

Department of International Relations

Associate Dean: **Leonidas Gontzes**

Leonidas Gontzes is a historian, a political scientist and a political analyst. Leo has a Bachelor's degree in History from Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia, USA), and two graduate degrees (MAs) in European History from University College Cork (Cork, Republic of Ireland) and Diplomacy, with an international conflict management concentration, from Norwich University (Northfield, Vermont, USA). Leo has been a Visiting Fellow at the Hellenic Center for European Studies (EKEM) that serves as the Hellenic (Greek) Foreign Ministry's think-tank. In addition, he has 15 years of teaching experience in History, Government and Politics, and International Relations at several international institutions in the Greek capital. He is currently in his thirteenth year of teaching American, Art, Hellenic, Islamic, and World history, Government and Politics, and International Relations at New York College, in his seventh year of teaching American, Balkan, Cypriot, Russian, and World history as well as International Relations for Empire State College (State University of New York), and in his seventh year as head of NYC's International Relations Dept. Furthermore, his responsibilities include the office of Academic Director of Graduate Studies for Ecole Supérieure de Gestion, Paris School of Business IMBA and Executive MBA programs, hosted by the New York College Educational Group in Athens, Greece. Leo has appeared several times on Greek and Arab (Al-Jazeera International) television, as well as Radio France International, as a political analyst vis-à-vis American and Greek political developments. His papers include: "Re-Examining the 1925 Bulgarian Incident," "To what extent has the United States used the international economic system in order to exert power in global politics?," "Evaluating peacekeeping, peacemaking, and peace enforcement in Kosovo," "Security and Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Kosovo," "Organizing and conducting a future military intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina."

Mr. Paschalis Aganidis (M.A, PhD Candidate): Paschalis is an economist and a political scientist. His professional expertise is in the area of public policy, strategic management and policy change. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Crete and an MA in European and International Studies from the University of Athens. His research interests center around European and international political economy. He is currently pursuing his PhD studies at the University of Athens where he focuses on the role of policy ideas in structural welfare state reforms. Paschalis began teaching economics, international political economy, and European institutions at New York College in 2009. His professional career includes work as a business consultant in the private sector as well as extensive experience as public policy advisor at various governmental institutions. As an active member of his professional community he participates in conferences and enjoys writing articles. The topics that are dear to his heart include issues of intergenerational justice and youth policies. He is committed to engaging students in an active and collaborative learning

process. He firmly believes that in an open -world of unlimited learning opportunities, we must encourage, guide and support young people to strive for academic excellence and high personal and professional ethos.

Dr. Iakovos Arapoglou: Dr. Iakovos Arapoglou received his BA degree in sociology from the City College of the City University of New York (CUNY) in 1980. Given his abiding interest in political phenomena, however, the “loose” treatment accorded those by sociology, he switched to the study of International Relations and received his MA degree in this area in 1982. It was during his studies in interdisciplinary International Relations that he was exposed to economics and was struck by its superior analytic achievement. Consequently, he received his MPhil in economics in 1987 and PhD in 1989, both from the City University of New York Graduate School. His specialization was in macroeconomic theory. Presently though, it seems to him that long-term growth (as opposed to the business cycle) is the “deep” phenomenon to be explained. Nevertheless, exposing the paradigmatic approach of economics constitutes his principal professional objective as shown by his teaching record in which courses with explicit choice-theoretic foundations tend to prevail (microeconomics, financial economics). Dr. Arapoglou has received four times the prestigious “Best Teacher” award during his career at New York College.

Dr. Theodoros Fouskas: Theodoros Fouskas is a Doctor of Sociology. He specializes in immigration, immigrant labour and immigrant community organizations. He is at present Lecturer in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the New York College (NYC) (Greece). He has been a visiting Lecturer at the School of Further Education and Training of the Hellenic Police and at the Institute of Training of the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government. Moreover, he has lectured (2008-2012) in co-operation with the University of Patras, the Department of Social and Educational Policy at the University of Peloponnese and the Sociology Department of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. In addition, he has been actively involved in the national immigration policy as a Special Scientific Advisor of the Hellenic Ministry of Interior, also co-operating with the General Secretariat of Population and Social Cohesion. He studied Sociology (2004) at the Department of Sociology in Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences where he completed his doctoral thesis (2010). He has been presenting papers at international and Greek conferences on the effects of low-status work on the organization and representation of immigrants, using micro-sociological methods since 2007. Moreover, he has organized many conferences and workshops and was a board member of the Scientific and Organizing Committee of the annual conferences of the Hellenic National Contact Point of the European Migration Network (2012 and 2013). He is the author of the monographs: Immigrant “Communities” and Work Representation: The Consequences of Low-Status Work of Five Immigrant Groups on the Participation in Their Work Associations (Papazisi Publishers, 2012, in Greek) and Nigerian Immigrants in Greece: Low-Status Work, Community, and Decollectivization (Nova Science Publishers, 2014). He is co-editor of the collective volume Contemporary Immigration in Greece: A Sourcebook (European Public Law Organization,

2014). Recent articles of his are: "Low-Status Work and Decollectivization: The Case of Bangladeshis in Athens" [2012, *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, 10(1):54-73], "Low-Status Work Consequences on Immigrant Workers' Organization: The Cases of Five Immigrant Groups in Athens" [2013, *International Review of Sociology*, 23(1):671-698], et al. Since 2005, he has participated as project director and researcher in various social surveys for immigrants and other vulnerable groups. His recent research projects are The Operation Support of Immigrant Integration Councils and the examination of the impact of low-status work on the collective organization of Nigerian immigrants in Greece.

Kelley Galloway has been teaching social science courses at New York College since 1994. She holds a Bachelor degree in Social Science from Richmond: the American International University in London, a Masters degree in Sociology and a PhD (ABD) from the London School of Economics. Her areas of interest and specialization are diverse: from youth culture and music to developmental studies. The courses she currently teaches in the International Relations program are Other Civilizations: Islam, Introduction to Sociology and Conflict & Negotiation. She is also Programme Leader for the University of Greenwich Business Bachelor and Masters majors. Originally from Texas, Kelley lived in London for thirteen years and in Athens for the past twenty years.