bisanzio. Spazi di discussione, spazi di ricerca. Atti del VIII Congresso Nazionale dell' AISB (Ravenna, 22-25 settembre 2015)* (Fondazione Centro italiano di studi sull'alto Medioevo), Spoleto, 2019, 409-422.
- Géorgios Alexandros Chômatas, successeur de Dèmètrios Chalkokondylès à la chaire de grec de l'université de Padoue (1475/76-1479), in *Revue des études byzantines* 76 (2018), 233-265 (with Thierry Ganchou).
- Niceta di Tessalonica (olim Niceta di Maronea): ricostruzione biografica e tradizione manoscritta, in *Bizantinistica. Rivista di studi Bizantini e Slavi* 18 (2017), 243-287 (with Alessandra Bucossi).
- Some observations on the Διάλεξις of John Plousiadenos (1426?-1500), in *Byzantion* 86 (2016), 129-137.
- Il patriarcato latino di Costantinopoli e le conflittualità ecclesiastiche a Negroponte (15° sec.), in *Revue des études byzantines* 71 (2013), 187-208.