

## CULTURE AND CREATIVITY AWARD



### **Dr EUGENIA ARSENI**

Royal Holloway, University of London

Dr Eugenia Arsenis is a Director-Dramaturg. She has been honoured at important festivals all over the world. Her engagement in the humanities gave her the opportunity to communicate values to diverse groups and to contribute to the empowerment of communities and individuals through educational and artistic projects. Eugenia observes that her UK education inspired her with the values of collaboration, respect, diversity and equality, and taught her how to speak with openness without any fear. She continues teaching and directing all over the world, sharing her unique UK educational experience and inspiring the younger generations to follow the paths of their heart. Eugenia holds a Bachelor of Arts in Drama and Theatre Studies and a Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophical Aesthetics, Opera and Greek Drama from Royal Holloway, University of London.



### **Dr CHRISTINA MARGARITI**

University of the Arts, London

University of Southampton

Dr Christina Margariti is an international expert in the conservation and analysis of excavated textiles. Her work has raised awareness of the importance and wealth of information these rare and previously neglected finds have to offer. Christina believes that her UK education opened her mind to see that no limits or borders exist in our professional lives when one puts hard work into it. Christina leads EU projects, publishes in academic journals, organises and presents at international conferences and hopes to prove that our cultural heritage can benefit all aspects of our lives. Christina holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Conservation from the University of the Arts, London (former Camberwell College of Arts); a Master of Arts in Textile Conservation and a Doctor of Philosophy in Textile Conservation from the University of Southampton.



### **DIMITRIOS MARINOS**

Royal Academy of Music, University of London

Dimitrios Marinos wears the hats of a manager, an educator and a performer. By doing so, he is dedicated to the quality improvement of cultural and performing arts institutions and strongly advocates for the pivotal role they play in the advancement and cohesion of society. Dimitrios underlines that being a student in the UK feels like standing on the shoulders of giants to get a clear view of your own career path and thrive in your chosen profession. Dimitrios works together with students, educators and leaders in the arts sector to lay the foundations of a sustainable, diverse and inclusive educational ecosystem. Dimitrios holds a Master of Arts in Performance from the Royal Academy of Music, University of London.

## BUSINESS AND INNOVATION AWARD



**VASILIKI MARGARITI**  
Brunel University London

Vasiliki Margariti is currently the Head of the eGovernment and Interoperability Unit and a Digital Policy Expert at the Hellenic Ministry of Digital Governance. She is also the National Representative at the Expert Group on Interoperability of Public Services in the European Commission and a certified ICT trainer at the National School of Public Administration. Her work has made a significant contribution to the successful digital transformation of Greece through her co-ordination of the strategic design and implementation of numerous innovative projects. It has also enabled citizens to develop and improve their digital skills and led to synergies between the public and private sector. Vasiliki believes that her UK education added value to her technical and organisational skills, strengthened her engineering profile and enhanced her managerial skills. She hopes to escalate the impact of her work through her ongoing collaboration with EU bodies and the advancement of her academic research. Vasiliki holds a Master of Science in Data Communication Systems from Brunel University London.



**GAVRIIL PAPAPOPOULOS**  
University of Sussex  
Heriot-Watt University

Gavriil Papadopoulos is Project Manager and a Senior Expert of the Digital Experts community of ATOS S.E., and is responsible for five teams in four countries. He has led successful projects with outstanding results in global hackathons, while his focus on innovation in the field of public safety and security led to a successful EU patent application in the field of public safety and emergency services – a patent that can potentially change the way emergency services respond to major catastrophic events. Gavriil observes that his UK education offered him a wide range of personal and professional development opportunities, while his UK degree is recognised and respected by employers worldwide. As a Telecommunications Engineer, Gavriil seeks new knowledge in cutting-edge technologies to keep on driving innovation and providing better services to critical sectors of public safety. Gavriil holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Electronic Engineering and a Master of Science in Digital Electronics from the University of Sussex, and a Master of Science in Energy from Heriot-Watt University.



**DIMITRIOS ZAIRES**  
Cranfield University

Captain Dimitrios Zaires is a Programme Manager and Intrapreneur in Hellenic Army Military Logistics. His work in project management has influenced the global community, NATO, the Greek Army and thousands of people in commercial supply chains and the start-up ecosystem, and was recognised globally with the PMI Young Professional Award 2020. He has been a keynote speaker at numerous events. Dimitrios believes that his UK education opened a window to how diverse cultures can influence supply chains through exposure to a network of high-profile senior executives of diverse backgrounds. He feels that combining his studies in logistics with the benefits from this global network of experts is what made a difference for him. Dimitrios uses his expertise to enhance the knowledge of how to leverage the innovation of start-ups in corporate project management for resilient supply chains. Dimitrios holds an Executive Master of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from Cranfield University, Cranfield School of Management.

## SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD



**Dr ANTONIOS CHRISTOU**  
University of Birmingham

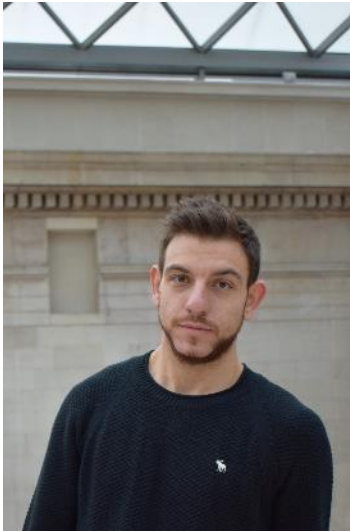
Dr Antonios Christou is an Assistant Professor at the University of Thessaly and Co-ordinator of the Section of Neuropsychology at the Hellenic Psychological Society. He primarily researches emotion development, sensitivity and emotional resilience in typically and atypically developing children. He also advocates for child and disability rights in Greece. Antonios believes that by choosing to study in the UK he had the unique opportunity to be educated in an academic environment with state-of-the-art infrastructure that enabled him to excel in his academic career. With his science advocacy, Antonios strives to make impactful changes in public attitudes towards disability and child rights in Greece, which are captured and catalysed by public policies. Antonios holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology from the University of Birmingham.



**Dr MARIANNA KAPSETAKI**  
University College London  
Imperial College London

Dr Marianna Kapsetaki is a medical doctor, neuroscientist and classical pianist. She has an extensive track record of volunteering, supporting students through mentoring and reviewing work for publication in journals, as well as experience as a keynote speaker, presenter and performer at hundreds of conferences and concerts. Her work has been recognised widely via the press and through numerous awards, scholarships and distinctions. Marianna believes that her UK education, in addition to advancing her knowledge, provided her with an organised, technologically advanced and fruitful work environment. Marianna will soon start her Neurosurgery specialty training, aiming to make novel discoveries and improve patient care. Marianna holds a Master of Science in Performing Arts Medicine from University College London and a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Medicine Research (Neuroscience) from Imperial College London.





### **VASILEIOS STRATIOTOU-EFSTRATIADIS**

Imperial College London

Vasileios Stratiotou-Efstratiadis is a freelance Chemical Engineer and a PhD candidate with a focus on recycling critical materials from e-waste and reusing them in additive manufacturing applications. He is also the co-founder of eggxcel, a company that produces high-efficiency CO<sub>2</sub> sorbents, using waste eggshells. In both his academic activity and his entrepreneurial endeavours, he innovates towards sustainability, carbon neutrality and resilience. Vasileios believes that during his UK studies he acquired key insights into the circular economy, while enhancing his soft and hard skills to support his scientific/academic interests and entrepreneurial ventures. Vasileios is currently upscaling his entrepreneurial idea for its application in heavy industries, facilitating efficient CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction. Vasileios holds a Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering from Imperial College London.

## SOCIAL ACTION AWARD



### **Dr EVANGELIA BALATSOU**

The University of Edinburgh  
Bangor University

Dr Evangelia (Lilian) Balatsou is a Cognitive Neuroscientist, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Evangelist and the founder of Greek Girls Code. She holds a PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience and works in the artificial intelligence industry. Her scientific rigour inspired her to found Greek Girls Code to help educate young women in Greece about the benefits of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills. Lilian's transformative career journey is highly influenced by her UK education, which equipped her with important skills in the area of STEM, transformed her expertise in interdisciplinary fields and taught her the importance of community and equity in education. Lilian's vision is to create an ecosystem of solidarity, interdisciplinarity and mentorship in the STEM fields for all women and marginalised communities in Greece. Lilian holds a Master of Science in Psychology of Language from the University of Edinburgh and a Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology (Cognitive Neuroscience) from Bangor University.



### **NOTIS PARASKEVOPOULOS**

University of Hull

Notis Paraskevopoulos is the co-creator of thällo, a non-pharmacological psycho-social intervention for people with dementia. For more than a decade, thällo has supported more than 10,000 people with dementia and their caregivers through an array of services including a dementia hotline, publications, digital applications and a radio station. Notis believes that in the UK he found a place that nurtures ideas, while his UK studies influenced his thoughts and boosted his efficiency. Personal experiences strengthened his need to create impact and today, armed with the same passion but with more confidence, he focuses on a real change in the dementia narrative. Notis holds a Master of Science in Dementia from the University of Hull.



### **KERENZA VLASTOU**

Open University

Kerenza Vlastou works for two international charities and is the co-founder of OMÚ, a Greek non-profit enabling social change through a holistic approach to Caring for Life Education, a curriculum endorsed by the United Nations ECOSOC. Focusing on schools and young adults and utilising Kerenza's knowledge, international experience and skills, OMÚ provides the tools to bring a revolution to humane education in Greece. Kerenza believes that her UK education taught her how to debate and think critically, while her overall experience was enriched by the individualised interest of faculty staff and the opportunity to engage with students from other countries. Kerenza continues to promote social change in Greece through Caring for Life Education in schools, in collaboration with the Scientific Association for the Promotion of Educational Innovation (EEPEK). Kerenza holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Leadership and Management from the Open University.