

Faculty of the MSc Psychology (Concentration in Positive Psychology) programme

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Dr Antonia Svensson Dianellou

Antonia holds a PhD in Developmental Psychology and 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 and a PGDip in Dance Movement Therapy from the University of Hertfordshire, UK. Apart from heading the Psychology Department since 2015, and her teaching and management responsibilities at NYC, she is a member of the International Advisory Board of the ISPS, a global organization promoting psychotherapy for psychosis. Antonia has conducted research on intergenerational relationships at the National School of Public Health in Athens (funded by the 5th Framework of the European Commission) and at Anglia University, Cambridge (funded by the European Social Fund). Antonia is a licensed Psychologist under Greek law and an experienced counselor-Dance Movement Therapist specialising in work with children, women and vulnerable populations. She oversees the running of the NYC Student Counseling Service and coordinates placements and internships for psychology students.

Local Tutors

Ms Mary Christopoulou (PhD candidate)

Mary holds a Masters degree in Positive Psychology from Panteion University, Athens, Greece and is currently a PhD candidate of the same department. She also holds a degree in Mass Media and Communication from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, a BSc in Psychology and an MSc in Organizational Psychology from the University of Hertfordshire (UK) and is a graduate member of the British Psychological Society. She is currently involved in research activities in the field of Positive Psychology and has recently published a systematic review on the new concept of "grit". She has worked as a freelance research assistant at EPIPSY, for the purposes of the European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs (ESPAD Greece). Mary teaches the MSc module "Foundations of Positive Psychology", which introduces the main concepts of Positive Psychology to students, familiarizing them with new insights, avenues and cutting-edge research in the field, and also supervises postgraduate research projects.

Dr. Katerina Karageorgou

Katerina holds a PhD in Political Psychology at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. She gained her first Masters (Professional) in Clinical Psychology & Psychopathology from Paris V-Descartes University, a second Masters (Research) in Clinical Sociology & Psychosociology from Paris VII-Diderot University and a Bachelors in Psychology from Panteion University. She is a licensed psychologist both in Greece and France and is also currently conducting post-doctoral research at Panteion University. Previously, Katerina worked amongst others with children in numerous public and private settings in Paris and Athens. Katerina is the module leader for the MSc Dissertation and supervises postgraduate research projects.

Dr Agathi Lakioti

Agathi Lakioti, PhD is a specialist in Positive Psychology. She has a degree in Psychology from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, an MSc in Person-centred counselling, and a doctorate from Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. Her doctoral research focused on psychotherapy as a “resilience enhancing” factor. From 2016-2018 she participated in the HOPEs EU funded programme (Erasmus+) to introduce Positive Psychology and character education in schools. Dr Lakioti has worked for 3 years as a psychologist providing counselling and psychotherapy for the mobile Mental Health Unit (EPAPSY) in the Cyclades, on the islands of Tinos and Andros. She also has many years of experience working as a counsellor for the Employee Assistance Programme of Hellas EAP Ltd. and as a Psychologist offering psychoeducational seminars for parents of children with autism and for social empowerment programmes aimed at increasing the access and participation of women in the labour market. She teaches the MSc Psychology modules Positive Psychology in Practice and Critical Positive Psychology.

Dr Lindy McMullin

Lindy is a transpersonal psychotherapist, researcher, author and lecturer. Lindy designs and delivers training programs in personal development and transformative learning. She teaches Mindfulness techniques through the performing arts, is editor of the European Transpersonal Newsletter and is a core member of the European transpersonal research committee. She is a motivational speaker who has presented at a number of international conferences, making every attempt to integrate ancient wisdom with modern scientific inquiry. Lindy is an experienced qualitative researcher, specialised in Appreciative Inquiry, who teaches the MSc module Qualitative Inquiry and also supervises postgraduate research projects.

Dr. Vasiliki Varela

Vasiliki holds a BSc (Hons) in Psychology at the University of East London, MSc in Social Psychology at the London School of Economics (LSE). In 2007, Vicky completed her Ph.D. at University College London’s Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, researching episodic memory retrieval in young eyewitnesses. She completed her post-doctoral training at the prestigious University of Cambridge (in Developmental Psychology) and has since been working as a university lecturer on the subjects of Developmental, Cognitive, Forensic Psychology and Neuropsychology, as well as Research Methods and Statistics. Her research interests include: cognitive neuroscience, decision-making, models, systems and pathologies of memory, attentional processes, language acquisition and disorders, applications of psychology in forensic settings and music perception. Vasiliki teaches the MSc modules Principles and Concepts of research and Quantitative Inquiry 1. She also supervises postgraduate research projects.