

## Scientific Information

**First name:** Maria

**Last name:** Zoi

**Date of diploma giving access to doctoral studies in the country in which the diploma was obtained:**

I obtained my Master in Economic and Regional Development in the Postgraduate Programme of the Department of Economic and Regional Development at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences on 21st February 2005, in Greece.

**Current status and affiliation:**

I am a first year Ph.D. student in the Department of Economic and Regional Development at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Greece and I am affiliated to the above University which is located at Sygrou Avenue 136, 176 71, Athens - Greece. Moreover, I am working as a civil servant in the Office of Trade in the Prefecture of Cyclades.

**Motivation letter:**

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The Local Organizing  
Committee of ERSA Summer School 2010, Sweden

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to apply for the 23<sup>rd</sup> ERSA summer school that will be held in Sweden.

I have a Bachelor and a Master Degree in Economic and Regional Development. At present, I am a first year Ph.D. student in the Department of Economic and Regional Development at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Greece. The title of my PhD project is "Fiscal Decentralization in Greece". My main scientific interests among others are: financing local development, measurement of fiscal decentralization, the linkage between economic development and decentralization, the relationship between regional development and decentralization etc.



2005	Master in Economic and Regional Development, Postgraduate Programme in the Department of Economic and Regional Development, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, (Average Mark obtained: 8,51/10) Title of dissertation: «Local Authorities' entrepreneurial activities» MSc Supervisor: Professor Tatsos Nikolaos (Mark obtained: 9/10)
2002	Bachelor in Economic and Regional Development, Department of Economic and Regional Development, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, (Average Mark obtained: 8,02/10)

### Work experience

25/11/2005 - onwards	Prefecture of Cyclades, Civil Servant, Office of Trade, Responsible for the control and the right function of free market in Cyclades according to the Greek Laws Merchant. Preparation and implementation of the office "Investors' Reception Centre" which was granted subsidy from the European Union and the Greek Government.
24/05/2004-30/09/2004	Organizing Committee of Olympic Games, Athens 2004 S.A., Deputy Manager in the Logistics Department of the "Reception Centre of Sponsors" in the Olympic Stadium. Responsible for the equipment of all the chambers of the "Reception Centre of Sponsors".
01/07/2002-25/08/2002	Branch of Commercial Bank of Greece S.A., trainee in the Department of Deposits.
01/12/2000-31/03/2001	Greek Ministry of Economy and Finance, National Statistical Service of Greece, Responsible for the coordination and management of the National Census in a specific block of buildings of Athens.

### Participation In Research Programs

01/7/2005-10/12/2005	Regional Development Institute, Research assistant in the project: "Tax Reform", Scientific coordinator: Tatsos Nikolaos
1/12/2003-27/2/2004	Research Committee of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Research assistant in the project: "The Economics of second level local authorities (Prefectures) in Greece" Scientific coordinator: Tatsos Nikolaos
1/12/2003-27/2/2004	Research Committee of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Research assistant in the project: "The Economic Role and Financing of Second level local authorities (Prefectures) in Greece", Scientific coordinator: Tatsos Nikolaos

### Publications

	"Local Authorities' entrepreneurial activities – Local Public Enterprises", "Topos" Review of Spatial Development, Planning and Environment, p. 24-25, February 2006.  Maria Zoi, "Taxation and Social Security", in: "Tasks and means for Tax Policy", (prof. N. Tatsos), (forthcoming)
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### Other Teaching Experience

2/10/2006- 15/02/2007	Vocational Training Institute of Syros, Greek Ministry of Education, English Teacher in the Accountancy Department.
<b>Academic Distinctions</b>	
2001	Scholarship from the National Scholarship Foundation (IKY) for my performance (5 <sup>th</sup> ) in the first year (1998/99) of my bachelor studies in Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
<b>Language</b>	English (Certificate of Proficiency in English, University of Michigan) French (Delf B1, Institute Français D'Athenes)
<b>Computer skills</b>	WORD, EXCEL, POWERPOINT, SPSS, E-VIEWS, ARCVIEW(GIS), INTERNET EXPLORER
<b>Seminars- Conferences</b>	
9 - 13 February 2009	Attendance of seminar with subject <i>"The Common Assessment Framework as a tool for Total Quality Management"</i> , organisation: Regional Training Institute of Southern Aegean (P.IN.EP), National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government (N.C.P.A.L.G.)
7 - 11 April 2008	Attendance of seminar with subject <i>"Statistical Data Analysis with Statistical Packet I"</i> , organisation: Regional Training Institute of Peloponisos (P.IN.EP), National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government (N.C.P.A.L.G.)
10 November 2006	Attendance of the training programme for employees in the office "Investors' Reception Centre", implementation agent: Hellenic Organization of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises and Handicraft (EOMMEX) S.A
1 και 2 July 2006	Attendance of the training programme with subject <i>"Specialist for Marketing, Advertising, Promotion of Products of Social Enterprises and Social Associations"</i> , organisation: Private Centre of Professional Training.
23 January 2003	Attendance of the presentation of the Operational Program with subject <i>"Immigrants in Greece"</i> , organisation: Institute of Urban Environment and Human Resources.
2 - 8 October 2003	Attendance of the 16 <sup>th</sup> CEFEC CONFERENCE with subject "Social Economy, European Social Firms – Cooperatives, What – How – Why", Auspices: Hellenic Ministry of Health & Welfare, Hellenic Ministry of Labour & Social Affairs, Hellenic Ministry of Culture, Supported by: General Secretariat for Youth.
8 December 2001	Attendance of the meeting with subject <i>"Tourism and Regional Development: The impact of the Olympic Games"</i> , organisation: Association of Greek Regionalists.
Academic Year 2000-2001	Attendance of seminars with subject <i>"Public Administration and Education"</i> , organisation: Centre for Research and Administration of Local Government and Decentralization Affairs of the Department of Public Administration in Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
December 2001	Attendance of seminar with subject <i>Project Management</i> , managerial segmentation of a project for its faster realization and accomplishment of the best result, Scientific coordinator: Ranos Kwnstantinos, Professor of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (20 hours)

17, 18 & 20 November 2000	Attendance of the Conference with subject “ <i>The Transportations in Greece of 2000</i> ” in the context of the 1 <sup>st</sup> International exhibition “TRANSPORT 2000”, organisation: New GENESIS Group.
19-25 March 2000	Participation in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Scientific Meeting of Brussels after e formal invitation of European Union, Scientific coordinator: Athanasopoulos Konstantinos, Professor of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.
14 November 1999	Attendance of the meeting with subject “ <i>Development Scheme 2000-2006: Developmental planning and consequences in the Real Estate Market</i> ”, exhibition in the context of the multiconference Money Show, organisation: Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.
25-31 October 1999	Participation in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting of Paris, Scientific coordinator: Athanasopoulos Konstantinos, Professor of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.
15 Mai 1999	Attendance of the meeting with subject “AIRPORT EL. VENIZELOS: “ <i>Expected Economic Impacts and Prospects in Mesogia and Attiki</i> ”, exhibition in the context of the multiconference Money Show, organisation: Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
<b>References</b>	Available upon request: Associate Professor Psycharis Yiannis, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (PhD supervisor), email address: <a href="mailto:psycharis@uth.gr">psycharis@uth.gr</a> Professor Tatsos Nikolaos, Ambassador of the Greek Delegation to the OECD, email address: <a href="mailto:ambassador@greece-oecd.org">ambassador@greece-oecd.org</a>

### **A short description of previous and current research work:**

#### Current Research Work:

I am a first year Ph.D. student in the Department of Economic and Regional Development at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Greece. The title of my PhD project is “Fiscal Decentralization in Greece”.

My PhD project, among others, will focus on the following topics:

- The First and Second Generation Theory of Fiscal Federalism.
- Meaning and definitions of fiscal decentralization.
- Fiscal decentralization measurement.
- The relationship between fiscal decentralization - economic development, fiscal decentralization - regional development, fiscal decentralization - rate of growth.
- The degree of fiscal decentralization in Greece (fiscal decentralization measurements).
- Statistical Analysis of local public expenditures and revenues.
- Econometrical Analysis of the potential explanatory factors for the variations of fiscal decentralization across the local authorities in Greece.

Previous research work:

1. Publication of MSc dissertation with subject: "Local Authorities' entrepreneurial activities – Local Public Enterprises", "Topos" Review of Spatial Development, Planning and Environment, p. 24-25, February 2006.

This dissertation presents the economic situation of local public enterprises in Greece. The main subjects of my research, among others, are:

- Financing of local public enterprises in Greece (loans, grants, revenues from their entrepreneurial activities).
- The economic situation by sector and by activities of the 923 active local public enterprises in Greece (utilization of economic measures - index).
- A brief presentation of Local Authorities' entrepreneurial activities in other Countries.

2. Research Assistant in the project: "Tax Reform".

Duration: 01/7/2005-10/12/2005.

Regional Development Institute.

Scientific coordinator: Tatsos Nikolaos

This project is concerned with the Tax System reform of Greece. Main attention was given in the analysis of income taxation (individual and company taxation) and property taxation.

3. Research Assistant in the projects:

- "The Economics of Second level local authorities (Prefectures) in Greece",
- "The Economic Role and Financing of Second level local authorities (Prefectures) in Greece".

Duration: 1/12/2003 - 27/2/2004.

Research Committee of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.

Scientific coordinator: Tatsos Nikolaos.

These research projects are concerned with the economic situation of Second Level Authorities (Prefectures) in Greece. They analyse the major sources of local government revenues: user taxes, grants (C.A.P.), lending etc. Main attention was given in the significance of own revenue sources and the role and significance of the intergovernmental transfers of the Second Level Authorities. Moreover, they present the financing of local government in other Counties of European Union.

4. Maria Zoi, "Taxation and Social Security", at the book: "Tasks and means for Tax Policy", (prof. Tatsos Nikolaos), (forthcoming)

The chapter of this book analyses the crisis of social security. It presents the causes of this crisis and the proposals for the improvement of this bad situation. Moreover, main attention was given in the impacts of insurance contributions to economic factors like employment, savings, labour supply and income distribution.

**A short description of career plans:**

My future plans are to obtain my Ph.D. in fiscal federalism and to become a researcher at a university or research centre where I will have the opportunity to investigate issues related to fiscal federalism and regional sciences.

**Name and email address of doctoral / PhD supervisor:**

Associate Professor Psycharis Yiannis at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, email address: [psycharis@uth.gr](mailto:psycharis@uth.gr)

**Name and address of two researchers who are willing to write a letter of recommendation:**

1. Associate Professor Psycharis Yiannis at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (PhD supervisor), address: Sygrou Avenue 136, 176 71 Athens, Greece, email address: [psycharis@uth.gr](mailto:psycharis@uth.gr)
2. Professor Tatsos Nikolaos, Ambassador of the Greek Delegation to the OECD, address: 15, Villa Said, 75116, Paris, France, email address: [ambassador@greece-oecd.org](mailto:ambassador@greece-oecd.org)

**Title and abstract of the intended presentation:**

Title: Mapping fiscal decentralization across Greek Municipalities: the pattern of fiscal decentralization in Greece.

ABSTRACT

Fiscal decentralization has gained a growing attention in the recent literature. This paper aims at presenting the basic aspects of fiscal decentralization in Greece. Using a data set with fiscal transfers and revenues for the 1.034 Greek municipalities and communities, we attempt to present the variations of fiscal decentralization in Greece. We try to present the geographical pattern of fiscal decentralization in Greece and to compare the municipalities and communities according to the level of fiscal decentralization. Furthermore, we attempt to test econometrically potential explanatory factors for the variations of fiscal decentralization across Greek municipalities -communities.