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Field of expertise: Maria PARTALIDOU is a [faculty](#) member since 2011 involved in both research and teaching at Bachelor and M.Sc. courses, supervising several students MSc and PhD thesis. Her primary research interests and expertise fall within Rural Sociology (women farmers, young farmers, social economy and social innovations in the rural, social capital, local development, multifunctionality, pluriactivity, community gardens, rural tourism, wine tourism, qualitative research methods). She has published and reviewed papers in scholarly journals and she has been at the board of organizing and scientific committees for national and international conferences. Her latest co-authored paper is about women farmers in Greece and how do they transform contested gender identities in a male dominant sector. She has contributed to collective published work and to national -international conferences. She has great research activity as coordinator and executive researcher and more than 25 years experience in implementing EU co-funded research projects. Currently she is working on farmer's - especially farm women's- wellbeing (physical, mental & social). She is volunteering at the Board of *Women on Top*, a Greek organization for the professional and economic empowerment of women.

Educational background:

Ph.D. Rural Sociology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (2005)

M.Sc. Agricultural Economics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (2000)

B.S. Agricultural Engineer (Major in Agricultural Economics), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (1998)

Qualifications: **English:** Proficiency, University of Michigan & **Italian:** Certificato CELI III, Università per stranieri, Perugia. Competent with SPSS and Qualitative research techniques

Scientific & Professional Career

June 2020- Currently	Associate Professor A.U.Th.
2015-2020	Assistant Professor A.U.Th.
2011-2015	Lecturer & Researcher A.U.Th.
2007-2011	Public Sector, Head of office, Prefecture of Halkidiki, Greece Responsibilities: project management of EU and National co-financed projects (Technoman CADSEs, INTERREG III, ENV LIFE, ICT & Digital Convergence etc).
2001-2007	Head of Rural development office_ Greek Local Action Group for EU LEADER Initiative
1999-2001	Private sector (marketing plans agricultural products, Local Quality Accords, Master plans etc).

Research Projects (indicative)

- **[POVE.R.RE]** Poverty and Housing Precariousness in Rural Areas through the lens of Social Resilience *[Hellenic Foundation for Research & Innovation-Research Team member]*
- **[FARMWELL]** Improving farmers' wellbeing through social innovation. *[HORIZON 2020-Project manager for AUTH partner] <https://farmwell-h2020.eu>*
- **[TheSeaOfWine]** Promoting the Black Sea Basin as a Wine Tourism Destination *[Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020 Cross Border Cooperation-Project manager for AUTH partner]. www.seaofwine.travel*
- **[MED-LINKS]** Data-enabled Business Models and Market Linkages Enhancing Value Creation and Distribution in Mediterranean Fruit and Vegetable Supply Chains *[Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)-AUTH Research team member]*
- **[HEGO]** Herbs for Development *[Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020 Cross Border Cooperation-AUTH Research team member responsible for Market Research for current situation and training needs on herb sector] <https://hego-project.com>*
- Services for the technical support for the development of the Strategic Plan for the new Common Agricultural Policy. *[Member of the research team of the Agricultural University of Athen (Tasks: AKIS and CLLD). Funded by the Greek Ministry of Agriculture].*
- **[STARGATE]** Resilient farming by adaptive microclimate management-stargate. *[HORIZON 2020-AUTH Research team member for Context & Stakeholder Analysis/ Analysis of Pilots in Central Macedonia/ User requirements/ Enabling Validation with user community, framework and requirement analysis, policy setting, Stakeholder Community Building & Living Labs]. <https://www.stargate-h2020.eu>*
- **[TPM RYE]** Scaling trust based partnership models to recharge youth entrepreneurship: Supporting underserved communities with innovative entrepreneurship support instruments *[EEA and Norway Grants -Member of the research team of the Agricultural University of Athen Tasks Preparatory phase-methodological and organizational aspects]*
- **[LIAISON]** Better Rural Innovation: Linking Actors, Instruments and Policies through Networks. *[HORIZON 2020- Member of the research team of the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge at the Bulgarian Academy of Science for Research on local, regional, national, European mechanisms for rural innovation in Greece]*
- **[SPARKLE]** Sustainable Precision Agriculture: Research and Knowledge for Learning how to be an agri-Entrepreneur *[Erasmus+ AUTH Research team member for Follow up actions after the meeting/project management, Dissemination and exploitation of Results, Implementation in the four countries of pilot actions to test educational packages, business Model Canvas Competition]. <http://sparkle-project.eu/>*
- **[AITHIKOS]** Establishment of a supporting mechanism for the development and promotion of social entrepreneurship for populations of mountainous areas. *[European Economic Area (EEA) mechanism 2009–2014 project team member]*
- Social Corporate Responsibility and small farmers in the Municipality of Pella. *[Scientific Coordinator: Maria Partalidou, Assistant Professor Funded by McCain Alimentaire SAS].*
- Social Capital, Socio-economic & Agronomic Environment in rural Areas in Greece). *[Scientific Coordinator: Maria Partalidou, Lecturer Funded by McCain Alimentaire SAS].*
- Re-establishing the lost connection to the rural and to food (Community Supported Agriculture & Foodmiles). *[Scientific Coordinator: Maria Partalidou, Lecturer Research Committee AUTH]*
- Urban agriculture: social inclusion and sustainable city. *[Panteion University, Greek Green Fund -project team member]*
- Collective actions, innovation and young farmers in the Municipality of Kilkis. *[Technological institute of Thessaloniki, Greece - project team member].*
- Pythagoras II (Gender) – Women's Entrepreneurship in the rural *[AUTH Research Committee-project team member].*
- Innovative systems for improving women's skills in remote rural areas. *[NOW AUTH Research Committee -project team member].*

Expert, project evaluator & mentoring -workshops

- ✓ **Reviewer Academic Journals** Journal of Rural Studies, Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension, Journal of Agricultural Extension & Rural Development, Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews, Sustainability, Agricultural Economics Review, The Greek Review of Social Sciences and more
- ✓ **Pan-European Hackathon** #EUvsVirus 2020 Industry Advisor/ Business Continuity

- ✓ **Project evaluator** for the Partnership Agreement for the Development Framework 2014-2020 Thematic: «Tourism, Culture and creative industries». [2019]
- ✓ **External Expert for the evaluation of M.16.1-16.2.** Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 «Operational Groups for productivity and sustainability of agriculture» [2019-today]
- ✓ **Expert for the Greek Centre of Social Research** [2015 -today]
- ✓ **Invited Expert for SALSA - Small farms, small food businesses and sustainable food security Horizon 2020 project** «Theme 5 Sustainable agrifood systems, value chains and power structures/ Session 5.16 “Our food systems are broken, can small farmers help to fix them?” [2018]
- ✓ **Invited expert** during the interactive workshop for the Identification of Trends and emerging Business Models of urban farming- **SiEUGreen Horizon 2020** consortium in Thessaloniki [2018]
- ✓ **External Evaluator** for **SONATA 10** Funding opportunity for research projects Social Sciences and Humanities for the National Science Center of Poland (Narodowe Centrum Nauki - NCN; <http://www.ncn.gov.pl>) [2016]
- ✓ **Appointed Expert** for **GLAMUR** project no 311778 EC 7th Framework Programme Global and Local food chain Assessment: a Multidimensional performance-based approach [2014]

Other responsibilities

- ECTS Coordinator for AUTH Erasmus+ traineeship και ERASMUS+ International mobility. [15.11.2019-today]
- Responsible for the Traineeship of the Students of the Department of Agricultural Economics for AUTH [2014 -today]
- Former member of the AUTH Observatory of students from vulnerable social groups
- «National Board for the Advisory Services system of the Greek Ministry of Agriculture»
- Thessaloniki Food Policy Council scientific task force
- MC Substitute member Cost Action CA15218 “Measuring Homelessness in Europe”
- MC member Cost Action CA16121 “From Sharing to caring: examining sociotechnical aspects of collaborative economy”
- MC Substitute member Cost Action CA15226 “Climate-Smart Forestry in Mountain Regions”
- MC Substitute member COST TU 1201: Urban allotment Gardens in European Cities, future, challenges and lessons learned

Publications related to Gender and rural studies

- Tsiaousi, A. and Partalidou, M. (2023). **How FAST are women farmers in Greece transforming contested gender identities in a (still) male dominant sector?** *Sociologia Ruralis* (under publication-SORU-22-022.R2).
- Ανθοπούλου, Θ. και Παρταλίδου, Μ. (2023). **Γυναίκες στη γεωργία: μετασηματιστικός ρόλος και έμφυλες ανισότητες σε μια μεταβαλλόμενη ύπαιθρο** (υπό έκδοση σε συλλογικό τόμο).
- Tsiaousi, A., & Partalidou, M. (2020). **Female farmers in Greece: Looking beyond the statistics and into cultural-social characteristics.** *Outlook on Agriculture*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0030727020928256>
- M. Trigkas, M. Partalidou & D. Lazaridou (2020). **Trust and Other Historical Proxies of Social Capital: Do They Matter in Promoting Social Entrepreneurship in Greek Rural Areas?**, *Journal of Social Entrepreneurship*, DOI: [10.1080/19420676.2020.1718741](https://doi.org/10.1080/19420676.2020.1718741)
- Papadopoulou, D.G., Papadaki-Klavdianou, A., Michailidis, A. & Partalidou, M. (2019). **The level of job satisfaction of young farmers subsidized by European rural measures: evidence from Northern Greece.** *Asian Journal of Agriculture and Rural Development*, 9(2), 147-163

- Παρταλίδου, Μ. & Τρίγκας, Μ. (2018). **Περιφερειακή ανάπτυξη και κοινωνικό κεφάλαιο σε μια αγροτική περιοχή: μια ανάγνωση των έμφυλων διαφορών και του ρόλου της επιχειρηματικότητας** στο Πυργιώτης, Λ (επιμ.) «Η περιφέρεια σε καμπή: Μετα-ψηφιακές κοινότητες, νέος τοπικισμός και επανεθνικοποίηση-Αναπτυξιακές προεκτάσεις». Πρακτικά 20^{ου} Επιστημονικού Συνεδρίου του Συνδέσμου Ελλήνων Περιφερειολόγων, Αθήνα ISBN 978-618-81302-3-4 σσελ. 227-233.
- Tsimitri, P., Michailidis, A., Partalidou, M. & Kountios, G. (2015). **The real rural influentials: behavioural dimensions of perceived leadership, which influence rural people.** *Procedia Economics and Finance*, 33, 211-218. [Science Direct ELSEVIER]
- Sergaki, P., Partalidou, M., & Iakovidou, O. (2015) **Women's Agricultural Co-operatives in Greece: a comprehensive review and SWOT analysis.** *Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship*, 20, 155002-1-155002-14
- Koutsou S., Partalidou M. & Ragkos, A. (2014). **Young farmers' social capital in Greece: Trust levels and collective actions.** *Journal of Rural Studies*, 34, 204-211.
- Charatsari, Ch., Papadaki-Klavdianou, A., Michailidis, A. & Partalidou, M. (2013). **Great expectations? Antecedents of women farmers' willingness to participate in agricultural education programmes.** *Outlook on AGRICULTURE*, 42:3,193-199
- Koutsou, S. & Partalidou, M. (2012). **Pursuing Knowledge and Innovation through Collective Actions. The Case of Young Farmers in Greece.** *The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension*, 18:5, 445-460.
- Koutsou S. & Partalidou M. (2012). **Inequalities faced by young farmers in Greece: making the marginal rural areas even more marginalized** in Paniagua A., Bryant R. and Kizos T. (eds.), *The Political Ecology of Depopulation: Inequality, Landscape and People*, CEDDAR, Zaragoza, Spain, ISBN 978-84-92582-77-8 (pp.233-249).
- Iakovidou, O., Koutsou, S., Partalidou, M. & Emmanouilidou, M. (2012). **Women entrepreneurs in rural Greece: do they come from the same "neck of the woods"? Locals, Daughters-in-law and Urban-newcomers.** *NEW MEDIT: Mediterranean journal of economics, agriculture and environment*, 11:2, 58-64.
- Koutsou, S., Partalidou, M. & Petrou, M. (2011). **Present or absent farm heads? A contemporary reading of family farming in Greece.** *Sociologia Ruralis*, 51:4, 404-419
- Michailidis, A., Partalidou, M. Nastis, S.A., Papadaki-Klavdianou, A. & Charatsari, C. (2011). **Who goes online? Evidence of internet use patterns from rural Greece.** *Telecommunications Policy*, 35, 333-343.
- Charatsari, C., Papadaki-Klavdianou, A., Michailidis, A. & Partalidou, M. (2011). **Making the Invisible Farmers Visible: Strengthening Women's Participation in Agricultural Education Programs.** In Book of abstracts of the XXIV European Congress for Rural Sociology: "Inequality and Diversity in European Rural Areas" http://esrs2011.maich.gr/docs/XXIVESRS_book_of_abstracts_by_author.pdf (p. 22).
- Koutsou S., Notta O., Samathrakis V. & Partalidou M. (2009). **Women's Entrepreneurship and Rural Tourism in Greece: Private Enterprises and Cooperatives.** *South European Society and Politics*, 14: 2, 191-209.
- Iakovidou O., Koutsou S. & Partalidou M. (2009). **Women Entrepreneurs in the Greek Countryside: A Typology According to Motives and Business Characteristics.** *Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship* 14:2, 165-179. [doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.12681/grsr.217](http://dx.doi.org/10.12681/grsr.217)
- Ιακωβίδου Ο., Κουτσού Σ. και Παρταλίδου, Μ. (Επιμ.) (2007). **Η Γυναικεία Επιχειρηματικότητα στην ελληνική ύπαιθρο: θέση, πολιτικές, προοπτικές.** Συνέβαλλαν Αλεμπάκη, Μ., Βλάχου, Χ., Γκιζάρη, Κ., Γκόγκου, Ε., Κανάκη, Ε. Εμμανουηλίδου, Μ., Σπανουδάκη, Μ. και Συμεωνίδου, Π. ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ ΙΙ (Φύλο) – Εκδόσεις Α.Π.Θ.- Τμήμα Γεωπονίας, Επιτροπή Ερευνών Α.Π.Θ., Θεσσαλονίκη.