

CURRICULUM VITAE



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITIONS

01.2023 - today

Senior Researcher at the Department of Geography, Harokopio University, Greece. I am a senior researcher at the Department of Geography at Harokopio University in Athens, Greece. I have a PhD in Social Geography & I have studied Agricultural Economics and Rural Development. My research lies at the intersection of social geography and rural sociology, focusing on social relations, processes of social and spatial mobility, and inequalities shaping rural and rural–urban spaces. As a Senior Researcher, I have extensive experience in supervising and coordinating multidisciplinary research projects funded by Greek authorities, the European Commission, and international organisations. My work focuses on the design, implementation, and analysis of quantitative and qualitative research, including the use of secondary data from sources such as ELSTAT, Eurostat, ESS, LFS etc. I am responsible for project management and financial oversight, the preparation of final deliverables, and the dissemination of research findings through academic and policy channels. I have extensive experience in academic writing, peer review, and the coordination of publication outputs in international and interdisciplinary contexts. My role has included overseeing the preparation of research reports, policy briefs, and academic articles. I have also been actively involved in drafting and submitting successful research proposals to national and international funding bodies. My research addresses themes such as migration and territorial inequalities, social and spatial mobility, rural development and transformation, digitalisation in agriculture and rural areas, labour market integration, and social stratification. These projects have been supported by funding programmes and organisations including Horizon Europe, H2020, LIFE+, AMIF, the General Secretariat for Research and Technology, the European Regional Development Fund, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, TASC, the Catalyst Fund, and Queen’s University (Canada).

03/2024- today

Adjunct lecturer in the Department of Geography teaching the course "Geographies of Poverty and Social Exclusion"

09/2013 – 06/2024

Lectures at the Postgraduate program, Department of Geography: “Migrant flows and migration policy”, “Methods of Scientific Research”, “Development and Restructuring of Rural Europe”

01.2019 - 3.2025 **Research associate** at the Institute of Social Research, National Centre for Social Research (EKKE), Athens. My activities include research, participation in the coordination of research activities of projects funded by European and national authorities, participation in the dissemination of the research results of the projects

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

09.2009-12.2022 **Researcher**
Department of Geography, Harokopio University, Greece

01.2007 - 10.2008 **Research Assistant**
Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

EDUCATION

01.2023 **PhD in Social Geography** Co-Supervised by the department of Geography of Harokopio University and Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali, Università della Calabria, Italy.

Ph.D. Thesis: Social and Spatial Mobility of Immigrants in Greece

Graded unanimously by the seven-member committee: "Excellent".

10.2009 - 01.2012 **Master of Science, (M.Sc.) "Integrated Rural Development and Management of Rural Space"**. Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece.

10.2000 - 09.2008 **Integrated Master in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development**
Laboratory of Rural Sociology, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece.

DIGITAL SKILLS

Office, NVivo- Qualitative analysis software, SPSS, Statistical Package for the Social Science, MAXQDA – mixed methods software, GIS.

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN THE ACADEMIA & INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

9.2021-09.2026 Elected member of the Executive Committee, of the European Sociological Association. serve as Vice-President and Chair of the Conference, contributing to the strategic direction and governance of the association. In this capacity, I co-represent the ESA, together with the President, at the European Alliance for the Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH) in Brussels. I am also an active member of the Publications Committee, which oversees the Association's two academic journals and liaises with publishers to ensure the quality, visibility, and impact of ESA's publications.

09.2021 – 09.2024 Elected member of the Executive Committee (ExeC) of the European Sociological Association (ESA). My role within the ExeC is that of the General Secretary who, together with the President and the Treasurer, oversees the ESA Office in Paris.

01.2023-1.1.2025 Member of the Editorial Board (associate editor) of Frontiers in Sociology in the section Migration and Society & Frontiers in Human Dynamics.

01.2024-today Book review Editor for the Sociologia Ruralis

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers, European Society for Rural Sociology, European Sociological Association, Member of the board of the RN38 "Space, Society and Rurality", Regional Studies Association

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS PEER REVIEWED

- Fratsea, L-M. (2026). Qualitative Data Analysis Software in the era of Artificial Intelligence. In T. Iosifides (Ed) The Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Research Methods in the Social Sciences. Elgar Publishing (Forthcoming April 2026)
- Papadopoulos, A. G., Fratsea, L. M., Baltas, P., & Theofili, A. (2025). Rural Greece in Transition: Digitalisation, Demographic Dynamics, and Migrant Labour. *Geographies*, 5(4), 61.
- Fratsea, L-M. (2025). "Big dreams in small places": migrant aspirations and socio-spatial trajectories in rural Greece". In E. Barberis, T. Caponio and R. McAreavey (Eds), *Handbook of international migration in small towns and rural areas*. Elgar (Forthcoming)
- Fratsea, L.-M. and Papadopoulos A.G. (2025), *Socio-Spatial Trajectories of Bangladeshi Migrants' through the Looking Glass*, in R. Kukreja (ed), *South Asians in Southern Europe: Exploring Labour, Identity, and Desire*, Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-94759-9_4
- Papadopoulos, A. G., & Fratsea, L.-M. (2023). (Non-) Institutional Manifestations of Migrant Infrastructures for Refugees in Rural Greece. *Europa XXI*.
- Papadopoulos, A.G., Fratsea, L-M. and Baltas, P. (2023). Unravelling the Complexities of the Migration and Refugee Question in Greece. In *Global Atlas on Refuge and Asylum*, edited by A. Vila-Freyer and I. Sirkeci.
- Fratsea, L-M. and Papadopoulos, A.G. (2023). Unfolding the socio-spatial trajectories of Bangladeshi migrants in Greece. In *South Asians in Southern Europe: Labour, Identity, and Desire*, edited by R.Kukreja. Routledge. (Forthcoming)
- Papadopoulos, A.G. and Fratsea, L-M. (2023). 'No man's land': Reflecting on and theorizing migrant labour in the Mediterranean agriculture In *Migrations in the Mediterranean IMISCOE Regional Reader* edited by R. Zapata-Barrero and I. Awad. Springer. ISBN978-3-031-42264-5 (October 2023, pp. 383-401).
- Fratsea, L.-M. and Papadopoulos, A.G. (2022), Fisheries Co-Management in the "Age of the Commons": Social Capital, Conflict, and Social Challenges in the Aegean Sea. *Sustainability*. 14(21):14578. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su142114578>
- Papadopoulos, A.G. and Fratsea, L.-M. (2022), Aspirations, agency and well-being of Romanian migrants in Greece, *Population, Space, Place*, <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2584>
- Papadopoulos, A.G., Fratsea, L.-M., Spyrellis, S., and Baltas, P. (2021), Exploring Migrant Labour Contribution in Greek agriculture, *Italian Review of Agricultural Economics*, 76(1), 33-48.
- Papadopoulos, A.G. and Fratsea, L.-M. (2021), Migrant and Refugee Impact on Wellbeing in Rural Areas: Reframing Rural Development Challenges in Greece. *Frontiers in Sociology*, 6. doi: 10.3389/fsoc.2021.592750.
- Fratsea, L.-M., and Papadopoulos, A.G. (2021), Making sense of the constellations of (im) mobility of Bangladeshi migrants in Greece. *Migration Letters*, 18(1), 49-60.
- Fratsea, L.-M. and Papadopoulos, A.G. (2020), The social and spatial mobility strategies of migrants: Romanian migrants in rural Greece, in J.F. Rye and O'Reilly (eds), *International Labour Migration to Europe's Rural Regions*, Routledge, pp. 37-51.
- Fratsea, L.-M. (2019), The unwritten 'laws of migration': Reflections on inequalities, aspirations and 'cultures of migration', *Europa XXI*, No 37, <https://europa21.igipz.pan.pl/volume/item/37.html>

- Papadopoulos A.G. and L.-M. Fratsea (2019), Migration and Refugee Flows in Greece in the Post-Crisis Period: Exploring Different Claims for Socio-Spatial Justice, *Autonomie Locali e Servizi Sociali* No 3, pp. 401-423, 2019, <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.1447/96701>
- Papadopoulos, A.G., Fratsea, L.-M., Karanikolas P. and Zografakis S. (2019), Reassembling the rural: Socio-economic dynamics, inequalities and resilience in crisis-stricken rural Greece *Sociologia Ruralis*, Vol. 59, No 3, pp. 474-493, 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1111/soru.12252>
- Papadopoulos, A.G., Fratsea, L.-M and Mavrommatis, G., (2018), Governing migrant labour in an intensive agricultural area in Greece: Focusing on precarity, political mobilization and migrant agency at Manolada's fields, *Journal of Rural Studies* Vol. 64, pp. 200-209, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2018.03.013>
- Papadopoulos, A.G. and Fratsea, L.M. (2017), Migrant Labour and Intensive Agricultural Production in Greece: The Case of Manolada Strawberry Industry, in A. Corrado, D. Perotta and C. de Castro (eds), *Migration and Agriculture: Mobility and Change in the Mediterranean Area*, Routledge, pp. 128-144.
- Papadopoulos, A.G. and Fratsea, L.M. (2014), The 'unknown' organizations of civil society: Communities and organizations of immigrants in Greece, *Greek Review of Political Science*, No 42, 62-90 (IN GREEK).
- Papadopoulos, A.G. and Fratsea, L.M. (2013), The Social and Occupational Mobility of Migrants as a form of labour market integration, *Geographies*, No 22, 73-90 (IN GREEK).
- Papadopoulos, A.G., Fratsea, L.M. and Chalkias, C. (2013), Challenges of Immigrant Associations and NGOs in contemporary Greece, *Migration Letters*, Vol. 10, No 3, 271-287.

REVIEWER FOR THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

Greek Sociological Review, Sustainability, Sociologia Ruralis, Journal of Rural Studies, Frontiers in Sociology, Europa XXI, Spanish Journal of Sociology, ESTUDIOS GEOGRÁFICOS Journal, REA-Italian Review of Agricultural Economics, Frontiers in Human Dynamics, Land, Geographies,