

# Dr Georgina Christou

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### Current Position

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** at the Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus.

Funded Research Project (ONISILOS Postdoctoral Program): 'Youth Autonomous Politics, Contested Urban Spaces and the Right to the City' (YRIC)

### Education

- 2013–2018 **PhD in Social Anthropology** (awarded on 16/11/2018, examiners: Professor Marianne Maeckelbergh and Professor Jon Mitchell), Department of Anthropology, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex
- 2013–2014 **Postgraduate Certificate in Social Research Methods**, University of Sussex
- 2005–2006 **MA in European Society**, Centre for European Studies, University College London, University of London
- 2002–2003 **MA in Human Rights and Democratization**, School of Law, University of Malta
- 1997–2002 **BA in Law**, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

### Awards and Fellowships

*ONISILOS Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 2020-2022* [€70,000], University of Cyprus.

*Radcliffe-Brown/Sutasoma Award 2018* [£275], Royal Anthropological Institute.

*Founders Fund 2017* [£500], British International Studies Association [BISA].

*New Researchers' Scholarship Award, 2013-2014*, University of Cyprus [€12, 000, awarded to new PhD students to support their academic work]

*Scholarship for the completion of the MA in Human Rights and Democratization 2003-2004* [€14,500], European Union

### Teaching Experience

University of Cyprus

- **Academic Coordinator of the Internship Program** for undergraduate and postgraduate students [KPE 450 and KPE 502], Summer term 2019-2020, Department of Social and Political Sciences

- **Adjunct Lecturer in Political Anthropology** [KPE322], Spring term 2019-2020, Department of Social and Political Sciences
- **Adjunct Lecturer in Social Movements** [KPE306], Autumn term 2019-2020, Department of Social and Political Sciences

University of Sussex

- **Associate Tutor in Politics and Power** [L6071], Spring term 2016-2017, Department of Anthropology.
- **Tutor in Human Rights: Bridging Theory and Practice**, Summer term 2015-2016, Sussex Summer School.
- **Associate Tutor in Anthropology of Kinship and Relatedness** [L6069], Spring term 2015-16, Department of Anthropology.
- **Associate Tutor in Gender and Development** [L2104], Spring term 2015-16, Department of International Development.

## Publications

### Doctoral thesis

Christou, Georgina (2018) [\*Children out of place with childhood: Pupils' assemblies, direct action, serious play and public space in youth's autonomous horizontal politics in Cyprus\*](#). Doctoral thesis (PhD), University of Sussex.

### Book chapters

**Christou, Georgina** and Kapsou, Margarita, (2015), 'Gendered Asymmetries of Equality in the Narratives of Adolescents in Greek Cypriot Schools', in Phellas C. (ed.), *Revisiting Sexualities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Gregoriou, Zeleia and **Christou, Georgina**, (2012), 'The Dubious Gift/Debt of Integration: Patriarchal Regimes, Ethnicity and Sexuality in the School Lives of Migrant Girls', in Peristianis N., Phellas C., and Amitsis G. (eds.), *The Social Portrait of Cyprus*. University of Nicosia Press in cooperation with the National Centre for Social Research in Greece. (in Greek)

Demetriou, Olga, **Christou, Georgina** and Mavris, John, (2011), 'Becoming Good Neighbours in Cyprus: Civic Action and the Relevance of the State', in Armbruster H. and Meinhof U. (eds.), *Negotiating Multicultural Europe*. Basingstoke, GB, Palgrave Macmillan.

### Articles in Journals

**Christou Georgina** (under review), 'Agitative Pauses, Intentional Moorings: *Stasis* as Resistance', *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

**Christou, Georgina**, (2013), 'Understanding Gender-based Violence among Adolescents: Exposing Challenges for an Inclusive Educational Policy and Citizenship Education in Cyprus', *Citizenship Teaching and Learning*, 8:1, pp. 75-90.

### Other Publications

Birey Tegiye, **Christou Georgina**, Loukaides Loizos, Pasha Faika Deniz (2016), *How to Introduce Gender in History Teaching*. Association for Historical Dialogue and Research. Available at <https://www.ahdr.info/our-work/supplementary-educational-materials#how-to-introduce-gender-in-history-teaching>

## Peer review experience

Reviewer for the journal Social Movement Studies <https://publons.com/researcher/2965586/georgina-christou/>

## Research experience (indicative list of project involvement)

- Member of the Research Team on the project **'There is No Plan(et) B: Youth Activism in the Fight against Climate Change in Cyprus'** [01/2020-12/2020], funded by the Hellenic Observatory of the London School of Economics (LSE) and implemented by the European University Cyprus.
- Research assistant on the project **'The Metamorphosis of Rights'**, headed by Professor Louiza Odysseos and funded by the Sussex Rights and Justice Research Centre [06/2016-08/2016]. I researched three cases of extensive human rights violations in: the Bhopal Gas Disaster in India, the increased levels of violence against women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and the eviction of the Bushmen tribe from their ancestral lands in Botswana.
- Researcher and co-author of the trilingual publication **'Integrating Gender in History Teaching'** funded by Norway Grants 2009-2014 in partnership with the Council of Europe and the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research, Cyprus [2013-2015]. For more information: [http://www.ahdr.info/educational\\_materials.php](http://www.ahdr.info/educational_materials.php).
- Researcher on the project **'Young Migrant Women in Secondary Education'**, funded by the Integration Fund of the European Commission and coordinated by the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies, Cyprus (01/2010-06/2011). Publication of research results at [www.medinstgenderstudies.org/news/new-migs-publication-young-migrant-women-in-secondary-education/](http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/news/new-migs-publication-young-migrant-women-in-secondary-education/).
- Researcher on the project: **'Secondary Education Schools and Education in Values: Proposals for Gender Violence Prevention'**, funded by the Daphne II fund of the European Commission and coordinated by the University of Zaragoza, Spain [01/2007-06/2008]. For more information: <http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/daphne-ii-secondary-education-schools-and-education-in-values/>.
- Junior researcher in the University of Nicosia's academic team on the FP7 project: **'Searching For Neighbours: Dynamics of Physical and Mental Borders in the New Europe'**, coordinated by the University of Southampton [2007-2009]. Website of project: <http://www.sefone.soton.ac.uk/>.

## Conference presentations (indicative list)

- 8th International Conference of Critical Geography 'In Permanent Crisis? Uneven Development, Everyday War and Radical Praxis', Athens, April 19-23, 2019. Presenting paper: **"Being there': Squares as destinations, as places of Stasis'**.
- International Unconference 'Urban Struggles in Mediterranean Cities: the Right to the City and Common Space.' National Technical University of Athens, 31.05.2018-03.06.2018. Organized a workshop with Dr. M. Hadjimichael and Dr. E. Tselika on **'Situating Commonalities in Nicosia Cyprus: Exploring the links between theories of the Commons and the Situationists and countering the society of the spectacle through commoning in divided cities.'**
- British International Studies Association [BISA], 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Brighton, Sussex. Presented paper entitled **'Radicalization of Youth and Community Formation: Exploring the Politics of a Pupils' Collective in Nicosia, Cyprus'** at the Panel on Dilemmas, Compromises and Recuperations in Activist Practice and Contentious Politics.
- International Conference of the European Network of Political Ecology [ENTITLE] 'Undisciplined Environments', Stockholm, March 2016. Presented paper entitled **'Escaping 'adult' enclosures? The role of the commons in the radicalization of youth: the case of Faneromeni square'**.
- Conference 'Im/mobile Youth: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Spatial and Temporal Change in Young People's Lives', University of Manchester, 1st April 2016. Presented paper entitled **'Escaping 'adult' enclosures? The role of the commons in the radicalization of youth: the case of Faneromeni square'**.

- Workshop 'Activism on the Edge of Age', organized by the ERC Connectors Study, University of Sussex, June 2-3, 2016. Presented paper: 'Exploring 'the politics of presence': a case-study of a Greek-Cypriot youth antiauthoritarian group'.

### Academic activities/affiliations

**Research Associate** at the Sussex Rights and Justice Research Centre, University of Sussex.  
<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/justice/>

**Associate Fellow**, Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), UK

**Panel Member** of [NGender](https://ngender.wordpress.com/), a gender and sexuality research-related seminar series, organised at the University of Sussex (2013-2014) - <https://ngender.wordpress.com/>

### Work Experience

**Project Coordinator and Researcher** [2007-2012] at the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies [MIGS], University of Nicosia, Cyprus.

**Officer** [2012-2013] at the National Commission for UNESCO, Cyprus.