

Curriculum Vitae – Anna Arampatzi

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Research Profile

Sociologist and PhD Candidate specializing in urban social policy, welfare institutions, and social protection systems. With extensive empirical research and fieldwork experience in urban precarity and crisis environments, my work investigates homelessness, housing insecurity, urban marginality, and migration. Grounded in political and empirical sociology, my research focuses on institutional responses to urban inequality, the organization of local welfare regimes, and the transformations of social protection mechanisms during periods of socioeconomic and refugee crises. My work combines qualitative methodologies, including semi-structured interviewing, ethnographic fieldwork, and institutional archival analysis.

Research Interests

- Public Policy, Social Policy, and Local Welfare Systems
- Urban Marginality, Housing Precarity, and Homelessness
- Institutional Transformations and State-Society Relations
- Migration Crises, Displacement, and Vulnerable Populations
- Qualitative Research Methods and Sociological Fieldwork

Education and Current Doctoral Research

PhD Candidate in Sociology | University of the Aegean, Department of Sociology

Mytilene, Greece | 2023 – Present

- **Thesis Title:** Organization of Social Policy in Greece: The Case of Seven Foundational Welfare Institutions in the Municipality of Thessaloniki
- **Focus:** Empirical research on local government social policies, institutional welfare structures, and urban inequality.

M.Sc. in Sociology | Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

Athens, Greece | 2010 – 2013

- **Thesis:** The Social and Symbolic Role of Bread: A Sociological Perspective (Qualitative analysis of cultural symbolism and consumption patterns).
- **Grade:** 7.76/10 (Equivalent to "Very Good")

Postgraduate Erasmus Exchange | University of Gothenburg

Gothenburg, Sweden | Jan 2012 – May 2012

- Department of Sociology and Work Science. Completed advanced postgraduate coursework in international social theory, emotions in organizations and research methods.

Postgraduate Specialization in Counseling & Career Guidance | ASPAITE

Sapes, Greece | 2019 – 2020

- **Thesis:** "A Bibliographical Approach to Career Counseling for Former Inmates"
- **Focus:** Institutional support and social reintegration of marginalized groups
- Grade: 8.0/10 (Equivalent to "Very Good")

Annual Pedagogical Training Program (EPPAIK) | ASPAITE

Sapes, Greece | 2018 – 2019

- **Thesis:** "The Influence of Social Science Education on Inmates: A Bibliographical Analysis"
- **Focus:** Prison education, sociology of education, and social reform.
- Grade: 9.4/10 (Equivalent to "Excellent")

B.A. in Sociology | University of the Aegean, Department of Sociology

Mytilene, Greece | 2005 – 2010

- **Focus:** General Sociology, Urban Sociology, Social Policy and Research Methodology.
- Grade: 7.56/10 (Equivalent to "Very Good")

Research Experience

Sociologist - Researcher | Urban Resilience Observatory – Municipality of Thessaloniki

March 2021 – April 2022

- Contributed to the "Thessaloniki 2030" Strategic Plan by collecting and analyzing social resilience and urban inequality indicators.
- Conducted qualitative fieldwork, including semi-structured interviews with municipal stakeholders and NGO representatives, to map the urban social protection landscape.
- Co-authored evaluation reports on housing precarity, social exclusion, and urban sustainability.

Field Research Experience (NGO Sector)

Social Support Officer | NGO PRAKSIS (Idomeni Border Camp)

December 2015 – April 2016

- Conducted frontline social intervention and field documentation of displaced populations during the 2015–2016 migration crisis.
- Facilitated inter-institutional coordination between state agencies, international organizations, and vulnerable populations in a high-pressure border environment.

Sociologist – Archival Researcher | NGO ARSIS (Thessaloniki Homeless Shelter)

February 2013 – July 2013

- Provided psychosocial support to individuals experiencing extreme housing insecurity, within an urban shelter context ("Papaphio" Homeless Shelter).
- Digitized, managed, and sociologically analyzed archival material related to urban social support programs.
- Co-organized international European programs (e.g., Grundtvig "Prison Art Society") focusing on the social reintegration of marginalized individuals.

Professional Experience

Sociologist | Municipality of Thessaloniki – Directorate of Social Protection & Public Health

April 2022 – Present

- Design and execute localized social interventions while systematically documenting patterns of socioeconomic vulnerability, housing precarity, and urban marginality.
- Generate empirical knowledge to support local welfare policies and interdisciplinary municipal initiatives.

Adult Educator in Criminology | SAEK (Vocational Training Institutes) – Ministry of Education

October 2024 – February 2025 & October 2025 – February 2026

- Delivered specialized lectures on Criminological Theory and social control mechanisms.
- Designed educational material focusing on the sociological analysis of crime, deviance, and the legal frameworks of social regulation.
- Facilitated seminars for adult learners, promoting critical thinking on the interaction between state institutions and social behavior.

Career Advisor | Second Chance Schools (SCS) – Ministry of Education

March 2018 – June 2023 (Thessaloniki, Diavata Detention Centre, etc.)

- Provided psychosocial support and labor market integration counseling to adult learners, among others in marginalized populations within detention centers.

Administration Officer | Hellenic Ministry of Migration and Asylum – Asylum Service

June 2016 – February 2021 (Samos & Alexandroupolis)

- Conducted specialized asylum interviews and managed complex protection cases for displaced populations in Samos and Alexandroupolis during the refugee crisis.

- Evaluated international protection requests through legal and sociological assessment frameworks.

Publications

- Arampatzi A. (2025). *"The evolution of Social Welfare in Thessaloniki"* In the Proceedings of the 9th International Conference of the Hellenic Sociological Society (HSS), Athens (Forthcoming).

Conference Presentations

- Arampatzi, A. (2026). *Social policy or crisis management policy? The experience of Thessaloniki*. Paper presented at the 10th International Conference of the Hellenic Sociological Society (HSS), Mytilene, Greece.
- Arampatzi, A. (2024). *Historical Evolution of Welfare in Thessaloniki*. Paper presented at the 9th International Conference of the Hellenic Sociological Society (HSS), Athens, Greece.
- Arampatzi, A. (2016). *Idomeni: A Qualitative Approach to Women Migrants' Medical Care in the Field.* Paper presented at the Conference *"Pregnant Crossings, Borders and Births: Morality, Care, and Control in the Migration Encounter"* European University Institute (EUI) and EUBorderCare Research Group, Florence, Italy.

Selected Specialized Training & Workshops

- 2016: Workshop on *"Ethics and Data Management"*, EUBorderCare Research Group, European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- 2015: *"Drug Use and Delinquency among Youth: Practices and Interconnection,"* Pilot Programs for Alternatives to Imprisonment, OKANA, Thessaloniki.
- 2013: *"Solidarity and Social Support via Street Work,"* NGO Arsis in collaboration with Dynamo International (Street Workers Network).
- 2013: *"Alternative Treatment for Addicts,"* ARGO Alternative Therapeutic Program, Psychiatric Hospital of Thessaloniki.
- 2011: *"Civilization and Barbarism, Communication and Contemporary Society – Tribute to Edgar Morin,"* Panteion University in cooperation with AISLF & ISA.
- *A comprehensive list of 30+ seminars is available upon request*

Methodological and Technical Skills

Qualitative Methodologies: Field Research, Semi-Structured Interviewing, Qualitative Data Analysis, Ethnographic Fieldwork, Document & Archival Analysis, Ethics & Data Management

Languages

Greek (Native),

English (Fluent/Professional Working Proficiency)

Professional Affiliations/Memberships

Member, Association of Greek Sociologists – Branch of Thessaloniki