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## Education

- 2011 – 2016 PhD in Archaeology (Final stages of submission process): University of Glasgow. Thesis title: An integrated approach to Landscape Governance.
- 2004 – 2005 MSc in Theory and History of International Relations: London School of Economics and Political Science. Dissertation title: The European ‘Self’ and the Turkish ‘Other’: the formation process of the Greek Identity between the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- 1999 – 2002 BA in Archaeology (Gen), University College London. Dissertation title: The Archaeology of Empires: the case of early Byzantium.
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## Employment

- 2014 – 2016 Marie Curie Research Fellow. Department of Archaeology, University of Glasgow, UK
- 2003 – 2014 Head of Scientific Secretariat. Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos, Greece (as a scientific advisor from 2006-2008 and since 2014-today)
- 2006 – 2008 Project Manager. PRISMA – Centre for Development Studies, Greece
- 2002 – 2003 Assistant coordinator. Cycle of Patmos: Religion, Science and the Environment Symposia of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Greece
- 2002 – 2003 External collaborator & Translator. Harper Collins, UK
- 2001 – 2002 Research assistant of Dr Euphrosyne Doxiadis for her book on Rubens, Greece
- 2001 Greek language supervisor, Kings College, University of Cambridge, UK
- 2000 Assistant Conservator of works of Art (part-time), Benaki Museum, Greece
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## Project management, research and consultancy experience

- 2014 – 2016 Project coordinator of the project ILCA: Archaeology and an integrated approach to landscape governance. (Activities aiming towards the effective governance of landscapes through the development of resilient landscape communities on a sustainable footing). Funded by Marie Skłodowska Curie, FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IEF.
- 2014 – 2015 Project coordinator of the project MEDSCAPES: Development of Landscape Character Assessment as a tool for effective conservation of natural heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean. (Activities aiming to strengthen the protection of, and reduce risk to the landscape heritage (natural heritage and the landscapes that sustain it), through the development of a landscape character assessment (LCA) framework for enhanced territorial planning and sustainable landscape management at various scales). Funded by ENPI MED, Cross border cooperation in the Mediterranean.

2012 – 2014	Overall project coordinator of the project VAEcoM: The Vjosa / Aaos river eco-museum; promotion and protection of the natural and cultural heritage of the Vjosa / Aaos river basin. (Activities aiming at the development of an eco-museum at the border regions of Greece and Albania, as a community driven initiative, in order to promote and preserve the local natural and cultural heritage. This is a currently operational museum without walls located in the cross-border area of the Vjosa / Aaos River basin). Funded by INTERREG IPA cross border collaboration, Albania-Greece and National Funding sources.
2013 – 2015	Scientific expert and coordinator (Greece & the Balkans) for the rapid assessment of cultural practices that contribute to nature conservation in Greece and the Balkans and the study of transhumance in Pindos, in the framework of the Mediterranean Consortium on Nature and Culture.
2011	Member of the consulting team for the SEA study of the Athens Structural Plan – 2021. Consulting services on landscape issues. Funded by Greek National Funds
2010 – today	Landscape working group member, Spatial Planning Directorate, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change ‘National Landscape Strategy of Greece’ (National landscape typology, legal framework, public participation strategies)
2010 – 2012	Project coordinator for the project Implementing the European Landscape Convention in Greece, (Methodologies for the inclusion of landscape assessment in Spatial Plans, Urban Plans, EIAs and SEAs). Funded by MAVA Foundation.
2008 – 2010	Project coordinator of the project Conservation and Management of Greek Landscapes, (interdisciplinary research, application of LCA survey methods in pilot sites, lobbying the Greek Government for the ratification of the European Landscape Convention). Funded by MAVA Foundation
2006 – 2008	Project coordinator, “CULT-Rural: Promotion of a cultural area common to European rural communities”, (interdisciplinary research, three exhibitions on the common European cultural heritage of rural communities, overall coordinator for 9 participating countries). Funded by CULTURE 2000.
2006 – 2007	Project coordinator of the project European Literary Marathon. Funded by CULTURE 2000
2005 – 2006	Scientific expert on the project “Nature and culture relation in Prespa: an integrated approach”. Initiative funded by SPP and Med-INA
2003 – 2006	Scientific expert for the Ramsar Guidelines on the Integrated Approach of Nature and Culture
2000 – 2002	Archaeological fieldwork, Kythera Island project. Funded by various sponsors

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### Professional memberships

Founding member of the Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos  
 Founding member (2010 – 2014: Secretary General of the Greek Landscape Association)  
 Member of the Landscape Committee of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change  
 Board Member of CIVILSCAPE  
 Founding Member of the European Network for Archaeology and Integrated Landscape Research  
 Member of the Ramsar Culture Network

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### Languages

Greek (mother tongue)	English (excellent)
French (moderate)	German (moderate)

## Other skills and professional training

Leadership and project management	Level 3 Award in First Line Management by the Chartered Management Institute UK
Publishing	Training in the a) publication of peer-review articles and b) writing for popular audiences (University of Glasgow)
Education and CPD	Training on Development as a Teacher Teaching experience with an emphasis on Human Rights and Cultural Encounters, Landscapes as well as the interface of Nature and Culture.
Computer skills	Microsoft Office, Adobe (Photoshop, Illustrator, In-design), Corel, ArcGIS (basic)

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## Selected publications

N. Abu Jaber Y. Abunnasr, A. Abu Yahya [...] **A. Sorotou**, S. Sinno, O. Suliman , N.Symons, T. Terkenli , V.Trigkas , M-G. Trovato , M. Victora, M. Zomeni, I.N. Vogiatzakis . 2015. 'Travelling in the eastern Mediterranean with landscape character assessment'. In Hadjimitsis, D.G., Themistocleous, K., Michaelides, S., Papadavid, G. (ed) *Proceedings of SPIE* Vol. 9535, 953505

**Sorotou A.** (ed). 2014. *The Vjosa / Aaos River Ecomuseum: talking about our place*. Athens: Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos

**Sorotou, A. & Gourgiotis, A.** 2012. 'Integrating the study of landscape in the Greek spatial plans and policies', in *CoE. Proceedings of the 16th International CoE CEMAT Symposium and 12th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*. Strasbourg: Council of Europe

**Sorotou, A.** 2012. 'Understanding the temporal dimension of the landscape: the archaeologist's view', *Greek Architects 12. (in Greek)*

**Sorotou A.** 2011. 'Investigating three characteristic landscapes of Greece: Evros, Lemnos and Argolid (introduction and conclusions)', in *Reclaiming the Greek Landscape*, Papayannis T. and P. Howard (eds), (*in print*)

**Sorotou A.** and S. Dodouras. 2011. 'Wetland landscapes in the Mediterranean: current concerns for a sustainable future', in *Culture and wetlands in the Mediterranean: and evolving story*, Papayannis, T. and D. Pritchard (eds), pp.121-131

**Sorotou A.** and K. Padiaditi. 2011. 'To topio, mia gnosti se olous leksi', in *Epathlon 78*, 70-71 (*in greek*)

**Sorotou A.** and P. Tripontikas. 2010. 'Greek Landscapes; the case of Cavo Malea', in *Epathlon 75*, 70-72 (*in Greek*)

Papayannis, T. and **A. Sorotou** eds. 2010. *In Search for the Greek Landscape*, Athens: Med-INA, (*in Greek*)

Dodouras, S., Papayannis, T. and **Sorotou, A.** 2009. 'In search for the Greek landscapes: current trends and future concerns', *European IALE Conference*, 12-16 July 2009, Salzburg, Austria, pp. 37-40.

Papayannis, T. and **A. Sorotou**. 2008. 'Cultural Landscapes of Mediterranean Islands' in Vogiatzakis et al. Mediterranean Island Landscapes: natural and cultural approaches, Landscape Series Vol. 9. Springer Publishing, UK

Papayannis, T. and **A. Sorotou**. 2006. 'Mediterranean wetland landscapes: the case of Prespa lakes', in: Roca, Z., Spek, T., Terkenli, T. et al (eds) (2007), European Landscapes and Lifestyles: The Mediterranean and Beyond, Edições Universitárias Lusófonas, Lisbon, Portugal.

Papayannis, T. and **A. Sorotou**. 2003. 'Nature and Anthropos: An integrated approach to the management of the natural and cultural heritage', Med-INA, Athens, Greece, [www.med-ina.org](http://www.med-ina.org).

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## Organisation of and participation in international conferences and workshops (selection)

2015 Invited Speaker at the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention "Landscapes and transfrontier cooperation: Landscape knows no border", Andorra la Vella: October 2015. *Deconstructing our current understanding of landscapes*.

Invited Speaker at the International Conference on Landscape of the Eastern Mediterranean: Challenges, Opportunities, Prospects and Accomplishments in Amman, Jordan: December 2015.

Organiser of the International Forum in Piraeus, Greece: May 2015 on Mediterranean Marinescapes including the co-drafting of a Statement on Mediterranean Marinescapes.

2014 Invited speaker at Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Scotland: December 2014; *Talking about our place*.

Invited speaker at Institute Francais d'Ecosse in Edinburgh: December 2014; *Transforming landscape governance into a social practice*.

Speaker at University of Glasgow Archaeology Department seminar (open to university staff, students and the public): December 2014, *Deconstructing our landscapes*.

European Association of Archaeologists conference, Istanbul: September 2015, T02S023 'Archaeology, ecology and planning: collaborative approaches to landscape management and planning'.

Co-organiser and speaker at the Society for American Archaeology conference, San Francisco: April 2015, 'Current approaches to landscape characterisation as tools for the understanding of highlands-lowlands interactions'.

2012 Invited speaker at the Energyscape's preparatory workshop, CIVILSCAPE , Bonn.

Member of the organising committee and invited speaker at the 16th International CoE CEMAT Symposium/12th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention , Thessaloniki.

Co-organiser of the session 'Archaeology and Landscape: Integrated research and the common good' and speaker, Annual meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, Helsinki.

2011 Organiser and speaker at the International Workshop on landscape characterisation, as part of the *Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Greece* project, Athens.

Invited speaker at the *Transforming Practice* landscape research, policy and practice workshops 5 and 6: Landscape Policy, Landscape decisions, Glasgow.

Invited speaker at the International Symposium 'Cape Maleas; from the Homeric to modern landscape', Monemvasia.

2010 Co-organiser and speaker at the International workshop 'In Search of the Greek Landscape', organised as part of the Conservation and management of Greek landscapes project, Nafplion.

2009 Speaker at the European IALE conference 2009 'Transformations of European Landscapes', Salzburg.

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