

Curriculum Vitae

Kalesios Thomas

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Education

November 2025: PhD in Contemporary Greek and European History. Supervisor: Professor Harlaftis Gelina. Dissertation title: *The workforce of the port of Piraeus (1880-1940). Establishment, formation and development of a professional sector.*

April 2018: MA with distinction in Contemporary Greek and European History. Supervisor: Professor Avdela Efi. Dissertation title: *Elective affinities of politics and press in post-civil war Greece (1950-1955): The foundation and act of Union of Daily Newspapers Owners of Athens (EIHEA) and the occasion of Vima.* Rethimno, 2018.

2001-2005: BA with first-class honors from the School of Philosophy, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Crete.

Foreign languages: English (excellent) and French (modest)

Other: International Diploma in IT Skills - University of Cambridge

Scholarships/Prizes

2025 *William Stanley Moss* Prize for the academic year 2024-2025 in the Faculty of Letters of the University of Crete,

2024 *IMHA (International Maritime History Association) Scholarship Award* for outstanding papers in Maritime History presented between August 19-24, 2024 in the 9th IMHA International Congress of Maritime History Oceans: Local Mobility, Global Connectivity, Busan, Korea.

2019 *Menelaos Parlamas* prize for the best MA dissertation for the academic year 2017-2018 in the Faculty of Letters of the University of Crete, for the study of the Modern Period.

2006-2007 Scholarship from the *Propontis* Foundation.

2003, 2004 Annual prize from State Scholarships Foundation (IKY).

Publications

Kalesios, Thomas, “Bibliografía sobre historia del trabajo de estiba publicada en inglés a partir del año 2000” in J. Ibarz, (Ed.) *Gente del puerto. Historia del trabajo de estiba en Iberoamérica*. Barcelona, 2024 [under publication].

Kalesios, Thomas, “The monopoly of Maniots in Piraeus”, *Kathimerini* 20.2.2024, page. 34.

Kostas Petrakis, Georgios Samaritakis, Thomas Kalesios, Enric García Domingo, Apostolos Delis, Yannis Tzitzikas, Martin Doerr, Pavlos Fafalios. “Digitizing, curating and visualizing archival sources of Maritime History: the case of ship logbooks of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries”, *Drassana*, 28 (2020): 60-87.

Conferences

28 November 2025, Kick-Off Workshop, Beneath the Waves: Launching the STASH Project, Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Rethymno, Crete: “Search for smuggling routes: Greek sources from the 19th century, description, analysis, and deficiencies”.

19-24 August 2024, 9th IMHA International Congress of Maritime History, Oceans: Local Mobility, Global Connectivity, Busan, Korea: “From mutual to insurance funds: the case of the dock workers of Piraeus in a period of transition (1910’s-1930’s)”.

27-31 May 2024, 6th Mediterranean Maritime History Network Conference, Rethymno, Crete: “Dock workers from free workers to employee: the transformation of labour relations in the port of Piraeus (1914-1936)”.

28 June-2 July 2022, 8th IMHA, International Congress of Maritime History, Old and new uses of the Oceans, Porto, Portugal. joint announcement with Dr Delis Apostolos: “Seafaring Lives en route. Objectives, work in progress and perspectives in Mediterranean Maritime History”.

9-11 June 2022, Seafaring Lives bound for homeport, Final Conference of the ERC Starting Grand 2016 project Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Transport during Globalization, 1850-1920’s, Rethymno, Crete: “The foundation of Piraeus Port Authority (OLP) in 1930 and the transformation of labour relations in the port”.

30 August-3 September 2021 Fourth European Labour History Network (ELHN) Conference, Vienna, Austria: “Dock Workers of Piraeus during a period of perpetual turmoil (1909-1922)”.

18-21 September 2019 Third European Labour History Network (ELHN) Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Joint announcement with Dr Delis Apostolos :“Working the Greek cargo steamers in late nineteenth, early twentieth century”.

Other Presentations

13.3.2023, Doctoral Candidate Seminars hosted by IMS/FORTH, "The Port of Piraeus 1880-1914."

14.3.2022, Doctoral Candidate Seminars hosted by IMS/FORTH, "The establishment and operation of the OLP and labor relations at the port of Piraeus."

15.2.2021, Doctoral Candidate Seminars hosted by IMS/FORTH, "The Port Workers of Piraeus (1880-1940). Establishment and operation of a professional sector, union and trade union organization and political action, everyday life."

Working Experience/Research-Projects

(January 2026) Postdoctoral researcher studying smuggling activities in the Aegean Sea during the second half of the 19th century, focusing in particular on the island of Lesbos as part of the program "Shadow Trade: Unraveling Maritime Smuggling between the Russian and Ottoman Empires (1853-1914)", acronym *STASH*, with principal Investigator Anna (Ganna) Sydorenko, funded by the European Research Council (Starting Grant 2024, Project ID 101166144) and hosted by IMS-FORTH.

(July-December 2025) Research assistant contributing through archival and bibliographic research within the framework of the program "Shadow Trade: Unraveling Maritime Smuggling between the Russian and Ottoman Empires (1853-1914)", acronym *STASH*, with principal Investigator Anna (Ganna) Sydorenko, funded by the European Research Council (Starting Grant 2024, Project ID 101166144) and hosted by IMS-FORTH.

(2022-2024) Participation as a research assistant, contributing through archival and bibliographic research to the creation of databases for the project "The development of the port city of Piraeus in the age of Steam and Globalization (1834-1914)", acronym: "PiraeusPortCity", Application number: 7856, funded under the "3rd Call for Research Projects EL.ID. E.K. for the support of Postdoctoral Researchers" with the National Hellenic Research Foundation (E.I.E.) as the host institution and Dr. Katerina Galanis as the beneficiary.

(January-June 2022) Research assistant in the framework of the program "The City in Modern Times," contributing to the digitization and creation of databases of the electoral rolls of Serifos. Host institution: Institute of Mediterranean Studies.

(March 2018-September 2021) Research assistant within the framework of the European ERC Starting Grant 2016 'SeaLiT' (program code 714437), hosted by the Institute of Mediterranean Studies, contributing to the study of sources and the construction of a database.

(October-December 2015) Optical character recognition (OCR), recognition, correction, and dictionary entry for the Academy of Athens.

(2009) Research assistant contributing to the digitization of part of the archival material of the research project "Youth at risk in post-war Greece: the case of the Juvenile Probation Service," funded by the Research Committee of the University of Crete (AK 2576 and AK 2755, 200-7-2009).

(2007) Member of the team responsible for illustrating and selecting archival sources for the completion of the book Modern and Contemporary History C' Gymnasium, as part of the program "School books for teaching history in secondary schools," part of the "Education of Muslim Children 2005-2007" Program (Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs-EPEAEK II University of Athens).

(March 1st to August 3, 2006) Within the framework of the research contract or activity "Excellence in Mediterranean Studies," with code number KPS00104-11, participation in the implementation of the project "Indexing information for the program The City in Modern Times," with a duration of implementation from.

Participation in the classification of archives in Ermoupoli (August 2004, August 2005), Amorgos (August 2006), Symi (September 2006), Villia (July 2007, July 2008, and July 2009), and Oinousses (September 2012).

Member of Scientific Associations

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| 31/01/2024- | Mediterranean Maritime History Network (MMHN) |
| 26/05/2019- | European Labour History Network (ELHN) Working Group on Maritime Labour History |
| 4/2019- | Centre of Maritime History/Insitute for Mediterranean Studies/Forth |
| 10/12/2008- | Hellenic History Association |