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Maria Panayiotou has completed her PhD thesis in November 2016 on “Harbours, Harbour works and external commerce in Cyprus, 1878-1927”. In this PhD work, she has come to grips with very significant body of data; the work produced was (according to the examining committee) first class work, on a difficult and hitherto un-researched topic, with little previous work done in the wider field. Her dissertation focuses on presenting, analyzing and interpreting the quantitative and qualitative data on harbours, harbour works and the external commerce of Cyprus, between 1878 and 1927. It is an economic history research project, which filled in some of the gaps traced in the economic history of Cyprus, especially during the first fifty years of British rule. It examines and analyses two important elements of the economic history of the island, which, with the exception of this research, haven't been examined: the effects of harbours and external trade. With this dissertation Panayiotou managed to analyze successfully quantitative and qualitative data and has shown how the harbour works contributed to the commercial and economic growth of the island. At the same time the wider economic policy applied in the British colonial empire was also examined. The dissertation compared successfully the volume and value of the external trade of the island with that of other places in the eastern Mediterranean.

Besides her PhD thesis, Panayiotou was presented her work in several conferences and has several publications relevant with the economic history of Cyprus. Some of the publications are the following:

1. ““An Ideal to be attained”: the 1946 Ten Year Development Plan for Cyprus” (with G. Kazamias) in A. Yiangou and A. Heraclidou (eds.), *From Colonialism to the Present: Visions and Realities. Essays in Honour of Robert Holland*, Centre for Hellenic Studies, Routledge, London, 2018, pp.54-65.
2. "Cyprus' trade with the Levant, 1881-1946/7", (with G. Kazamias) in A. Yiangou, G. Kazamias, and R. Holland (eds.), *The Greeks and the British in the Levant, 1800-1960s*, Ashgate Publishing, London 2016, pp.230-254 .
3. "Δημοσιονομική διαχείριση της Κύπρου, 1878-1927: η περίπτωση των δημοσίων επενδύσεων" (“Public administration of Cyprus, 1878-1927: infrastructure investments ”), in *Η Κύπρος τον εικοστό αιώνα: Κράτος, Κοινωνία και Οικονομία, Γ' Ημερίδα Ιστορικού Αρχείου Τράπεζας Κύπρου*, επιμ. Γ. Καζαμίας και Χρ., Χατζηχριστοδούλου, Πολιτιστικό ίδρυμα Τραπέζης Κύπρου, Λευκωσία 2016, (*Cyprus in the 20th century: Public Administration, Society and Economy, 3rd Conference organized by the of the Bank of Cyprus Historical Archive*, G. Kazamias and Chr. Chatzichristodoulou (eds.), Nicosia 2016), pp. 191-206.

Panayiotou has also presented papers on economic history in several Conferences, such as the following:

1. “Coasting trade in Cyprus, 1878-1920: an early approach” in the 5th International Conference of the Bank of Cyprus Historical Archive: Economic Transformation in Cyprus and the Levant, 1850-1939, Organised by the Bank of Cyprus Historical Archive, Nicosia, 3 November 2017.
2. “Colonial civil service in the Ionian Islands (1815-1864) and Cyprus, 1878-1927” (with S. Gekas (York University) and G Kazamias (University of Cyprus), in the 3rd International Conference in Economic and Social History: “Labour History: production, markets, relations, policies (from the late Middle Ages to the early 21st century)”, Organized by the Greek Economic History Association and the Department of History-Archaeology of the University of Ioannina 24 and 27 May 2017.

Besides the above, Panayiotou has worked as a Researcher in six projects. She is currently working on the Cost of living in Cyprus (1914-1950) and on the colonial financial policy applied at Mediterranean and Middle East colonies.