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DATE OF BIRTH: February 16, 1980 **GENDER:** F **CITIZENSHIP:** Greece

CURRENT POSITION

Sept. 2010- Assistant Professor
United Arab Emirates University, College of Business and
Economics, Department of Economics and Finance

EDUCATION

2010 Ph.D., Economics, University of Connecticut
Major adviser: Prof. Christian Zimmermann
Thesis Title: "Three papers on the Economics of Obesity"

2007 M.A. in Economics, University of Connecticut
2004 B.A. in Human Resources Management, University of Athens,
Greece

2001-2002 Erasmus Student, Department of Economics and Finance,
Durham University, UK

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2014 Spring UAEU Department of Economics and Finance, Best Performance
Award for Excellence in Scholarship

2009 January Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

2005-2009 Graduate fellowship, teaching assistantship, and tuition
remission for Ph.D. degree in Economics, University of
Connecticut

2005 Summer Scholarship for attending the International Institute for Political
and Economic Studies, organized by Georgetown University, the
Greek Association for Atlantic and European Cooperation, and
The Fund for American Studies

2005 Spring Research assistantship and tuition remission for M.A. degree in
Economics, University of Connecticut

2004-2005 Fulbright scholarship, M.A. in Economics, University of
Connecticut

2001-2002 State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), Erasmus program, Durham
University, UK

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:
United Arab Emirates University

Undergraduate Courses
Principles of Microeconomics Fall 2010, Spring 2011

Principles of Microeconomics - iPad	Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015
International Economics	Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012
Principles of Macroeconomics	Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2014
Econometrics	Spring 2014, Fall 2014
Project Economics	Spring 2014, Fall 2014

Graduate Courses

Master of Engineering Management

Managerial Economics	Fall 2011
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Master of Business Administration

Managerial Economics	Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015
Managerial Economics – Bridging Course	Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

Master of Public Health

Health Care Evaluation and Needs Assessment (co-teach with Dr. Iain Blair)	Spring 2012
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University of Connecticut

Instructor

Intermediate Macroeconomics	Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Summer 2009
Government and Industry	Spring 2009
Principles of Macroeconomics	Fall 2007 (Honors Section), Summer 2008

Teaching Assistant

Principles of Macroeconomics	Fall 2006, Spring 2007
Principles of Microeconomics	Spring 2006
Essentials of Economics	Fall 2005

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Oct 2009 - Aug 2010	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Economics (Athens, Greece): Researcher
June 2007 - Jan 2008	Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (CT, USA): Research Assistant Projects completed: The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of CT Estate Tax (2008) The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Connecticut's Film Tax Credit (2007)
2005-2009	Connecticut Centre for Economic Analysis (CT, USA): Research Assistant Projects completed: Stamford Housing Authority, HOPE VI (2005) Connecticut's Spending Cap: It's history and An Alternative Spending Growth Rule (2005) Neighborhood Baseline Report: Bridgeport, CT (2007)

2002-2004 Centre for European Constitutional Law (Athens, Greece):
Research and Administrative Assistant. Projects:
Institutional Support to the Countries of South-Eastern Europe
(2002-2003)
Youth, Violence, Racism and the Media: A pilot study for an
institutional and extra-penal prevention model (2002)
Constitutional Evolutions in Greece and Turkey (2002)

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS:

1. Shaw, P., Katsaiti, M.S., & Poconaro, B., "On the Determinants of Educational Corruption: The case of Ukraine", **Contemporary Economic Policy** forthcoming
2. El Anshasy, A., & Katsaiti, M.S., (2015) "Are Resources Bad for your Health", **Health & Place**, 32, 29-42
3. Katsaiti, M.S. & El Anshasy, A., (2014) "On the Determinants of Obesity: Evidence from the UAE", **Applied Economics**, 46:30, 3649-3658
4. El Anshasy, A., & Katsaiti, M.S., (2014) "Energy Efficiency or the Energy Mix: What works for the Environment", **Journal of Environmental Management**, Vol. 126, 85-93
5. Katsaiti, M.S. & El Anshasy, A., (2013) "What Determines Obesity in Oil-Rich UAE? New Evidence from Survey Data", **Applied Economics Letters**, 20:17, 1574-1579
6. El Anshasy, A., & Katsaiti, M.S., (2013) "Fiscal Policy, Governance, and the Growth Performance in Oil-Exporting Countries: Do Institutional Qualities Matter?", **Journal of Macroeconomics**, Vol. 37, 285-298
7. Yamamura, E., Rodriguez Andrez A. & Katsaiti, M.S., (2012) "Does Corruption Affect Suicide? Empirical evidence from OECD countries for the period 1995-2004", **Atlantic Economic Journal**, 40:2, 133-145, Springer Verlag
8. Katsaiti, M.S., (2012) "Obesity and Happiness", **Applied Economics**, 44:31, 4101-4114
9. Mavridis, N., Katsaiti, M.S., Naef, S., Falasi, A., Nuaimi, A., Araifi, H., and Kitbi, A., (2012) "Opinions and attitudes toward humanoid robots in the Middle East", **AI & Society**, Springer Verlag, 27:4, 517-534
10. Valsamis, D., Katsaiti, M.S., & Petrakis, P., (2011) "Discrepancies in Financial Performance between Domestic and Foreign Owned Enterprises: The case of Greece", **International Journal of Economics and Finance**, 3:5, 76-85
11. Shaw, P., Katsaiti, M.S., & Jurgilas, M., (2011) "Corruption and Growth Under Weak Identification", **Economic Inquiry**, 49:1, 264-275

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS IN PROCEEDINGS:

“Natural Resources, Fiscal Performance, and Economic Growth: Does good governance matter”, with Amany A. El Anshasy. Proceedings of the 2nd international conference Academy of International Business-MENA Chapter, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, January 13-15, 2012 : ISSN 2220-4539. (Nominated for Best Paper)

“A Macroeconomic Model of Weight Preferences and Obesity Rates”. Proceedings of the 1st PhD Conference in Economics 2008, in Memory of Vassilis Patsatzis, Tipothito-Giorgos Dardanos Edt, Athens, 2009.

IN BOOKS:

Katsaiti, M.S., Petrakis, P., and Serarols, C. (2011). **Silver Fashion: Greece**. In S. Kraus (Ed.) *Entrepreneurship – Fallstudien* (pp. 135-144). Wien New York: Springer (in German)

Petrakis, P. (2010) **“Greek Economy: Challenges (Up to 2010)”**, (in Greek) with Ch. Basdekis, K. Stratis and P. Kostis, Papazisis Edt., Athens 2010

Katsaiti, M.S. (2010) **“Greece”**. In J. Ciment (Ed.) *Booms and Busts: An Encyclopedia of Economic History from Tulipmania of the 1630s to the Global Financial Crisis of the 21st Century*, M.E. Sharpe Pub., 2010.

SUBMITTED PAPERS

Katsaiti, M.S., & Shamsuddin, M., **“Weight Discrimination in the German Labor Market”**, submitted to Journal of Labor Economics

Papadimitropoulos, M., Elbarazi, I., Blair, I., Katsaiti, S., Shah, K.K., Devlin, N., **“An Investigation of the feasibility of cultural appropriateness of stated preference methods to generate EQ-5D-5L values in the United Arab Emirates”**, submitted to the Value in Health Regional Issues

WORKING PAPERS

Dioikitopoulos, E., Katsaiti, M.S., Shaw, P., **“Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Public Policy”**

COMPLETED STUDIES

“Connecticut’s Spending Cap: It’s History and An Alternative Spending Growth Rule” (2005) Connecticut Centre for Economic Analysis, Working Paper, University of Connecticut (co-authors: Stanley McMillen, Mark Sheridan, Bryant Goulding, Patrick Flaherty, Sharan Sharma, Bingbo Hu)

“The HOPE VI Neighborhood Evaluation: Stamford, Connecticut” (2005) Connecticut Centre for Economic Analysis, Working Paper, University of Connecticut (co-authors: Stan McMillen, Patrick Flaherty, Nicholas Jolly, Priscillia Hunt, Maroula Kraiche, James Boudreau, Philip Shaw)

“Neighborhood Baseline Report: Bridgeport, Connecticut” (2007) Connecticut Centre for Economic Analysis, Working Paper, University of Connecticut (co-authors:

Philip Shaw, Colin Brennan, Robert Slattery, John Doyle, Jesse Kalinowski and Adnan Nur)

“The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Connecticut’s Estate Tax” (2008) Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (co-authors: Stan McMillen, Troy Helming, Nandika Weerasignhe)

“The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Connecticut’s Film Tax Credit” (2008) Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (co-authors: Stan McMillen, Kathryn Parr, Troy Helming)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. “A Macroeconomic Model of Food Consumption, Weight Preferences, and Obesity Rates”, 1st International Symposium on Economic Theory, Policy and Application, Athens Institute for Education and Research, August 18-19, 2006, Athens, Greece
2. “Corruption and Growth Under Weak Identification”, 11th Annual Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association and the 2006 Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society, November 2-4, 2006, Mexico City, Mexico.
3. “Estimation of a State Consumer Price Index”, 47th Southern Regional Science Annual Meeting, March 27-30, 2008 VA-Washington, DC.
4. “A Model of Choice: Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Obesity Rates”, 1st Ph.D. Conference in Economics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, May 16, 2008, Athens, Greece.
5. “Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Obesity Rates”, Workshop: “What is behavioral in behavioral economics?”, University of Trento, Department of Economics, Computable and Experimental Economics Laboratory, Poster Session, 5-6 June, 2008, Trento, Italy.
6. “The Macroeconomic Implications of the Health Care Cost of Obesity: Who is Picking Up the Tab”, 5th International conference “Developments in Economic Theory and Policy”, Department of Applied Economics V, University of the Basque Country and the Cambridge Centre for Economic and Public Policy, University of Cambridge, July 10-11, 2008, Bilbao, Spain.
7. “Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Obesity Rates”, 3rd International Symposium on Economic Theory, Policy and Application, Athens Institute for Education and Research, August 4-7, 2008, Athens, Greece.
8. “A Model of Choice: Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Obesity Rates”, IAREP/SABE 2008, International Association for Research in Economic Psychology and the Society for Advancement of Behavioral Economics, World Meeting, September 3rd-6th, 2008, Rome, Italy.
9. “Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Obesity Rates”, 35th Annual Conference, Northeast Business & Economics Association, November 6th -8th, 2008, Melville, NY, USA.
10. “A Model of Choice: Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Obesity Rates”, Eastern Economics Association Annual Conference, February 27th- March 1st 2009, New York City, USA.
11. “The Macroeconomic Implications of the Health Care Cost of Obesity: Who is Picking Up the Tab”, The Ioannina Meeting on Applied Economics and Finance, June 11th-12th 2009, Ioannina, Greece.

12. "A Model of Choice: Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Obesity Rates", New Directions in Welfare. A conference for economists and policy makers, June 29th-July 1st 2009, Oxford, UK.
13. "The Macroeconomic Implications of the Health Care Cost of Obesity: Who is Picking Up the Tab", Macroeconomics: Theory and Applications, July 1st 2009, London, UK.
14. "Evaluating Health Care Costs Generated by Risky Consumption Goods" 25th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, 23rd-26th August 2010, Glasgow, UK.
15. "Discrepancies in Financial Performance between Domestic and Foreign Owned Enterprises: The case of Greece". The Research Symposium in Business & Economics, 17th February 2011, Abu Dhabi University, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
16. "Fiscal Policy, Governance, and the Growth Performance in Resource Abundant Economies" 71st International Atlantic Economic Conference, 16th-19th March 2011, Athens, Greece. (Paper Presenter and Discussant)
17. "Fiscal Performance and Growth: Do Institutions matter?", Annual International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance, 26th-28th May, 2011, Rethymno, Greece. (Paper Presenter and Discussant)
18. "Natural Resources, Health, and Economic Growth", 2nd Academy of International Business MENA Conference, 13-15th January 2012, Dubai, UAE.
19. "Fiscal Policy, Governance, and the Growth Performance in Oil-Exporting Countries: Do Institutional Qualities Matter?" The 87th Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association, June 29th-July 3rd 2012, San Francisco, USA. (Paper Presenter and Discussant)
20. "A Growth Model of Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Public Policy", Annual International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance, 29th-31st May, 2013, Rethymno, Greece. (Paper Presenter and Discussant)
21. "On the Determinants of Obesity in the UAE", 12th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy, 24th -27th June 2013, Athens, Greece.
22. "Food Consumption, Weight Preferences and Public Policy", 12th Conference in Research of Economic Theory and Econometrics, 14th-18th July 2013, Naxos, Greece.
23. "Determinants of Obesity in the UAE", 1st World Congress on Geriatrics and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research, 11th-14th April 2014, Corfu, Greece.
24. "Are Natural Resources Bad for Health?", The Ioannina Meeting on Applied Economics and Finance, June 12th-13th 2014, Corfu, Greece.
25. "Not all Corruption is Created Equally", 13th Conference in Research of Economic Theory and Econometrics, 13th-17th July 2014, Milos, Greece.
26. "Healthcare Finances" (Invited - Plenary Session), SKMC Multispeciality Conference, October 28th- November 1st 2014, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
27. "Are Resources Bad for Health?" (Invited), 10th Panhellenic Congress on Management, Economics and Health Policy", December 18th-20th 2014, Athens, Greece

JOURNAL REFEREE

Applied Economics (2009)
 Journal of International Trade and Economic Development (2009)
 Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences (2010)
 African Journal of Agricultural Research (2010)
 Public Health (2012)
 The Energy Journal (2012)
 Empirical Economics (2013)
 Journal of Macroeconomics (2013)

Business and Economics Letters (2013)
Health Economics (2014, 2015)

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Regional Science Inquiry
Journal of Regional & Socio-Economic Issues
Cyprus Journal

INVITED SEMINARS

- ALBA Business School, November 25th, 2008.
- Toulouse School of Economics INRA-IDEI, December 1st, 2008.
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Economics, January 20th, 2009.
- University of New Haven, Department of Economics, September 25th, 2009.
- University of Macedonia, Department of Economics, November 16th, 2009.
- Athens University of Business and Economics, Department of International and European Economic Studies, January 23rd, 20 11.
- University of Ioannina, Department of Economics, February 9th, 2011.
- Athens University of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration, March 14th, 2011.
- Athens University of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration, December 21st, 2011.
- University of Piraeus, Department of Economics, December 17th, 2013.

PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC SEMINARS

- Eighth Summer School in International and Development Economics: Outsourcing and Migration, August 30th – September 2nd 2009, Gargnano, Italy. Organized by: Centro Studi Luca d' Agliano, Centre for Economic Policy Research, Doctorate in Economics of the University of Milan, Doctorate in Economics of the University of Turin.
- University of the Aegean Summer Schools: Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Local Development, 14th – 27th July 2014, Naxos, Greece. Organized by: The University of the Aegean, Department of Geography. Topic Lectured: Sectorial and Aggregate Corruption: Causes and Effects.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 5th UAEU-Faculty of Business and Economics Summer Research Grant 2012. Proposal Title: Determinants of Obesity in the UAE (PI)
- [“An Investigation of Health State Values in the United Arab Emirates”](#), with Professor Nancy Devlin and Koonal Shah (Office of Health Economics, London, UK), Dr. Iain Blair and Iffat Elbarazi (UAEU) and Dr. Manny Papadimitropoulos (Eli Lilly & Company and University of Toronto). It is funded by Eli Lilly & Company (Global Patient Outcomes & Real World Evidence) and the EuroQol Group. (co-PI)
- The UAEU Research Startup Grant Competition 2013 – Proposal title: Investigation of Obesity and other Contemporary Health Problems facing the UAE and the world today (PI), with Prof. Dennis Heffley and Dr. Amany El Anshasy.

TEACHING GRANTS

- European Entrepreneurship Case Study Resource Center, Sponsored by the European Commission for Industry & Enterprise under Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme 2007-2013. Project Code: ENT/CIP/09/N02S001 2011. Case Study Title: [Silver Fashion \(Greece\)](#). (PI) co-authored with Christian Cerarols. Available online at: <http://www.eecsrc.eu/search/>
- 1st UAEU-Faculty of Business and Economics iCase Competition 2013 – Proposal Title: Feeling and Feeding the Crisis (PI)
- The UAEU Course Transformation Process – Summer 2014 – Proposal Title: Course Transformation Proposal for Principles of Microeconomics (ECON105)

LANGUAGES

Greek, English, French, some Italian

COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Microsoft Office, Stata, E-Views, Matlab, Minitab, LaTeX, iBooks Author

SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, European Economic Association, Western Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Atlantic Economic Association