

## **Faculty of the MSc Counselling and Positive Psychology programme**

### **University of Greater Manchester**

#### **Head of the Psychology Department**

**Dr. Antonia Svensson Dianellou** holds a PhD in Developmental Psychology and a BSc (Hons) in Psychology from Goldsmiths University of London (Unit for School and Family Studies), an MSc in Health Psychology from the University of Surrey, UK. She also has a postgraduate diploma in Dance Movement Psychotherapy from the University of Hertfordshire, UK. Dr Svensson has been Head of the Department of Psychology and Associate Dean of New York College since 2015. She previously worked as a researcher of intergenerational relationships at the National School of Public Health in Athens and at Anglia University in Cambridge. She has therapeutic experience working with children, families who have experienced domestic abuse and refugee populations, in Greece and the UK. In addition to teaching and conducting research, she oversees the operation of the NYC Student Counseling Service and coordinates internship placements for psychology students at New York College.

#### **Local Tutors**

##### **Ms. Nefeli Koskina**

Nefeli has a BSc in Psychology from the University of Crete, Postgraduate diploma in Practice-based Play Therapy from Canterbury Christchurch University, PGDip. in person centred counselling and MA in Counselling Psychology from the University of Athens. Nefeli works in Private Practice as a Play Therapist working with children and adolescents, and as a Counselling Psychologist with individual adult clients. She is the author of a book on Developmental Psychopathology, with a focus on autism, ADHD, conduct and anxiety disorders in children. Until recently she worked for the Institute of Education and Lifelong Learning (I.NE.ΔI.BI.M.), affiliated to the Ministry of Education as a “Trainer”, leading parent groups in schools, offering guidance and empowering parents. In addition, she has published journal articles and presented at conferences on eating disorders, attachment status and resilience in children. She teaches developmental psychology and counselling classes.

##### **Ms. Chrysavgi Panagiotou (PhD candidate)**

Chrysavgi has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Panteion University. Additionally, she holds a postgraduate diploma in Cognitive Systems from the Open University of Cyprus as well as a postgraduate degree in Clinical Neuropsychology from the International University of Valencia. Chrysavgi has conducted research on time perception and speech analysis in both healthy and clinical populations. She is currently collaborating in research and clinical work with the Neuropsychology and Language Disorders unit of Eginitio hospital. She recently began her PhD in Multisensory Learning at Panteion University. Chrysavgi joined the NYC faculty in 2025. She teaches classes in psychology and research methods.

**Dr. Ntaniella Roumpini Pylarinou**

Ntaniella is a Chartered Forensic Psychologist (British Psychological Society). She completed her BSc in Psychology and her MSc in Investigative Psychology at the University of Huddersfield, UK. Ntaniella completed her PhD in 2021 at the University of Huddersfield and her thesis examined Stalking: Victimization, Perpetration and Stalking Myth Acceptance in Greece and the United Kingdom. She was an invited speaker at the District Safeguarding Officers annual event for the Methodist Church to give a seminar on Stalking and has created training material for them with regards to stalking. Ntaniella has also worked as a researcher on different projects within the University of Huddersfield on topics relating to crime and criminal behaviour. She has published articles related to the field of Investigative Psychology. Her other research interests include different types of online harassment such as cyberbullying and cyberstalking, cross-cultural studies, revenge porn, coercive control, modern slavery, and sex trafficking. Dr Pylarinou joined NYC in 2021 and was previously a part-time Lecturer at the University of Huddersfield, UK. At NYC she teaches a range of different psychology classes, research methods in Psychology and supervises research projects at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

**Ms. Christina Tsaliki (PhD candidate)**

Christina has an undergraduate degree in Philosophy, Education and Psychology, and a postgraduate diploma in Counselling Psychology with a concentration on education, health and work, both from the University of Athens. Christina has conducted research on counselling caregivers of people with degenerative dementias and is a contributing editor of the book 'Supraconscious-The Genius Within You: How to Experience Your Infinite Potential and Master Ultimate Performances Every Single Moment on Stage and in Life' (published in 2020). Christina works with children, adolescents and parents with mental health issues and learning disabilities at the EDRA-Social Cooperative, providing support and counselling. Christina joined the NYC faculty in 2022. She recently began her PhD in Positive Psychology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She teaches classes in key studies in psychology, applied psychology and counselling skills.

**Mr. Dimitris Tsiakos**

Dimitris has a BSc in Psychology from the University of Crete, and numerous other degrees including an MSc in Basic and Applied Cognitive Science and a Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Supervision from the University of Derby. Dimitris is the owner and Clinical Director of the Center for Contemporary Psychotherapy & Psychoanalysis in Palaio Faliro. He is an experienced psychotherapist, trainer and clinical supervisor, practicing individual Cognitive Analytic Therapist and group psychotherapist. He has completed training in group therapy at the Yalom Institute of Psychotherapy in the USA. Dimitris joined the NYC faculty in 2015. He teaches the undergraduate courses

Essentials of Group Psychotherapy and Psychological Testing, and is also involved in the clinical supervision of postgraduate students.