

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Dr OLGA-JOAN KTENIDOU

Imperial College London
The University of Greenwich

Dr Olga-Joan Ktenidou is Associate Researcher and Head of Seismicity Analysis at the National Observatory of Athens and an international expert on seismic hazard. The methods and models she develops are used to assess the seismic safety of critical infrastructure worldwide. She has served as a reviewer for 14 international academic journals and is a recipient of the NATO Science Fellowship Programme scholarship. Olga believes that her UK education has helped her find her niche between civil engineering and seismology, and also the tools for training the next generation. She is currently working to improve earthquake data use across Greece. Her next steps range from the seismic response of the Acropolis to extraterrestrial seismicity as a hazard for future structures on the Moon and Mars. Olga holds a Master of Science in Soil Mechanics with Engineering Seismology from Imperial College London and a Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education from the University of Greenwich.



GABRIELLA-PENELOPE TRIANTAFYLLIS

University of Bristol

Gabriella Triantafyllis is Programming and Production Director at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (SNFCC). In this role she has been creating and executing a highly complicated programme of cultural, educational, athletic and recreational events attracting millions of people. Gabriella is co-founder of the Beggars' Operas, a theatre company producing low budget operas in unconventional venues, presenting its work at the Athens Festival and staging sold-out performances. She has also held the position of General Manager of BIOS, where she contributed to the success of a prominent performance space for emerging artists, including UK artists Tim Crouch and Action Hero. Gabriella believes that she was lucky to experience the exceptional calibre of a UK university and its highly skilled personnel, and also to be able to live in a city whose cultural scene was in constant dialogue with the academic modules. Through her current role, Gabriella is enriching the artistic dialogue and importance of public space in a city's everyday life, while assisting a variety of audiences to explore new cultural and recreational stimuli. Gabriella holds a Master of Arts in Film and TV Production from the University of Bristol.

SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD



ALEXANDROS ANGELOPOULOS

University of Edinburgh
Imperial College London

Alexandros Angelopoulos is the co-founder of Elpis Solar (Greek for hope), a social enterprise that delivers essential services (i.e. access to clean, filtered and disinfected water, mobile phone charging, lighting and access to educational resources) to underserved off-grid communities worldwide through solar power. Thanks to his multidisciplinary background in environmental sciences, green finance, sustainability and entrepreneurship, Alexandros has capitalised on the skills and knowledge acquired through his UK education to advance social innovation through resilient clean-tech solutions. He has received several awards in recognition of his impactful work with more than 35,000 users a month in eight refugee camps in Greece, and in the biggest refugee camp in Rwanda, as well as a scholarship from his UK university. Alexandros aims to continue combining technical and business model innovation for the delivery of viable solutions for the world's population without access to electricity or water. Alexandros holds a Bachelor of Science in Ecological and Environmental Sciences with Management from the University of Edinburgh and a Master of Science in Climate Change, Finance and Management from Imperial College London.



Dr ANNA KASAPOGLOU

University of Portsmouth

Dr Anna Kasapoglou is a Criminologist with long experience in the criminal justice system and especially the prison system. Anna's most important contribution was the literature programme she created in a therapeutic community inside the local prison of Thessaloniki (Greece). She believes that as part of her UK education she has gained valuable experience in the prison system through prison visits and voluntary work in the education department in HM Prison Kingston in Portsmouth. Anna is now taking her skills and expertise to research projects on the impact of imprisonment and social reintegration, and teaching crime policy at the Hellenic Open University. Anna holds a Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Psychology from the University of Portsmouth.



STELLA KASDAGLI

University of East London

Stella Kasdagli is the co-founder of Women On Top, a non-profit organisation working for gender equality that was founded in 2012. Since then, it has created and monitored over 450 mentoring partnerships and has trained over 1,000 unemployed, employed and self-employed women in skills camps. It has also provided consultation and other services to businesses and organisations investing in the diversity of their talent pools. Stella was the recipient of a scholarship from the National Scholarships Foundation in Greece. She feels that studying in the UK equipped her with the skills to better identify the social and political shifts in perceptions and policies around gender on an international level, and better leverage them in order to create positive change for women from all walks of life in Greece. Stella is now working with business leaders and decision makers in Greece and beyond to maximise the impact of equality, diversity and inclusion initiatives in the continuing social, political and economic development of the country following the financial crisis. Stella holds a Master of Arts in Media Cultures from the University of East London.