#### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

#### DR. KONSTANTINA RENTZOU



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#### **EDUCATION**

May 2011 **PhD in early childhood education and care**. University of Ioannina, Ioannina, Greece (Grade: Excellent).

Thesis title: Evaluating the quality of care and education provided by preschool centers. An approach by researcher's, educators' and parents' perspectives.

July 2004 **Master of Arts in education - early childhood education.** Brunel University, West London, UK (Grade: B).

<u>Dissertation Title</u>: Working with parents in UK and Greek preschool settings: A case study.

December 2002

**Bachelor in early childhood education and care.** Technological Educational Institute of Epirus, Ioannina, Greece (Grade 8.56/10).



#### TEACHING IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTES

2015-2018

*Scientific Collaborator*, European University of Cyprus, Department of Education Science.

#### Postgraduate Modules Instructed:

- Play: Educational Dimensions for Young Children (EDE655) (online) (2017-2018)
- Action research in early childhood education (EDE602) (2017)
- Differentiation Practices in Early Childhood Education (EDE651) (online) (2017)
- Learning & creativity: Forms of art & expression for young children (EDE653) (online) (2015-2017)
- Current Approaches in early childhood education (EDE652) (online) (2015-2017)

2015 - 2018

*Scientific Collaborator*, European University of Cyprus, Department of Education Science.

**Undergraduate Modules Instructed:** 

- Social Sciences in Kindergarten (EDG270) (2015-2018)
- School Practice III (EDG405) (2015)

Spring semester

*Scientific Collaborator*, European University of Cyprus, Department of Education Science.

2016

<u>Blended Undergraduate Module Instructed</u>: Social Sciences in Kindergarten (EDG270).

2012-2013

**Scientific Collaborator**, Department of early childhood education and care, Technological Educational Institute of Epirus (TEI), Ioannina, Greece

**Undergraduate Modules Instructed:** 

- Early childhood education and care I (Theory)
- Early childhood education and care II (Theory)
- Early childhood education and care III (Theory)
- Early childhood education and care IV (Theory)
- Early childhood education and care (Practice): Supervision of pre-service child care workers' practice in day care centers

2010-2011

*Special Scientist*, Department of early childhood education and care, Technological Educational Institute of Epirus (TEI), Ioannina, Greece

**Undergraduate Modules Instructed:** 

- Early childhood education and care II (Theory)
- Early childhood education and care IV (Theory)
- Early childhood education and care (Practice): Supervision of pre-service child care workers' practice in day care centers

2005 - 2008

*Special Scientist*, Department of early childhood education and care, Technological Educational Institute of Epirus (TEI), Ioannina, Greece

**Undergraduate Modules Instructed:** 

- Early childhood education and care II (Theory)
- Early childhood education and care VI (Theory)
- Early childhood education and care V (Theory)
- Organization of the preschool environment (Theory)
- Early childhood education and care (Practice): Supervision of pre-service child care workers' practice in day care centers
- Contemporary trends in early childhood education (Practice).



2018

Instructor. Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus

Duties: Provision of in-service training

2009-2011

*Instructor*. OEEK IEK (post secondary education institute) Arta, Greece Courses Instructed:

- Practice in day care centers (Duties: it involves supervision of pre-service childcare workers' practice in day care centers)
- Pegagogy Preschool pedagogy

2009

*Instructor*. OEEK IEK (post secondary education institute) Igoumenitsa, Greece

Course Instructed: Organization of the day care setting



#### **INVITED GUEST LECTURES**

"Adults role in children's play". 3/4/2015

> Course EDE601: Play: Educational dimensions for young children (Post-graduate Course). Dept. of Educational Sciences, European University of Cyprus. Instructor: Dr. Chrystalla Papademetri-Kachrimani.

30/3/2015 "Familial involvement in higher education. Students' perspective".

> Course KPE300: Higher Education, Politics and Society, Dept. of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus. Instructor: Dr.

Sofia Stavrou.

20/3/2015 "The physical environment of the preschool setting: Quality

indicator and third educator".

Course EDE601: Play: Educational dimensions for young children (Post-graduate Course). Dept. of Educational Sciences, European University of Cyprus. Instructor: Dr. Chrystalla Papademetri-

Kachrimani.

26/2/2015 "Coding and analyzing interviews with Atlas.ti".

> Course KPE 157: Political Analysis and Methodology. Dept. of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus. Instructor: Dr.

Iasonas Lamprianou

"Familial involvement in higher education: Designing a research 26/2/2015 project".

> Course 147: Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences. Dept. of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus. Instructor: Dr. Iasonas Lamprianou

24/9/2014 "Coding and analyzing interviews with Atlas.ti".

> Course KPE 157: Political Analysis and Methodology. Dept. of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus. Instructor: Dr. Iasonas Lamprianou



2020 Rentzou, K. (2020). Moderator. Father Engagement Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges, promising approaches and opportunities. Organized by: ISSA and BvLF <a href="https://www.issa.nl/content/webinar-Father-Engagement-Amidst-Covid-Pandemic">https://www.issa.nl/content/webinar-Father-Engagement-Amidst-Covid-Pandemic</a>

2020 Rentzou, K. (2020). Moderator. The Role of Parenting Support Programs in Promoting and Sustaining Playful Parenting. Organized by: ISSA, UNICEF, LEGO Foundation. <a href="https://www.issa.nl/content/role-parenting-support-programs-promoting-and-sustaining-playful-parenting">https://www.issa.nl/content/role-parenting-support-programs-promoting-and-sustaining-playful-parenting</a>

2020 Rentzou, K. (2020). Moderator. Delivery platforms for parenting programs, intersectorial work and synergies with other services.

2020 https://www.facebook.com/TheHumanSafetyNet/photos/a.1598753500168519/3114547268589127/?type=1&theater Rentzou, K. (2020). Moderator. Theory of Change and program design for parenting programs. Responding to the needs of the target group.

https://www.facebook.com/1472888229421714/posts/3051640518213136



### PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS – IN-SERVICE

#### TRAINING

2018 Parental engagement and parent-teacher cooperation: Strategies for

developing and achieving effective parental engagement within and

outside the school program.

2 hours educational seminar in a school base. Organized by Cyprus Pedagogical Institute.

Larnaca, Livadia High School, 14 March 2018

2018 Preschool programs' physical environment: Third educator and quality

indicator. Design and organization.

1.5 hours educational seminar in a school base. Organized by Cyprus Pedagogical Institute.

Nicosia, Psimolofou Kindergarten, 15 January 2018

2017 Adults' role in children's play

3 hours educational seminar. Organized by OMEP Cyprus. Nicosia:

October 2017

2016 Preschool programs' physical environment: Third educator and quality

indicator. Design and organization

3 hours educational seminar. Organized by OMEP Cyprus. Nicosia: 25

November 2016



#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014 - 2016

**Researcher**. Research project Curriculum quality analysis and impact review of European early childhood education and care» - CARE. Funded by European Union FP7-SSH-2013-2. Theme: SSH.2013.3.2-2 «Early childhood education and care: promoting quality for individual,

social and economic benefits" (Grant agreement: 613318).

2013 - 2015Research Assistant. Research project Family involvement in higher education. Principal Investigator: Dr. Iasonas Lamprianou,

University of Cyprus, Dept. of Social and Political Sciences.

Researcher. Research project Research for the role of religion in January 2014 - June 2014 majority groups and minority groups in Cypriot community. Principal

> Investigator: Dr. Yiannis Papadakis, University of Cyprus, Proposal co-funded by the European Fund for Integration of Third Country

Citizens, YE/YA/ETE/01.2013. Action: C3 [No. 6].

**Researcher.** Research project Evaluating the quality of early childhood 06/02/2008 education and care services. Research Committee of Ioannina 31/12/2008 University (Board Meeting 1/03-06-2008) (code 80058). Principal and

Investigator: Dr. Maria Sakellariou.



01/01/2010 -05/02/2010

#### MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTANCY

January 2019 Senior Program Manager. International Step by Step Association - June 2021

2017-2021 Country expert. Writing of the country notes for Greece and Cyprus

for European Platform for Investing in Children. Rand Europe

Expert and Rapporteur. Evaluation of the proposals submitted in Spring 2016 H2020-SC6-REVINEQUAL-2016. the European

Commission: Research Executive Agency REA/C/04



2011

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2016-2017	Leadership in the Editorial Review Committee of the Journal of			
	Research in Childhood Education (JRCE)			
2015 (in	Team Leader of the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)			
progress)	in Europe Special Interest Forum (SIF) <a href="http://acei.org/about-">http://acei.org/about-</a>			
	<u>us/special-interest-forums</u>			
2015-2016	Co-chair in the Association for Childhood Education International			
	(ACEI) Research Committee.			
2013-2015	Responsible for all administrative tasks involved in the research			
	program "Family involvement in higher education". Principal			
	Investigator: Dr. Iasonas Lamprianou, University of Cyprus, Dept.			
	of Social and Political Sciences			
2012-2013	Preparation of the payroll for the special scientists / scientific			
	collaborators employed in the department of early childhood			
	education and care, TEI of Epirus, Ioannina, Greece.			

preschool education, University of Ioannina, Greece.

Auxiliary staff. Provision of auxiliary tasks, Department of

31/03/2011)



#### **MENTORSHIP**

2013

Mentored Dr. Adefunke Ekine, Lecturer, Tai Solarin Univ of Education, Ijagun

#### PUBLICATIONS



Rentzou, K. (2017). Parental engagement in early childhood education and

care. A practical guide for parents and teachers. Nicosia: Parga (In Greek)

ISBN: 978-9963-714-69-8

2014 Rentzou, K. & Sakellariou, M. (2014). Space as a pedagogical field in preschool learning environments. Design & organization. Athens: Pedio

(In Greek). ISBN: 978-960-546-087-7



#### EDITED BOOKS

2019

Rentzou, K. & Slutsky, R. (Eds.). (2019). Early childhood education and care quality in Europe and the USA: Issues of conceptualization, measurement and policy. Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-367-24565-8 (https://www.routledge.com/Early-Childhood-Education-and-Care-Quality-in-Europe-and-the-USA-Issues/Rentzou-Slutsky/p/book/9780367245658).



#### **CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES**

2020

Rentzou, K. (under review). The case of a self-developed community of learners outdoors: Benefits and challenges for stay-at-home-moms and their toddlers. In Z. Kinkead-Clark & K.A. Escayg (Eds.). Reconceptualising quality early childhood education, care and development. Perspectives from the "others". Palgrave Macmillan.

2019

Rentzou, K. (2019). The vicious circle of ECEC dichotomy: How dichotomy in and focus of initial professional preparation programs preserve the segregation between care and education. In I. Jones and M. Lin (Eds.). *Critical issues in early childhood teacher education: Volume 2 - International perspectives.* Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing. ISBN:

978-1-64113-740-9

https://www.infoagepub.com/products/Critical-Issues-in-Early-Childhood-

#### Teacher-Education-vol-2

- Rentzou, K. (2019). The long way towards abandoning ECEC dichotomy in Greece. In Rentzou, K. & Slutsky, R. (Eds.). (2019). Early childhood education and care quality in Europe and the USA: Issues of conceptualization, measurement and policy (p.p. 34-51). Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-367-24565-8
- Rentzou, K. (2019). Family support and early childhood education and care in Cyprus: Existing policies and challenges. In Rentzou, K. & Slutsky, R. (Eds.). (2019). Early childhood education and care quality in Europe and the USA: Issues of conceptualization, measurement and policy (σ.σ. 81-93). Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-367-24565-8
- Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2013). Pre-Service kindergarten teachers' beliefs for developmentally appropriate practices in the context of their practicum. In Androusou, A. & Avgitidou, S. (Eds). *Teaching Practice during Initial Teacher Education: Research perspective* (pp. 289-319). Athens: Teaching Practice Network of Early Childhood Education Departments and Faculty of Early Childhood Education, National Kapodistrian University of Athens (In Greek).



#### PAPERS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Slutsky, R., Kragh-Müller, G., Rentzou, K., Tull, M., Gol Guven, M., Foerch, D. & Paz-Albo, J. (2019). A cross-cultural study on technology use in preschool classrooms: Early childhood teacher's preferences, time-use, impact and association with children's play. *Early Child Development and Care*, DOI: 10.1080/03004430.2019.1645135 (https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/03004430.2019.1645135?needAccess=true)
- Rentzou, K. (2019). Twenty-first-century skills and learning capacities and the physical environment of Cypriot preschool settings. *Early Child Development and Care*, DOI: 10.1080/03004430.2019.1614569 (https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03004430.2019.1614569)
- Rentzou, K. (2019). Greek early childhood educators' conceptualization of education, care and educare concepts. *Early Years an international research journal*, 39(2), 148-162 DOI: 10.1080/09575146.2017.1361386. eprint: https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/kXJnpzM7zRPGzcd3RtSS/full?target=10.1080/09575146.2017.1361386 (http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/kXJnpzM7zRPGzcd3RtSS/full).
- Rentzou, K., Gol-Guven, M., Koumarianou, A. & Zengin, N.C. (2019). Exploring paternal involvement from Greek, Greek-Cypriot and Turkish fathers' and mothers' perspectives: Cross-national differences and similarities. *Global Education Review*, 6(1), 5-25.
- Rentzou, K. & Slutsky, R. (2019). Fathers' role, involvement and cultural expectations. *Global Education Review*, 6(1), 1-4.

- 2018 Rentzou, K., Slutsky, R., Tuul, M., Gol Guven, M., Kragh-Müller, G., Foerch, D.F., Paz-Albo, J. (2018). Preschool teachers' conceptualizations and uses of play across eight countries. *Early Childhood Education Journal*. 47(1), 1-14. DOI:10.1007/s10643-018-0910-1.
- Rentzou, K. & Daglas, G. (2018). Are we ready for integrated ECEC Systems? Greek in-service early childhood educators level of preparation for implementing educare systems. *Global Education Review*, 5(2), 69-84.
- Rentzou, K. & Slutsky, R. (2018) Contemplating and probing issues of conceptualization, measurement and policy of ECEC quality in Europe and in the USA. *Early Child Development and Care*, *188*(5), 491-494 DOI: 10.1080/03004430.2018.1444365

  http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/qJbpGFesNI42HXa9XCgS/full
- Rentzou, K. (2018). Family support and early childhood education and care in Cyprus: Existing policies and challenges. *Early Child Development and Care*, 188(5), 571-583 DOI: 10.1080/03004430.2018.1433172. <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03004430.2018.1433172">http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03004430.2018.1433172</a> (http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/Ee4NMaQjpTFTr9JRsRpr/full).
- Rentzou, K. (2018). The long way towards abandoning ECEC dichotomy in Greece. *Early Child Development and Care*, 188(5), 524-541. <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03004430.2017.1345898">http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03004430.2017.1345898</a> (http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/Cg6jtcUKvV55MDZVryP7/full).
- Symeou, L., Theodorou, E., Lamprianou, I. Rentzou, K. and Andreou, K. (2018). Has family involvement migrated into higher education? An investigation of how administrative staff document the phenomenon in students' university experiences in Cyprus. *International Studies in Sociology of Education*, 27(1), 78-99. DOI:10.1080/09620214.2017.1336934 http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/rErp7QA4c5jhvibFgd6b/full
- Rentzou, K. (2017). Using rating scales to evaluate quality early childhood education and care: Reliability issues. *European Early Childhood Education Research Journal*, 25(5), 667-681. DOI: 10.1080/1350293X.2017.1356599 (http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/ygb4NNJpyt6zGnfBcTx7/full).
- 2017 Rentzou, K. and Ekine, A. (2017). Parental engagement strategies in Greek and Nigerian preschool settings: Cross-country comparison. *International Journal of Early Years Education*, 25(1), 30-50, DOI: 10.1080/09669760.2016.1275529 http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/eHWxW9BB63DrQgQcqv6K/full.
- Rentzou, K. (2017). Mapping gender segregation in pre-primary and primary education in Cyprus. *The Journal of Men's Studies*, 25(2), 198-219. DOI: 10.1177/1060826516658765.
- Rentzou, K. (2015). Reflections on the quality of the dichotomous early childhood education and care system in Greece. *Childhood Education*, 91(4), 250-258.
- 2015 Rentzou, K. (2015). Prevalence of burnout syndrome of Greek child care workers and kindergarten teachers. *Education 3-13: International Journal of Primary, Elementary and Early Years Education, 43*(3), 249-262.

- 2014 Rentzou, K. (2014). The quality of the physical environment in private and public infant/toddler and preschool Greek day care programs. *Early child development and care*, 184(2), 1861-1883.
- Rentzou, K. (2013) Exploring parental preferences: Care or education: What do Greek parents aspire from day care centres? *Early child development and care*, 183(12), 1906-1923.
- Rentzou, K. (2013). Greek preschool children's playful behavior: Assessment and correlation with personal and family characteristics. *Early Child Development and Care*, 183(11), 1733-1745.
- 2013 Rentzou, K. & Sakellariou, M. (2013). Researcher's and parents' perspectives on quality of care and education. *Early Child Development and Care*, 183(2), 294-307.
- 2013 Rentzou, K. (2013). Greek male senior high school students' attitudes and perceptions towards early childhood education and care. *International Journal of Adolescence and Youth*, 18(1), 45-62.
- Rentzou, K. (2012). Quality of care and education provided by Greek day care centers: An approach from researcher's and early childhood educators' perspective. *Early Child Development and Care*, 182(10), 1335-1348.
- 2012 Rentzou, K. (2012). Examination of work environment factors relating to burnout syndrome of Greek early childhood educators. *Child Care in Practice*, 18(2), 165-181.
- Sakellariou, M. & Rentzou, K. (2012). Comparing beliefs and intensions about the importance of teacher child interactions among Greek and Cypriot preservice kindergarten teachers. *European Early Childhood Education Research Journal*, 20(2), 233-247.
- 2012 Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2012). Cypriot pre-service kindergarten teachers' beliefs and intensions about the importance of teacher child interactions. *Early Childhood Education Journal*, 39(6), 413-420.
- Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2012). Greek pre-service kindergarten teachers' beliefs and intensions about the importance of teacher child interactions. *Early Child Development and Care*, 182(1), 123-135.
- 2012 Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2012). Comparing beliefs about and practices of developmental appropriate practices among Greek and Cypriot pre-service kindergarten teachers. *Early Child Development and Care*, 182(10), 1309-1324.
- Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2011). Cypriot pre-service kindergarten teachers' beliefs about and practices of developmental appropriate practices in early childhood education. *Early Child Development and Care*, 181(10), 1381-1396.
- 2011 Rentzou, K., & Sakellariou, M. (2011). The quality of early childhood educators: children's interaction in Greek day care centers. *Early Childhood Education Journal*, 38(5), 367-376.
- Rentzou, K., & Sakellariou, M. (2011). Greek pre-service kindergarten teachers' beliefs about and practices of developmental appropriate practices in early

- childhood education. Early Child Development and Care, 181(8), 1047-1061.
- Rentzou, K. (2011). Greek parents' perceptions of male early childhood educators. *Early Years*, 31(2), 135-147.
- Rentzou, K. (2011). Parent caregiver relationship dyad in Greek day care centres. *International Journal of Early Years Education*, 19(2), 163-177.
- Rentzou, K. (2011). Level of quality of care and education provided by day care centres. *Yearbook of the Department of Early Childhood Studies, A Journal of Research in Education and Training. University of Ioannina Publications* (ONLINE) VOLUME 4, 57-89. Available in http://www.uoi.gr/schools/early-childhood/epetirida\_paidagwgikou\_tmimatos\_nipiagwgwn\_vol4.pdf (In Greek).
- Rentzou, K. (2010). Using ACEI global guidelines assessment to evaluate the quality of early child care in Greek settings. *Early Childhood Education Journal*, 38(1), 75-80.
- 2009 Rentzou, K., & Ziganitidou, K. (2009). Greek male early childhood educators: Self and societal perceptions towards their chosen profession. *Early Years*, 29(3), 271-279.
- Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2008). Evaluating provisions for parents and parental involvement in Greek preschool settings. *The International Journal of the Humanities*, 6(9), 95-106.
- Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2008). Partnership with families and communities in Greek preschool settings: An evaluation from researchers' and early childhood educators' perspective. *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, *3*(5), 93-112.
- Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2007). Male Early Childhood Educators: the element missing from preschool settings a pilot study. *The International Journal of Learning*, 14(1), 41-50.
- Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2007). Types of parental involvement in Greek preschool settings a case study. *The International Journal of Learning*, 14(1), 33-40.



#### PAPERS IN NON PEER REVIEWED MAGAZINES

- 2019 Rentzou, K. (2019) (On behalf of the Early Childhood Workforce Initiative). The Early Childhood Workforce Initiative: A hub for empowerment and support. *Childhood Education: Innovations*, 95(6), 59-65.
- 2019 Rentzou, K., Ionescu, M., Zimmerli, P., & Boca, C. (2019). Inter-sectoral coordination in early childhood systems: The Primokiz approach. *Early Childhood Matters*, 2019, 63-67.

2019

Rentzou, K., Ionescu, M., Zimmerli, P., & Boca, C. (2019). La coordinación intersectorial en los sistemas para la primera infancia: el enfoque Primokiz. *Early Childhood Matters*, 2019, 68-72 (In Spanish).

# PAPERS IN PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2018

Koumarianou, A. & Rentzou, K. (2018). The aims of early childhood education and care and the position of care in the field: A comparative study. In the *Conference proceedings of the 1st International Congress on Management of Educational Units "In search of excellence with equity for Tomorrow's Education"*. Organized by Alexander Technological Educational Institute (ATEI) of Thessaloniki, Greece and Department of Business Administration, Program of Postgraduate Studies in Management and Organization of Educational Units. 6 – 9 December 2018, Thessaloniki, Ioannis Vellidis' Congress Center (p.p. 549-556) ISBN: 978-960-287-162-1 (In Greek).

2011

Sakellariou, M., & Rentzou, K. (2011). Greek female early childhood educators' perceptions towards their male co-workers. In UNESCO Chair in Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, University of Cyprus (Eds.). International Conference Proceedings: Mapping the Gender Equality: Research and Practices.

*The national and international perspective.* 22 – 23 October 2010 (p.p. 145-153). Nicosia: University of Cyprus, Nicosia.

2010

Rentzou, K. & Sakellariou, M. (2010). Research tools for evaluating the quality of preschool education and instruction. In *The proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Preschool Education and Instruction:* "Contemporary trends in early childhood education and instruction of the 21<sup>st</sup> century". Department of Pedagogy of the Department of early childhood education and care of the TEI of Epirus, Laboratory of Pedagogy and Instruction of the Department of Early childhood education, University of Ioannina and Brach of Epirus of the Pedagogical Association of Greece, 22-24 October 2010, Ioannina. Volume A', p.p. 117 - 133 Available online <a href="http://www.pedagogy.gr/images/praktika2010-a.pdf">http://www.pedagogy.gr/images/praktika2010-a.pdf</a> (In Greek).

2010

Sakellariou M. & Rentzou, K. (2010). "Males as professionals in the field of early childhood education and care: Female early childhood educators' perceptions towards them". In The proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Preschool Education and Instruction: "Contemporary trends in early childhood education and instruction of the 21<sup>st</sup> century". Department of Pedagogy of the Department of early childhood education and care of the TEI of Epirus, Laboratory of Pedagogy and Instruction of the Department of Early childhood education, University of Ioannina and Brach of Epirus of the Pedagogical Association of Greece, 22-24 October 2010, Ioannina. Volume B', p.p. 369 – 380 Available online http://www.pedagogy.gr/images/praktika2010-b.pdf (In Greek).

2007

Sakellariou, M., Rentzou, K., & Sakka, M. (2007). Understanding the context of early childhood education: The quality of the preschool environment and social behaviour through action research. In *The proceedings of the conference: Primary education and the challenges of our era*, university of Ioannina, 17-29 May 2007, p.p. 1020-1031. (In Greek) <a href="http://conf2007.edu.uoi.gr/Praktika/922-1083.pdf">http://conf2007.edu.uoi.gr/Praktika/922-1083.pdf</a>



#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Koumarianou, A. & Rentzou, K. (2018). The aims of early childhood education and care and the position of care in the field: A comparative study. *Presented at the 1st International Congress on Management of Educational Units "In search of excellence with equity for Tomorrow's Education"*. 6 9 December 2018, Thessaloniki, Ioannis Vellidis' Congress Center.
- Rentzou, K. (2018). The role and place of children and early childhood educators during play in the Cypriot kindergarten school. *Presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pan Cyprian Conference of OMEP Cyprus (With international participation) "Art, Play and Child"*. 16-17 November 2018, Frederick University, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- Rentzou, K. (2018). Burnout syndrome in early childhood education and care: A comparative study. *Presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> PanHellenic Conference Sociology of Education: "Public and Private Education".* 27 28 April 2018, European University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- Rentzou, K. and Daglas, G. (2016). Are we ready for an integrated ECEC systems? Greek early childhood educators' preparation level to implement systems that are based on the educare approach. *Presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Cyprus Pedagogical Association: "Education, Interdisciplinarity and Modern World: The Role and Contribution of Educational Research"*. 21 22 October 2016, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- 2016 Rentzou, K. (2016). Using the ACEI GGA to evaluate ECEC quality in a Greek context. *Presented at 2016 ACEI Global Summit on Childhood*, 30 March 4 April 2016, San Jose: Costa Rica.
- Kim, Y., Rentzou, K. Moore, L. YeonSun (Ellie) Ro, Slutsky, R. and Watts, A. (2016). Definition of Parental Involvement From Various Countries: Commonalities and Differences. *Presented at 2016 ACEI Global Summit on Childhood*, 3O March 4 April 2016, San Jose: Costa Rica.
- 2016 Rentzou, K. and Ekine, A. (2016). Parental engagement strategies in Greek and Nigerian preschool settings: Cross-country comparison. *Presented at 2016 ACEI Global Summit on Childhood*, 3O March 4 April 2016, San Jose: Costa Rica.
- Rentzou, K. (2015). Gender segregation and professionalism in early childhood education and care. Presented at *Teacher professionalism and educational change: Possibilities for policy and practice*. European University Cyprus, 11-12 September 2015, Nicosia: Cyprus
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online logs of university-family communication completed by the administrative staff of two universities in Cyprus. Presented at the *10th Biannual Conference of the European Research Network about Parents in Education ERNAPE-ARCTIC 2015.* 26–28 August, Tromsø, Norway.

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news.com/index.php?id=109&hid=25675&url=%CE%91%CF%80%CF%8C-%CF%84%CE%B1-%CE%B4%CE%B1%CF%83%CE%B9%CE%BA%CE%AC-

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### SUPERVISION OF POST-GRADUATE (MASTER) THESIS

2017

Koumarianou, A. (2017). Early childhood educators' opinion, attitudes and beliefs about integrated early childhood education and care in Greece: A comparative study. European University of Cyprus. Cyprus: Nicosia.



- Association for Early Childhood Education (ACEI) Country Liaison in Greece
- Association for Early Childhood Education (ACEI) Country Liaison in Cyprus
- World Forum Foundation National Representative for Cyprus



#### **CHAIRMANSHIP**

2015 (In	Team co-leader of the Early Childhood Education and Care		
progress)	(ECEC) in Europe Special Interest Forum (SIF)		
	http://acei.org/about-us/special-interest-forums		
2015-2018	Co-chair in the Association for Childhood Education International		
	(ACEI) Research Committee		



#### **EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Leadership on the Journal of Research in Childhood Education (JRCE) Editorial Review Committee

#### **GUEST EDITOR**

- Rentzou, K. and Slutsky, R. (Guest Editors). (2018). Contemplating and Probing Issues of Conceptualization, Measurement and Policy of ECEC Quality in Europe and in the USA. *Early Child Development and Care*, 188(5).
- Rentzou, K. and Slutsky, R. (Guest editors) (2019). Fathers' role, involvement and cultural expectations. Global Education Review, 6 (1). <a href="https://ger.mercy.edu/index.php/ger/issue/view/36">https://ger.mercy.edu/index.php/ger/issue/view/36</a>.

#### ASSOCIATE EDITOR

- The International Journal of Learning, V. 14, 2007
- The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, V. 3, 2008

#### **EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER**

- Journal of Childhood, Education & Society <a href="https://www.j-ces.com/index.php/jces">https://www.j-ces.com/index.php/jces</a>
- International Journal of Adolescence and Youth <a href="https://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=editorialBoard">https://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=editorialBoard</a> & journalCode=rady20
- Early Child Development and Care <u>https://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=editorialBoard</u> <u>&journalCode=gecd20</u>

# REVIEWER IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

- International Journal of Learning
- International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
- Early Childhood Education Journal
- Early Childhood Research Quarterly
- Educational Review
- Child Care in Practice
- Early Child Development and Care
- ACEI Global Summit
- Global Education Review
- ISSA 2019 Conference



Review of the draft manuscript provisionally entitled "World Class Initiatives and Practices in Early Education – Moving Forward in a Global Age" edited by Louise Boyle Swiniarski. Educating the Young Child Series published by Springer.



### PARTICIPATION ON CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

2015

Organization of a half-day seminar as a dissemination activity for the research program: Family involvement in higher education. Principal Investigator: Dr. Iasonas Lamprianou, University of Cyprus, Dept. of Social and Political Sciences

2012

Member of the Organization Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of Preschool education: Research on Childhood. Defining a new research field. University of Ioannina, School of Educational Discipline, Pedagogical Dept. of preschool education, TEI of Epirus, Dept. of Early childhood education and care, Sector of Pedagogy, Forschungszentrum "Kindheiten Gesellschaften" der Bergischen Universität Wuppertal, Graduierten Kolleg "Kindheit Im Spannungsfeld der Moderne" Hans Böckler-Stiftung, Universitäten Wuppertal und Kassel, 11-13 May 2012. Ioannina.



#### PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

#### **REGISTERS**

- 1. Member of the 'Register of Assessors, monitors, auditors, inspectors, experts' of the National Organisation of Certification of Qualifications and Vocational Guidance. Work the preparation of responses and update of the questions of certification regulations.
- 2. Registered with the General Record of assessors of the special service managing the Enterprise Program "Education and Life Long Learning".
- 3. Registered with the Record of Scientific collaborators of the Institute of Employment

#### **ORGANIZATIONS**

- 1. Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)
- 2. World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP), Branch of Ioannina, Greece
- 3. Pedagogical Association of Cyprus
- 4. Men In Childcare

#### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND SPECIAL INTEREST FORUMS

- 1. Early Childhood Education (SIG Organized by the Cyprus Pedagogical Association).
- 2. Educational Effectiveness and Quality in Education (SIG Organized by the Cyprus Pedagogical Association).
- 3. Peace Education (SIF Organized by the Association for Childhood Education International).

- 4. ACEI History and Heritage (SIF Organized by the Association for Childhood Education International).
- 5. Global Training and Technical Assistance (SIF Organized by the Association for Childhood Education International).

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: ATTENDANCE OF SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES (SELECTED)

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2020	Online mini-course: "Education Leadership During Crisis: Applying Education Diplomacy in Response to COVID-19". Presented by: Childhood Education International			
2019	ISSA 2019 Conference "Nurturing environments for the wellbeing of young children and their families". June 17-19, 2019. Leiden, The Netherlands			
2019	The Lego IDEA Conference "Unlocking the power of parenting". April 1-3, 2019. Billund, Denmark			
2018	Online event: "Breakthroughs in Education: Innovations in Equity, Access and Quality". Host: Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI). July 2 – August 3, 2018			
2016, March 7	Webinar: "Four-Dimensional Education – The Competencies Learners Need to Succeed". Host: OECD EDU			
2016, March	Webinar: "Teaching Excellence through Professional Learning and Policy Reform - Lessons from around the World". Host: OECD EDU			
2015	"In-service training on Blackboard". European University of Cyprus. Instructor: Dimitris Vlachopoulos			
2015	"Expert webinar on OECD ECEC staff and child outcomes surveys". Organizer: OECD ECEC Team. 11 May 2015.			
2015	"Play skills. Which are they and how are they developed?" Organizers: Special Interest Group (SIG) in Early Childhood Education of Cyprus Pedagogical Association and Early Childhood Research Lab (ECRL) of the Department of Education, University of Cyprus. Place: Nicosia. Time: 10 January 2015.			
2013	International Conference "Breaking classroom silences: addressing sensitive issues in education". Department of Educational Sciences, European University of Cyprus. 11 – 12 October 2013, Nicosia			
2007	1 <sup>st</sup> <u>postgraduate conference</u> . Scientific research in the sciences of education" Organizer: Postgraduate program of the Department of primary education of the university of Ioannina, Place: Ioannina, Time: 26-27 October 2007			
2006	<u>Technical Workshop</u> on Early Childhood Environment Rating Scales. Organizer: University of Oxford & University of Athens, Duration: 3 days, Place: Athens, Time: 28 – 30 April 2006			
2005	"Getting up commencement, another way (an approach through dramatic play)", Organizer: OMEP, branch of Ioannina, Duration: 10 hours, Place:			

Ioannina, Time: 19&26 November 2005

2004

"The child morns a beloved person's death- family's and school's role", Organizer: association of teachers and pre-school teachers of Ioannina and School Advisor of Pre-school education in co-operation with Merimna, Duration: 2 days, Place: Ioannina, Time: 24&25-09-2004

## SESE LANGUAGES

Greek Native speaker

English International English Language Testing System (IELTS) C2 level – excellent listening, reading, writing and speaking ability

## COMPUTER SKILLS

ECDL Progress Certificate (Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Information and Communication)	Photoshop	PowerPoint	Online surveys
Bibliographic databases (Mendeley; EndNote)	Atlas.ti	SPSS	Moodle, Blackboard