

# Faculty

**Iakovos Arapoglou** Dr. Arapoglou's studies are of a very high standard. He holds a PhD in International Economics; an MA in International Relations; an MPhil in Economics; and a BA in Sociology from the City University of New York, USA. Following a successful academic career in the USA in institutions such as Lehman College, Hunter College and Grand Valley State University, Iakovos joined the Faculty of New York College in 1995, and has become a valuable faculty member ever since.



**Dionysia - Theodora Avgerinopoulou** Dr. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou is a Member of the Hellenic Parliament and Chair of the Environment Committee of the Parliament. She has served as the Vice-Chair of the Global Water Partnership Organization in Stockholm, Sweden, and the Chair of the Energy and Environment Commission of the ICC Hellas. She is also the Executive Director of the European Institute of Law, Science & Technology. She is an expert attorney in Environmental Law and Policy, European Law and International Law and runs her own law offices in Athens, Greece. Previously, Dionysia also served as the Chair of the Special Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament and the Subcommittee of the Watercourse, as well as the Chair of the Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development. She was also elected three times as a Member of the Parliament in Greece. Dr. Avgerinopoulou has been presented with the Green Star Award by the UNEP/OCHA/Green Cross International, and she has been elected as a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and one of the 40Under40 Young European Leaders. She holds a J.S.D. (Ph.D.) in International Environmental Law from Columbia University School of Law and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from Georgetown Law Center. She is an international lawyer and the Director of the European Institute of Law, Science & Technology. Dr. Avgerinopoulou is the Programme Leader of the Master (M2) in International Economic Law which is offered at New York College in collaboration with the Universite Toulouse 1 Capitole.



**Dimitris Bourantas** Professor Dimitris Bourantas is the Provost of NYC, and the Director of the Executive MBA and the MSc in Human Resource Management. Dimitris Bourantas was the founder and director for many years of the postgraduate programmes Human Resources Management and Executive MBA at the Athens University of Economics and Business. He has directed a large number of research projects in Greece, whereas he has published a large number of papers in prestigious scientific journals worldwide. Professor Bourantas has published best-selling books related to Management, Leadership and Human Resources Management. He has also written essays for the general public and novels. Professor Bourantas has also many years of experience as member of the Board of Directors, consultant and trainer across a large number of successful corporations. Professor Bourantas has been awarded, repeatedly, for "Teaching Excellence" by the Athens University of Economics and Technology.



**Panagiotis Efstathiou** Dr. Efstathiou Panagiotis, M.D., Ph.D is the Programme Leader of the MSc in Crisis Management in the Health Sector offered at NYC in collaboration with the University of Bolton and the Hellenic Association of Crisis Management in Greece. Dr. Efstathiou, an Orthopedic Surgeon by training, has been a Brigadier M.C. in the Hellenic Army - CBRN Expert. Currently, he also serves as the President of the Hellenic Association on Crisis Management in the Health Sector in Greece, an Expert Advisor of WHO, as well as Coordinator of Operation Center of Attica Region and Athens Medical Association for Covid-19. Dr. Efstathiou has a strong experience on crisis management in the health sector at an international level, whereas he has published extensively in top academic journals.



**Dr. Efthymia-Souzana Gavriil** Dr. Gavriil holds a PhD in Communication and Tourism Media (H.F.R.I. scholar) from University of Macedonia, Greece. She has also obtained her Master's Degree in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Since 2013, she has been working as a medical interpreter and a certified translator (projects/collaborations with European Commission, Greek National Tourism Organisation, IKEA Greece, Nielsen Hellas, and University of Athens). She is collaborating as an editor with several publishers in Greece and abroad (Kyriakidis Publications S.A, Edizioni Universum and more). Her research interests include Advertising translation, Tourism Multimedia and Communication. At New York College, she teaches "Translation Principles and Strategies" at the BA program and "Perspectives of Translation" at the MA program.



**George Georgousopoulos** George completed his studies in the USA and holds a BS in Engineering from New York Institute of Technology (NYIT), an MBA from Adelphi University, and a MSc from University of Louisville. He is a Candidate for Doctorate in Business Administration from International School of Management (ISM) Paris, France and his Dissertation examines issues in Operations and Value Chain Management. He also attended Business seminars as a Visiting Scholar in Paris, Shanghai, and Tokyo. George has been teaching at NYC since 2012 both at undergraduate and graduate levels. George's lecturing methods and the ability to support students to reach their full potential makes him a valuable member of the NYC family.



**Nena Gorou** Mrs Gorou has been a member of New York College since 2012 and has taught across the Mathematics' area curriculum. From 1997 to 2011 she served as Instructor of Higher Level Mathematics in the Hellenic Air Force Academy and in the Technical School of the Hellenic Air Force. From 2012, she has also served New York College from various positions: Recruiter (Office of Admissions), Students' Academic Advisor and from 2017 she is the Head of Academic Advisors. Mrs. Gorou has presented papers in various conferences, workshops and congresses, and has published her work in numerous proceedings, as well as in scientific magazines in Greece. She is an active member of the "Hellenic Mathematical Society" and has been awarded twice the "Excellence in Teaching Award" at New York College. She has taught College Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Calculus, Trigonometry, Finite Mathematics, History of Mathematics and currently she teaches Applied Mathematics and Probability Theory. Mrs. Gorou is a graduate of the Mathematics Department of the University of Crete and holds a Master's Degree in Pure Mathematics from the University of Patras. With extensive teaching experience, she has been the Head of the New York College of Advising Services and Academic Support since 2017.



**Konstantinos Kalachanis** Dr. Kalachanis graduated from the Department of Philosophy-Pedagogics & Psychology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. In 2011, he was awarded a PhD in Philosophy with the thesis "On the paradigm and the icon in the work of John Philoponus". He holds a Master's degree in "Environment and Health, Management of Environmental Issues with Health Implications" from the Medical School of the University of Athens, where he has taught the courses "Bioethics" & "Man and Environment in the Hippocratic Work". Also from 2013-2017 he taught the course "Cancer and Environment" in the postgraduate program "Neoplastic Disease in Humans: Diagnosis, modern treatment and research". From 2012 to 2016, he was an unpaid research associate at the section of Astrophysics- Astronomy & Mechanics Department of the Faculty of Physics of the University of Athens. His research interests include History and Philosophy of Science and Astronomy, Ancient Greek and Byzantine Philosophy, Bioethics, the evolution of Cosmology from ancient to modern times, as well as the environmental impact on human health. He has published more than 100 scientific articles in peer-reviewed Greek and international scientific journals, as well as in conference proceedings, and has edited volumes of conference proceedings. He is Secretary General of the International Scientific Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy and is also a member of the Union of Greek Physicists. Since 2019, he has been a Research Associate and later Research Coordinator at New York College.



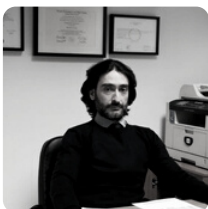
**Vassilios Karayannis** Dr. Karagiannis holds a PhD in European Law from the Free University of Brussels (ULB) and is currently a Partner of KLC Law firm Athens. Previously, he was a lawyer member of the Office for Legal Representation of the Hellenic Competition Commission (2006-2009). He has been also Legal Partner of the National Commission of Telecommunications and Post (EETT) (2005-2006). He has participated as tutor for Competition, State Aid and Public procurement Law at the Panteion University of Athens (2009-2018). He conducted a course on the legal issues related to the use of electronic documents by public authorities at the National School of Public Administration (Greece) – (2008-2010). He is sole author of five books and has participated as co-author in a number of collective works. He has realized various publications in the Greek, English and French speaking legal press. Within the framework of Master 2 in International Economic Law, he lectures EU Competition Law and European Law of Development.



**Yiannis Lavdiotis** Yiannis Lavdiotis holds a Master's Degree in Marketing (with distinction) from the University of Central in Birmingham, a Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Studies & Management (BA) from the University of Westminster in London, UK. He is also an Accredited Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (ACIM). Yiannis is the Managing Director of Exceed Consulting S.A. He has more than 20 years of sales training, coaching and business experience in various managerial positions in multinational companies such as Johnson & Johnson, GfK International, Regus, Grant Thornton as well as a business consultant and an accredited coach. As a business and sales consultant he has significant experience in sales training (more than 20.000 people trained) mainly with FMCG (P&G, Johnson & Johnson, BDF, Bolton, Perfetti, Henkel, L'Oréal, Adidas, Intersport, Pernod Ricard and more) and Pharmaceutical companies (GlaxoSmithKline, Sanofi, Servier, Angelini, Amgen, Valeant and more). Yiannis has more than 20 years of teaching experience in Marketing and Management courses in New York College for the undergraduate program of Empire State College, State University of New York and postgraduate programs.



**Anastasios Liapakis** Dr. Anastasios Liapakis is a Post-Doc Researcher in the area of Big Data Analytics in the Informatics Laboratory of the Agricultural University of Athens and a visiting lecturer in the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Dept. of Digital Industry Technologies. He received his master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) with a specialization in Digital Marketing and his Ph.D. in Informatics, in the field of Data Analytics in Social Media Networks from the Informatics Laboratory of the Agricultural University of Athens. His Ph.D. research was co-financed by the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY). His main research interest evolves around Data Structures, Big Data Analytics, Knowledge Engineering, Management Information Systems, Machine Learning techniques, Natural Language Processing, and Sentiment Analysis applied in problems concerning Management, Economics, and Marketing. His notable research work, published in national and international peer-reviewed Journals and Conferences, has got a significant number of citations. He has participated in four EU-leading research projects in the area of Informatics. He has been teaching Informatics, Programming, Object-Oriented Programming, Databases, Data Analytics, ICT courses, and Management Information Systems for the past 5 years in public and private universities in Greece.



**Dr. Dimitrios P. Charalampidis** - Dr. Charalampidis studied Economics with specialization in Business Economics at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and holds a Master's in Business Administration with specialization in Financial Management and a Philosophy Diploma in Accounting and Finance from the University of Macedonia, both with distinction. In 2013, he accomplished his postdoctoral research titled "The role of cost and asset retrenchment in company turnaround: empirical evidence from listed firms in Greece" at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He has taught Accounting and Finance related courses at both the under and postgraduate level at the aforementioned universities, the University of Sheffield (City College Thessaloniki), and the Hellenic Corps Officers Military Academy. His research has been presented at several national and international academic conferences and published in national and international peer-reviewed academic journals among which the International Journal of Managerial and Financial Accounting and the Journal of Financial Management and Analysis. Dr. Charalampidis has worked for international research programs as researcher and administrative coordinator and as accountant. He has been working for New York College as Economics, Accounting and Finance tutor since 2014. During 2017-2018 he served as Director of Postgraduate Studies and currently holds the position of Academic Director at Thessaloniki campus (since 2018).



**Mrs. Siamaga Maria** - Mrs. Siamaga completed all of her studies in the USA obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from New York University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration, majoring in Human Resource Management, from Adelphi University. While studying in the US, she worked for a shipping company at the Outport Relations Department in Miami, FL. She returned to Greece in 2001, and ever since she has advanced her career in the area of the management of people in different companies. She joined the New York College academic team in 2013. She has been teaching the HR courses both in the undergraduate and graduate programs. Her business experience comes from mostly managerial positions in HR Departments in companies such as Alumil, Amasa, Cosmos Consulting and Agrocom among others, as well as a freelancer / consultant. She has also developed training material for workshops and seminars. Maria is a certified trainer. She is also a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Macedonia in Political Science and Sociology, researching the Local Social Movements. While she has developed a long experience specifically in the areas of Training and Development, Recruitment, Performance Evaluation and HR Crisis Management.



**Athanasios Mavroulis** - Mr Athanasios Mavroulis holds an MSc in Violence, Conflict & Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of the University of London, and has also studied for an MSc in International Management for China at the same university. He also holds a BA degree in History & International Relations (ACT). As a firm believer in continuous education, in recent years he has gained also a Certificate in Disaster Preparedness from the University of Pittsburgh, a Professional Diploma in Digital Marketing and an EU PM2 Project Management Certificate. He has worked as Project Manager for international projects supported by the EU, UNESCO, USAID and other international organizations, and has fieldwork experience with the Hellenic Red Cross. As a business consultant he worked and travelled extensively in China and other Asian and African countries. He has also held various management positions working together with Greek and foreign multinationals in the fields of international business development, telecommunications, health, exports, supply chain and operations management, quality assurance and health and safety at the workplace. At New York College he has been teaching undergraduate courses since 2005 in Cross Cultural Management, Chinese Studies, International History and International Organizations.



**Dr. Dimitris Theoharis**

Dr. Dimitris Theoharis holds a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Crete (BA, 2007) as well as holds a Master's Degree from the same University (MA, 2009). In 2018, he received his Doctoral Diploma from Aristotle University Thessaloniki. At the same time, he has a Master's Degree in Business Administration (EMBA) from University of Bolton, majoring in Human Resources Management of Personnel, while he is a certified Executive Coach by Association of Coaching (AC) and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He has worked as a researcher at the Center for the Greek Language, while he has been a postdoctoral scholar of the Center for Greek Studies at Harvard University. In recent years he has been working as an executive in the field of human resources at Randstad Hellas, as well as an Instructor at New York College Educational Group in Thessaloniki. Dimitris has been collaborated with the biggest companies in Greek market, while he has been participated as a presenter in various conferences in Greece and abroad. His research interests include Coaching, Mentoring, Learning & Development, Leadership and Management of Human Resources.





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**Makis Patsonis** Mr. Patsonis started his career by teaching business at the University of Detroit, Michigan USA. He subsequently worked for major oil companies like Mobil and BP based in the UK with assignments all over Europe. He dealt with SAP application in multinational environments. His field of expertise is audit, internal controls, risk analysis and process reengineering and optimization. In Greece he worked at ELPE as director of audit and accounting. He joined NYC in 2016. He teaches Maritime business, Management Controls, Business Strategy and Small Business Management. He brings in the experience of the real economy as supplement to academic education. He holds a BSc degree from the Athens University of Economics and Business and an MBA degree from the University of Detroit.



**Jenny Pavlakou** Jenny, a PhD in Marketing and Communication, holds a variety of postgraduate degrees and certificates with a focus on Marketing and has multiple skills such as Business Planning, Coaching, Entrepreneurship, Educational Technology, and Team Building. Jenny is an experienced marketing director and holds the position of the brand and marketing manager for New York College. Her long and diverse background is applied into teaching and mentoring our students for the tourism and hospitality industry with a focus on Special Event Management. Jenny brings her vast experience to showcase this large, diverse and creative tourism sector by using theory and a variety of real-life case studies from small events like a wedding to the planning and marketing of huge events such as Olympic Games or large global conferences. She has a true love for academia, learning and teaching, marketing and tourism and uses this love to make students flourish. Jenny constantly stays up-to-date with future trends in all sectors so that students can enjoy the latest news in the field.



**Areti Pifea-Mistrioti** Mrs. Pifea-Mistrioti has been working as an EFL Teacher for more than twenty-five years and has taught students of all ages (young learners, teenagers, and adults). She started her career at language schools in which she worked for about eighteen years preparing the students for the Cambridge and Michigan exams and she continued with working at a private primary school for about ten years. Currently, she is working at New York College, Athens, where she teaches General English, IELTS and Business English to adult students. She has been working at New York College since October 2013 from October to June and during summer seasons she has been working at summer schools in the UK as a Senior EFL Teacher and/or as a Director of Studies. Moreover, she is an oral examiner for ESB (Europalco) and MSU (Deree).



**Constantina Sardini** Mrs. Sardini has completed all of her studies in the USA, obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Master's degree in Business Communication. She is also a Ph.D. Candidate in Organizational Psychology with specialization in Leadership, while she has developed a long experience in the areas of Communication, Corporate Training and Development. She received a full Graduate Scholarship at the age of 23, as a Teaching Assistant in Communication and Public Speaking. She also worked for an Advertising Agency as Account/Client Service Manager in San Francisco, California.



**Vassilis Skianis** Dr. Vassilis Skianis currently serves as the Dean of Academic Affairs of New York College in Athens. Vassilis holds a Bachelor's degree in Banking and Financial Management from the University of Piraeus and a Master's degree in Economics from New York University (NYU). In 2013, he received his Doctorate in Environmental Economics from the London School of Economics. He has served as a Research Associate at the Athens University of Economics and Business, as a research assistant in NYU's Stern School of Business and has participated in the organization of international academic conferences with Athens Institute of Education & Research (ATINER). He has also been involved in various research (EU FP7 and H2020) and consulting projects. Vassilis has teaching experience both at NYU and LSE. At New York College, he teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses in the fields of Business and Finance.



**Penny Vlagos** Penny has been teaching at NYC since 1999 specializing in Human Resource Management and Organizational Behaviour. Through her professional experience as an HR Manager, she is able to pass on to students actual examples from working in both the US and Greece. With a Bachelor degree in International Business and an MBA from Loyola University, she has a wealth of knowledge related to business subjects. Penny also frequently invites professionals from HRM and NYC Alumni to speak in her classes. Students greatly enjoy her lively teaching style, her enthusiasm for course material and approachable manner.



**Manos Vrontis** Manos Vrontis possesses more than 20 years of corporate experience with a deep understanding of strategy formulation and execution related to changing market dynamics. Having a hands-on management style and team player approach has enabled him to lead and drive change through multi-cultural and cross-functional teams. Manos has worked in Greece and abroad, in companies such as Unilever, Sara Lee, BIC, OPAP and Boutari Wineries as General Manager, Commercial Director and Sales Director and was also appointed as an expatriate Sales Director Asia in charge of 12 countries and Managing Director for Singapore and Malaysia. He holds an MBA from Monash University and is currently a PhD candidate under the University of Bolton in which he also teaches the courses of Strategic Management and Marketing. Manos' consulting advice is often sought after and he is also a master trainer in the areas of Business Strategy, Marketing, Sales Management, Negotiation and Change Management. He believes greatly in the intelligence of the young business generation and holds the position of Partner in Massachusetts Institute of Technology Enterprise Forum (MITEF) which enables tech start-ups to transform their ideas into companies. Manos is also a Strategic Associate of iLeads, a Strategic Leadership and Digital Transformation Lab under the University of Piraeus in Greece.



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