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Having graduated as an Architect Engineer from the University of Thessaly in Greece (2013), I have started my Post-graduate degree (2016) on ‘Field Archaeology on Land and Under the Sea’, at the Department of History and Archaeology (University of Cyprus). Attending this Master Program gave me the opportunity to participate in courses, projects and conferences related to Maritime Archaeology, and has reinforced the reasons I wish to focus on this field of research. Some of the most important experiences I have had until now, has been my participation in the Mazotos Shipwreck excavation in 2016 (Cyprus) coordinated by Dr. Stella Demesticha, but also my participation as a member of the Maritime Archaeological Research Laboratory (MARELab), in different projects, such as the recording of Agios Spyridon, a traditional ship that will soon be demolished, and the Nissia Shipwreck (Paralimni, Cyprus).

My interest in the field of Maritime Archaeology is particularly oriented towards the research area of shipbuilding and ship’s spatial analysis, i.e. how people on board responded to the working and living conditions within the ship’s active space. My Master’s Thesis will focus on the study of life on board wooden traditional fishing and cargo boats of the 19th and 20th century, in the Eastern Mediterranean (Aegean and Cyprus). My main aim is to reveal the way people on board were using the ship’s living space. Through older drawings, ships’ models, archival and ethnographical research I expect to denote the ship’s usable and living spaces, the way ship’s typology and usage affected ship’s interior, understand the social interactions and roles on board in relationship to the spatial division, but also to interpret older ships’ living space for which historical and ethnographical data are limited. The aim is to discover links between the social interactions, technical decisions and functional transformations of older ships and the societies (Greeks and Cypriots) within which they were used (Rönnby 2013: 21).

I look forward to starting my research on this topic and feel highly motivated to achieve the aforementioned aim, while gaining further knowledge and experience in this field of study. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to fully focus on my research, thanks to the support from the Honor Front Foundation.

Research Interests:
Traditional shipbuilding
Repairs and Maintenance of ships
Life on board
Ship’s spatial configuration