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Round Table Discussion

“Multilingualism and lifelong language learning”

“Foreign language teaching policy: Teaching which languages to which audiences and why?”

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Professor of Linguistics at the University of Cyprus. Her main areas of interest are Sociolinguistics, Language policy and planning, Minority languages, Language revival, and the Sociolinguistics of dialects.

She is a founding member of the Cyprus Linguistics Society (CyLing 2002) and of the Cyprus Bilingualism Association (2018) and an appointed member of the Committee of Experts for the Revitalization of Cypriot Arabic (since 2007). She is also responsible for the documentation and revitalization of Cypriot Arabic and of the research programme for the creation of an Archive of Oral Tradition at the Cyprus Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth since 2013.

She has represented the University of Cyprus in national committees (Permanent committee for the Standardization of Place Names), and European networks (European Federation of National Institutions for Language- EFNI, Campus Europæ) and collaborated with various national and international research centres (Centre for the Greek Language| Thessaloniki, Centre de recherches sur le multilinguisme | Brussels, and others). She has been actively involved in the creation and management of the School of Modern Greek (University of Cyprus) and is a member of its Academic Board since 2021. She is also a member of the Academic Board of the Language Centre (2009 | 2019 and 2021-currently); she has also served as an expert and external evaluator for the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth in the area of teaching Greek as a first/second language.

She is member in various societies: Société internationale de linguistique fonctionnelle since 2006, Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL) since 2010, Observatoire international des droits linguistiques of the Moncton Law School since 2011, and Network on non-dominant varieties of standard languages since 2011. She is also member of the Scientific Committee of the Centre of Excellence for Multilingualism and Language Policy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, responsible for the sub-area ‘Multilingualism in Cyprus’ and member of the Scientific Committee of the Research Unit for Medieval arts and ceremonies (EMoMεT | RUMAR).

