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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human Geography, Political Ecology, Political Economy, Environmental Policy and Governance, Sustainable Development, Neoliberal Conservation, Neoliberalization of Nature, Environmental and Socio-Spatial Justice, Environmental Markets, Green Economy, Environmental Conflicts, Production of Nature and Space, Urban and Rural Struggles.

**Methodological specializations:** interviews, questionnaires-surveys, focus groups, workshops, ethnography, narrative methods, participant observation, qualitative (e.g. frame analysis, grounded theory) and quantitative analysis (statistical software).

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## EDUCATION

- **2014-2016:** Advanced Post-Doc Training in Human Geography and Political Ecology (Marie Curie Career Development Plan including auditing courses in the Department of Geography, University of Cambridge).
- **2009:** PhD in Political Ecology (with honors). Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. Thesis topic: 'Social conflicts during the implementation of conservation policies'. Supervisor: John D. Pantis, Professor and Former Vice Rector of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- **2004-2005:** MSc courses in Environmental Biology. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
- **2003:** 4year BSc (Hons) in Biology ('Ptychion'). Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
- **1998:** High School Diploma (Distinction). Lycée Léonin, Franco-Hellénique School. Athens, Greece.

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## ACADEMIC VISITS

- **2015:** Center for Place, Culture and Politics (CPCP), City University of New York, USA.
- **2013:** Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **2012:** Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **2011:** Environmental Governance Studies Unit, Environmental Policy Centre of Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE), Helsinki, Finland.

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## EMPLOYMENT

- **2016-2017:** Departmental Lecturer, School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford, UK.
- **2014-2016:** Marie Curie Post-doctoral Fellow (Individual Intra-European Fellowship), Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK. Scientist in Charge: William M. Adams, Moran Professor and Head of the

Department of Geography.

- **2013-2014:** Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Geography and Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP), University of Cambridge, UK.
- **2009-2013:** Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Ecology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
- **2011-2012:** Visiting lecturer in Political Ecology. Department of Ecology, School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
- **2011:** Scientific coordinator and project manager for the International Environmental NGO 'MEDASSET'.
- **2002:** Education and Initial Vocational Training in the National Marine Park of Zakynthos, Greece.
- **2016:** BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (£10,000). Title of the Project: 'Rights to nature in post-crisis Europe: Tracing alternative political ecologies against the neoliberal environmental agenda through the study of environmental movements'.
- **2016-2017:** Rachel Carson Writing Fellowship ([http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/fellows/carson\\_fellows\\_10-11/index.html](http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/fellows/carson_fellows_10-11/index.html)).
- **2014-2016:** Marie Curie Individual Intra-European Fellowship for career development (IEF). Score: 95.1/100. (€300,000)
- **2015:** Annual grant for organizing a conference sponsored by *Geoforum* journal and Elsevier (<http://conservationandtransformation.com/2016/01/27/conference-rights-to-nature-tracing-alternative-political-ecologies-to-the-neoliberalenvironmental-agenda/>; £15,000)
- **2014:** Post-Doctoral By-Fellow Elect, Churchill College, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **2014:** Conference funding for participating in 2014 Norwich Conference on Earth System Governance. (£500)
- **2013:** Honorary fellowship ('Aristeia'), Research Committee of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. (€6,000.00)
- **2005-2008:** PhD Scholarship, General Secretariat of Research and Technology of Greek Ministry of Development, co-financed by EU European Social Fund (75%) and the Greek Ministry of Development-GSRT (25%). (€30,000.00)
- **2008:** Marie Curie Fellowship for participation in the 2008 Marie Curie Training Course on the Human Dimension of Global Environmental Change. Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU), Freie Universität

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**GRANTS,  
FELLOWSHIPS &  
AWARDS**

Berlin, Germany. (€1.000)

- **1992-1998:** Distinction for progress from the Greek Ministry of Education.

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## RESEARCH

### *Research projects*

- **2014-2016:** Individual Intra-European Fellowship within the 7th European Community Framework Programme. Project Title: 'CESINE – Conservation and Ecosystem Services in the New biodiversity Economy'.
- **2011-present:** Research Fellow in Earth System Governance Project (<http://www.earthsystemgovernance.org/people/person/evangelia-apostolopoulou>).
- **2013-2014:** Postdoctoral Research Associate in the European Collaborative Project EUBON (Building the European Biodiversity Observation Network). Coordinator: Museum für Naturkunde (MfN), Berlin, Germany. Co-leading Work Package 6: 'Stakeholder engagement and science-policy dialogue'. Collaborating with 29 research institutes around Europe. Conducting research on political ecology and science and technology studies.
- **2009-2013:** Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the European Large-Scale Integrating Research Project SCALES (Securing the Conservation of biodiversity across Administrative Levels and spatial, temporal and Ecological Scales). Coordinator: Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research-UFZ, Leipzig, Germany. Responsible for Greece for work package WP4: 'Multi-level Governance and Policy Instruments'. Leading WP5: 'Testing the practical suitability and matching of methods and policy instruments'. Collaborating with 31 research institutes and universities around the world. Conducting research in the fields of political ecology and critical geographies of nature.
- **2011:** Scientific coordinator and project manager for the International Environmental NGO 'MEDASSET'. Project title: 'Sustainable Management of Tourist Destinations, Biodiversity and Local Communities'.
- **2009:** Full-time participation as a PhD student in the European Large-Scale Integrating Research Project SCALES.
- **2005-2009:** Full-time PhD student in the Research Programme 'Development of know-how for the sustainable management of protected areas' implemented within the Framework of the 'Reinforcement Programme of Human Research Manpower' and co-financed by National and EU funds.

- **2002:** Education and Initial Vocational Training in the National Marine Park of Zakynthos, Operational Programme for Education and Initial Vocational Training entitled: 'Protected areas management'.

*Research groups*

- **2013-2016:** Member of the Political Ecology Group, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge.
- **2013-2014:** Member of the Science and Technology Reading Group, Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP), University of Cambridge.
- **2008-2013:** Founder and member of the Political Ecology Research Group and co-founder and member of the Conservation Policy and Governance Research Group of the Ecology Department. The two Groups form the Society and Environment Research Cluster of the School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.

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## PUBLICATIONS

<https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=g5t0Q6UAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

*Dissertations*

- **2009.** Social conflicts during the implementation of conservation policies. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. 506 pages. *PhD thesis*. Grade: 10/10 (Excellent).
- **2003.** Evaluation and appraisal of the environmental legislation and the environmental impact assessment studies for the construction of the Olympic Rowing Center in Schinias National Park. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. 347 pages. *Bachelor dissertation*. Grade: 10/10 (Excellent).
- **2003.** Management of protected areas. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. 72 pages. Education and Initial Vocational Training Thesis. Grade: 10/10 (Excellent).

*Papers in Peer  
Reviewed Journals*

1. **Apostolopoulou, E., Adams, W.M.** Biodiversity offsetting and the reframing of conservation: a reply to ten Kate & von Hase and Dempsey & Collard. *Oryx*, in press.
2. **Apostolopoulou, E., Adams, W.M.** 2017. Offsetting biodiversity: reframing nature to save it. *Oryx*, doi:10.1017/S0030605315000782.
3. Garmendia, E., **Apostolopoulou, E., Adams, W.M., Bormpoudakis, D.** 2016. Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure in Europe: a boundary object or an ecological trap. *Land Use Policy* 56, 315-319.
4. Salomaa, A., Paloniemi, R., Kotiaho, J., Kettunen, M., **Apostolopoulou, E., Cent, J.** 2016. Potential of green infrastructure to promote connectivity and contribute to the conservation of biodiversity. *Environment and Planning C*, 0263774X16649363.
5. **Apostolopoulou, E.** 2016. Biodiversity offsetting in England: governance rescaling, socio-spatial injustices and the neoliberalization of nature. *Web*

Ecology 6, 67–71.

6. **Apostolopoulou, E., Adams, W.M.** 2015. Neoliberal capitalism and conservation in the post-crisis era: the dialectics of 'green' and 'un-green' grabbing in Greece and the UK. Antipode 47, 15–35.
7. Paloniemi, R., **Apostolopoulou, E., Cent, J., et al.** 2015. Public participation and environmental justice in biodiversity governance in Finland, Greece, Poland and the UK. Environmental Policy and Governance 25, 330-342.
8. Kallimanis, A.S., Tzanopoulos, J., Mazaris, A.D., **Apostolopoulou, E., Stefanidou, S., Scott, A.V., Potts, S.G., Pantis, J.D.** 2015. Vegetation coverage change in the EU: patterns inside and outside Natura 2000 protected areas. Biodiversity and Conservation 24, 579-591.
9. **Apostolopoulou, E., Bormpoudakis, D., Paloniemi, R., et al.** 2014. Governance rescaling and the neoliberalization of nature: The case of biodiversity conservation in four EU countries. International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology 21, 481–494.
10. Haila, Y., Henle, K., **Apostolopoulou, E., et al.** 2014. Confronting and Coping with Uncertainty in Biodiversity Research and Praxis. Nature Conservation 8, 45–75.
11. Tsianou, M.A., Mazaris, A.D., Kallimanis, A.S., Deligiorgidi, P-S.K., **Apostolopoulou, E., Pantis, J.D.** 2013. Identifying the criteria underlying the political decision for the prioritization of the Greek Natura 2000 conservation network. Biological Conservation 166, 103-110.
12. Tsiadouli, M., **Apostolopoulou, E., Mazaris, A., et al.** 2013. Human activities in Natura 2000 sites: a highly diversified conservation network. Environmental Management 51, 1025-1033.
13. **Apostolopoulou, E., Paloniemi, R.** 2012. Frames of scale challenges in Finnish and Greek biodiversity conservation. Ecology and Society 17(4): 9.
14. **Apostolopoulou, E., Drakou, E.G., Padiaditi, K.** 2012. Participation in the management of Greek Natura 2000 sites: Evidence from a cross-level analysis. Journal of Environmental Management 113, 308-318.
15. **Apostolopoulou, E., Drakou, E., Santoro, F., Pantis, J.D.** 2012. Investigating the barriers to adopting a "human-in-nature" view in Greek biodiversity conservation. International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology 19, 515-525.
16. Paloniemi, R., **Apostolopoulou, E., Primmer, E., Grodzinska-Jurczak, M., Henle, K., Ring, I., Potts, S.G., Marty, P., Tzanopoulos, J., Kettunen, M.,**

van den Hove, S., McConville, A., Similä, J. 2012. Biodiversity conservation across scales: lessons from a science-policy dialogue. **Nature Conservation** 2, 7-19. Note: The paper was included in "Science for Environment Policy": European Commission DG Environment News Alert Service, Issue 304, 7 November 2012.

17. **Apostolopoulou, E.** 2012. Οι κοινωνικές και οικονομικές επιπτώσεις της περιβαλλοντικής πολιτικής και ο ρόλος της συνεργατικής διακυβέρνησης: Η περίπτωση του Σχοινιά (Social and economic implications of environmental policy and the role of collaborative governance: The case of Schinias). **Γεωγραφίες (Geographies)** 19, 89-107.
18. Drakou, E.G., Kallimanis, A.S., Mazaris, A.D., **Apostolopoulou, E.**, Pantis, J.D. 2011. Habitat type richness associations with environmental variables: a case study in the Greek Natura 2000 aquatic ecosystems. **Biodiversity and Conservation** 20, 929-943.
19. **Apostolopoulou, E.**, Pantis, J.D. 2010. Development plans versus conservation: explanation of emergent conflicts and governmental political handling. **Environment and Planning A** 42, 982-1000. Note: Also published in the Olympics 2012 - Megaevents virtual issue from the Environment and Planning series of journals.
20. **Apostolopoulou, E** (Invited author). 2010. Κριτική της κυρίαρχης αναπτυξιακής αντίληψης για τη σχέση κοινωνίας και φύσης: Η περίπτωση των πολιτικών προστάσεως της φύσης (A critique of the dominant developmental ideology for the relationship between society and nature: The case of conservation policies). **Ουτοπία (Utopia)** 91, 87-106. (in Greek)
21. **Apostolopoulou, E.**, Pantis, J.D. 2009. Conceptual gaps in the national strategy for the implementation of the European Natura 2000 conservation policy in Greece. **Biological Conservation** 142, 221-237.
22. **Apostolopoulou, E.**, Adams, W. Cutting Nature to Fit: Urbanization, neoliberalism and biodiversity offsetting in England. Under review in *Geoforum*.
23. **Apostolopoulou, E.**, Adams, W.M., Greco, E. Biodiversity offsetting and 'equivalent natures': unraveling the contradictions of the capitalist production of nature. Under review in *ACME*.
24. Bormpoudakis\*, D. **Apostolopoulou\***, E., Tzanopoulos, J. 'Feathered obstacles to economic revival' and biodiversity offsetting: A topography of Lodge Hill, South East England. Under review. [\* = equal contribution]
25. Maestre-Andrés, S., Calvet-Mir, L., **Apostolopoulou, E.** Unravelling

Papers in Peer  
Reviewed Journals  
under revision

stakeholder participation under conditions of neoliberal biodiversity governance in Catalonia, Spain. Under review.

- Papers under preparation*
26. **Apostolopoulou, E., Cortes, J.** Rights to Nature: Tracing alternative political ecologies against the neoliberal environmental agenda. Introduction to a Special Issue in *Geoforum* (this is a special issue based on the 2016 'Rights to Nature' conference. Dr Apostolopoulou as a co-organizer of the conference is a Guest Editor in this special issue).
  27. **Apostolopoulou, E., Greco, E.** On value and rent: a Marxist analysis of the valuation of nature. Manuscript.
- e-Book*
1. **Apostolopoulou, E., Touloumis, K., Pantis, J.D.** 2014. Scale sensitivity and scale effectiveness of governance in biodiversity conservation. National regulatory model of biodiversity policy in Greece. Pensoft publishers. e-book. 56 pp.
- Books under preparation*
1. **Apostolopoulou, E.** Nature Swapped and Nature Lost: Biodiversity Offsetting in Theory and Practice. Critical Green Engagements Book Series, The University of Arizona Press.
  2. **Apostolopoulou, E., Cortes, J.** Edited volume based on 'Rights to Nature' Conference.
- Book chapters*
1. **Apostolopoulou, E.,** The dialectics of green and ungreen grabbing: The cases of Greece and UK. Edited book based on a series of seminars given in the context of Marie Curie Funded 'Entitle' project.
  2. Grodzińska-Jurczak, M., Pietrzyk-Kaszyńska, A., Cent, J., Scott, A., **Apostolopoulou, E., et al.** 2014. Governance of network of protected areas. Innovative solutions and instruments. In: Henle K, Potts S, Kunin W, et al. (Eds) (2014) *Scaling in Ecology and Biodiversity Conservation*. Pensoft Publishers, Sofia. Pp. 119-123.
  3. Kettunen, M., **Apostolopoulou, E., et al.** 2014. EU Green Infrastructure: opportunities and the need for addressing scales. In: Henle K, Potts S, Kunin W, et al. (Eds) (2014) *Scaling in Ecology and Biodiversity Conservation*. Pensoft Publishers, Sofia. Pp. 128-132.
  4. McConville, A.J., Margerison, C., McCormack, C. **Apostolopoulou, E., et al.** 2014. Biodiversity monitoring and EU policy. In: Henle K, Potts S, Kunin W, et al. (Eds) (2014) *Scaling in Ecology and Biodiversity*

- Conservation. Pensoft Publishers, Sofia. Pp. 142-148.
5. Paloniemi, R., **Apostolopoulou**, E., et al. 2014. Evaluation of policy instruments in promoting ecological connectivity. In: Henle K., Potts S.G., Kunin W.E., et al. (Eds) (2014) *Scaling in Ecology and Biodiversity Conservation*. Pensoft Publishers, Sofia. Pp. 173-179.
  6. Cent, J., Grodzińska, M., Pietrzyk-Kaszyńska, A., Paloniemi, R., **Apostolopoulou**, E., et al. 2014. Legitimacy of site selection processes across Europe: Social construction of legitimacy in three European countries. In: Henle K., Potts S.G., Kunin W.E., et al. (Eds) (2014) *Scaling in Ecology and Biodiversity Conservation*. Pensoft Publishers, Sofia. Pp. 180-185.
  7. Primmer, E., Paloniemi, R., Mathevet, R., **Apostolopoulou**, E., et al. 2014. An approach to analysing scale-sensitivity and scale-effectiveness of governance in biodiversity conservation. In: Padt, F.J.G., Opdam, P.F.M., Polman, N.B.P., Termeer, C.J.A.M. (eds.) *Scale-sensitive governance of the environment*. Edited volume. Oxford: John Wiley & Sons. Pp. 242-262.
  8. **Apostolopoulou**, E. (invited author), Drakou, E., Pantis, J.D. 2012. Unraveling stakeholders' discourses regarding sustainable development and biodiversity conservation in Greece. In: *Sustainable Development - Policy and Urban Development - Tourism, Life Science, Management and Environment*. InTech Publications. Pp. 405-430.
  9. **Apostolopoulou**, E., Pantis, J.D. 2008. Global environmental governance and protected areas management. In: *Sustainable management of protected areas*. Dimopoulos, P., Pantis, J.D., Tzanoudakis, D., Vagenas, D. (eds.). Pappas Editions, Athens, Greece. Pp. 431-449.
  10. **Apostolopoulou**, E., Pantis, J.D. 2008. Social conflicts during the implementation of biodiversity conservation policies. In: *Sustainable management of protected areas*. Dimopoulos, P., Pantis, J.D., Tzanoudakis, D., Vagenas, D. (eds.). Pappas Editions, Athens, Greece. Pp. 526-535.
  11. **Apostolopoulou**, E., Pantis, J.D. 2008. The Greek policy failure in designing a national strategy for conservation policy. In: *Sustainable management of protected areas*. Dimopoulos, P., Pantis, J.D., Tzanoudakis, D., Vagenas, D. (eds.). Pappas Editions, Athens, Greece. Pp. 550-568.
  12. **Apostolopoulou** (invited author), E., Pantis, J.D. 2006. Political



Ecology and protected areas. In: Political ecology in Greece. Evonimos Ecological Library, Athens, Greece. Pp. 190-203.

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## TEACHING

- **2016-present:** Lecturer. Teaching on undergraduate modules in 'Environmental Geography', 'Geographies of Nature' and 'Human Geography' and on postgraduate modules in 'Nature & Society' and 'Science and Politics' for the MSc 'Nature, Society and Environmental Governance'. School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford, UK.
- **2014-2016:** Supervisor (delivering teaching sessions) of Geographical Tripos Part 1A: Human Geography: People, Place and the Politics of Difference. Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **2014-2015:** Supervisor (delivering teaching sessions) of Geographical Tripos Part 1B: Living with Global Change. Core themes, Ideas and Skills. Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **2011-2012:** Visiting lecturer (P.D. 407/80) in Political Ecology. Courses: "Political Ecology", "Principles for sustainability and management" and "Qualitative Research". Undergraduate Studies Program of the Department of Ecology, School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
- **2010-2011:** Assistant lecturer in Political Ecology. Courses: "Environmental Science and Policy", "Political Ecology", "Qualitative Research" and "Environmental governance regimes". Postgraduate Studies Program of the Department of Ecology, School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki named "Ecological planning, sustainable development and protected areas management".
- **2006-2009:** Assistant lecturer. Courses: "Principles for sustainability and management" and "Political Ecology". Undergraduate Studies Program of the Department of Ecology, School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

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## CONFERENCE, SESSION & WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

- **2016.** Organisation of a *Geoforum*-sponsored Conference entitled "Rights to Nature: Tracing Alternative Political Ecologies to the Neoliberal Environmental Agenda". University of Cambridge.
- **2016.** Co-organizer of the session "Geographies of neoliberal conservation: 'actually existing' conservation in the global north", Political Ecologies of Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation conference, 7-9 July 2016. Wageningen, The Netherlands (organized by: Wageningen

University and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London).

- **2013.** Organisation of a Workshop of EUBON (Building the European Biodiversity Observation Network) project on policy and stakeholder requirements for biodiversity data and insights from science and technology studies and political ecology, in collaboration with UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC). WCMC, Cambridge.
- **2011.** Organization of two workshops with experts and stakeholders entitled "Sustainable Management of Tourist Destinations, Biodiversity and Local Communities" in Greece (Athens and Crete).
- **2011.** Organization of four workshops with experts and stakeholders entitled "The role of scale in biodiversity governance" in Greece (Athens and Thessaloniki).
- **2010.** Co-organizer and facilitator in one of the working round tables of the stakeholder workshop: "Crossing scales for biodiversity – how can better understanding of ecological, socio-economic and institutional scales promote effective conservation of biodiversity in the EU beyond 2010?" 21 September 2010, Liaison office of Saxony, Brussels, Belgium.
- **2006-2008.** Organization of four workshops with the local community of Schinias National Park (Athens, Greece) entitled "Social and economic implications of environmental policy and the role of collaborative governance".
- **2015.** Invited seminar entitled "The environmental contradictions of capitalism under crisis: green and ungreen grabbing in Europe". Weekly seminar series of the Society and Environment Research Group. School of Environment, Education and Development. University of Manchester, UK.
- **2014.** Invited seminar entitled "The dialectics of green and un-green grabbing in the post-crisis era: The cases of Greece and UK". Weekly seminar series of the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE). School of Anthropology and Conservation. University of Kent, UK.
- **2014.** Invited seminar entitled "The dialectics of green and un-green grabbing in the post-crisis era: The cases of Greece and UK". Department of Geography, Harokopion University of Athens. Greece, 28 February. The seminar was part of a series of lectures organized in the context of ENTITLE (European Network of Political Ecology) Initial Training Network under the Marie Curie action of FP7.
- **2012.** Invited presentation entitled "Frames of scale challenges in the governance of biodiversity". Seminars of the Political Ecology Group. Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK, 21 February.

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SELECTED  
INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

- **2011.** Invited presentation about studying environmental policies in Greece and applying focus groups methodologies. Seminar of the Environmental Governance Studies Unit, Environmental Policy Centre Department, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE), Helsinki, Finland, 25 May.
- **2011.** Invited speaker in the seminars of the international environmental NGO "MEDASSET" about sustainable tourism and conservation of biodiversity. Athens, Greece, 9 September and Chania, Greece, 19 September.
- **2009.** Invited speaker in the "Special Session Natura 2000 – success or failure?". 2nd European Congress of Conservation Biology "Conservation biology and beyond: from science to practice" (<http://www.eccb2009.org/>). Czech University of Life Sciences, Society for Conservation Biology, Prague, 1-5 September.
- **2009.** Invited speaker in the conference "Management agencies of protected areas" about the implementation of EU conservation policy in Greece. Management agency of Samaria National Forest, Crete, Greece, 29-30 October.

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**SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS  
IN  
CONFERENCES  
& TRAINING  
COURSES**

- **Apostolopoulou, E., Greco, E., 2016.** Of value and rent: a Marxist analysis of the valuation of nature. Second Annual Conference of the World-Ecology Network. 15-16 July, Durham University, UK.
- Cortes-Vazquez, J., **Apostolopoulou, E., 2016.** Neoliberal conservation as a contested process. Second Annual Conference of the World-Ecology Network. 15-16 July, Durham University, UK.
- Cortes-Vazquez, J., **Apostolopoulou, E., 2016.** Neoliberal conservation as a contested process? Critical challenges in post-crisis Europe. Political Ecologies of Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation. International Conference 7-9 July, Wageningen, The Netherlands.
- Maestre-Andrés, S., Calvet-Mir, L., **Apostolopoulou, E.** Unravelling stakeholder participation under conditions of neoliberal biodiversity governance in Catalonia, Spain. Political Ecologies of Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation. International Conference 7-9 July, Wageningen, The Netherlands.
- **Apostolopoulou, E. 2016.** Biodiversity offsetting: Contesting a dystopian vision for the future. Rights to Nature Conference, 23-24 June, University of Cambridge.
- **Apostolopoulou, E. 2015.** Biodiversity offsetting and the capitalist production of nature: reflections from England. Seminars of the Political

Ecology Group. 27 October, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK.

- **Apostolopoulou**, E. 2015. Biodiversity offsetting in England: governance rescaling, socio-spatial injustices and the neoliberalisation of nature. Ecology at the Interface, European Ecological Federation & Italian Society of Ecology. 21-25 September, Rome, Italy.
- Cortes-Vazquez, J., **Apostolopoulou**, E. 2015. Neoliberal conservation as a contested process. Critical challenges in post-crisis Europe. Annual International Conference of the Royal Geographical Society with IBG (RGS-IBG). 1-4 September, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK.
- **Apostolopoulou**, E., Adams, W.M. 2015. Offsetting biodiversity: relocating nature to "save it". The 11<sup>th</sup> biennial conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) 2015: Transformations. 30 June-3 July, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK.
- **Apostolopoulou**, E., Bormpoudakis, D. 2015. Biodiversity offsetting and the construction of ecological equivalence: Deepening the nature-society alienation. Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference (NESS) 2015. Contested natures-new strategies, ideas and dialogues. 9-11 June, Trondheim, Norway.
- Cortes-Vazquez, J., **Apostolopoulou**, E. 2015. Conservation and Transformation. Politics and the future of protecting nature in post-crisis Europe. Little Sydney: Protecting Nature in Europe. 28-31 May, Donau-Auen National Park, Hainburg, Austria.
- **Apostolopoulou**, E. 2015. The dialectics of green and un-green grabbing: Unraveling the environmental contradictions of capitalism. Seminars of the Political Ecology Group. 10 February, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **Apostolopoulou**, E., Bormpoudakis, D., Cent, J., Paloniemi, R. 2014. Transforming access to nature through the rescaling of environmental governance: The case of biodiversity conservation in four EU countries. 2014 Norwich Conference on Earth System Governance: Access and Allocation in the Anthropocene. 1-3 July 2014, University of East Anglia, UK.
- Cent, J. Grodzińska-Jurczak, M., Pietrzyk-Kaszyńska, A., Paloniemi, R., **Apostolopoulou**, E., Salomaa, A., Tsianou, M., Similä, J., Pantis, J.D. 2014. Legitimacy of site selection processes across Europe. 20th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. 9-13 June 2014, Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany.
- Bormpoudakis, D., **Apostolopoulou**, E., Tzanopoulos, J. 2014.

Landscape scale conservation and neoliberalism in England: are post-politics enough? 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference on Nature/Society (DOPE 2014). 27<sup>th</sup> February-1<sup>st</sup> March 2014, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

- Salomaa, A., Paloniemi, R., Kotiaho, J., Hukkinen, J., **Apostolopoulou**, E. 2013. Ecosystem services and nature conservation in green infrastructure implementation. 7<sup>th</sup> Environment Symposium of Maj and Tor Nessling Foundation entitled "Connecting people and nature". 3-4 December. Conference Center Hanasaari, Espoo, Finland.
- Cent, J., Grodzińska-Jurczak, M., Pietrzyk-Kaszyńska, A., **Apostolopoulou**, E., Paloniemi, R. 2013. Społeczna legitymizacja w procesach wyznaczania i zarządzania obszarami chronionymi Natura 2000. Konferencja: Ochrona przyrody w Polsce wobec współczesnych wyzwań cywilizacyjnych. Kraków, 24-25 October. (poster) [in English: Conference title: Nature conservation in Poland towards current civilizational challenges. Poster title: Legitimacy of the site selection and management of Natura 2000 areas].
- **Apostolopoulou**, E., Adams, W.M. 2013. Economic Crisis, Neoliberalization and the Grabbing of Nature? Conference Grabbing "Green": Questioning the Green Economy. 17-19 May 2013, University of Toronto, Canada.
- Bormpoudakis, D., **Apostolopoulou**, E. 2013. The contradictions of biodiversity conservation: economic crisis and the new stage in the production of nature. Conference Grabbing "Green": Questioning the Green Economy. 17-19 May 2013, University of Toronto, Canada.
- **Apostolopoulou**, E., Paloniemi, R., Touloumis, K., Pantis, J.D. 2012. Scale and biodiversity governance in Greece and Finland. 6<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Hellenic Ecological Society. University of Athens, 4-7 October 2012.
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- **Apostolopoulou**, E., Pantis, J.D. 2011. The political manipulation of natural resource conflicts. Conference "ACES 2011: Conservation conflicts: Strategies for coping with a changing world". Aberdeen,

Scotland, 19-24 August 2011. (Poster)

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Articles in the Greek Press on a variety of environmental and political issues (e.g., Monthly magazine OIKO, Kathimerini Journal).

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## SERVICE

### *Internal*

- **2014-2016:** Member of Churchill College, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **2013-2016:** Member of Postdocs Cambridge Society, University of Cambridge, UK.
- **2004-2012:** Member of the Administrative Council of the Union of Postgraduate and PhD Students of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- **1999-2007:** Member of the General Assembly of the Department of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- **1999-2007:** Member of the Department of Ecology and of the

Committee responsible for the Program of Studies, Department of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

- **1999-2003:** Member of the Administrative Council of Students' Association of the Department of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

**Referee**

- **Journals:** Geoforum; Ecology and Society; Environment and Planning A; Journal of Political Ecology; Conservation and Society; Landscape and Urban Planning; The Geographical Bulletin; PLOS ONE; Journal of Environmental Management; Land Use Policy; Journal of Nature Conservation; Environmental Policy and Governance; Ecosystem Services; Human Ecology Review; International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology; Journal of Environmental Planning and Management; Web Ecology; Journal of Biological Research; Environmental Engineering and Management Journal; Sustainability.
- **Conferences:** Member (*after invitation*) of the International Review Panel for the Earth System Governance Tokyo Conference 2013: Complex Architectures, Multiple Agents, for the Norwich Conference 2014: Access and Allocation in the Anthropocene & the Earth System Governance Canberra Conference 2015: Democracy and Resilience in the Anthropocene.

**Reviewer for  
scientific  
projects**

- BiodivERsA 2015 call
- Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)

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**LANGUAGES &  
IT SKILLS**

- Greek (*native*)
- English (*fluent in speaking, reading, writing*)
- French (*fluent in speaking, reading, writing*)
- Italian (*basic*)
- Spanish (*basic*)
- MS Windows, Macintosh; Microsoft Office XP, OpenOffice.org, QuarkXPress Passport, ArcGIS I (ArcInfo - ArcView), Adobe Photoshop, SPSS.

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**MEMBERSHIPS/  
FELLOWSHIPS**

- Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society
- Political Ecology Society (PESO)
- Political Ecology Network (POLLEN)
- Greek Ecological Society (Member of the European Ecological Federation – EEF)

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**OTHER  
INTERESTS**

- **2009-present:** Co-founder of a Working Group founded by a multidisciplinary team of academics. Topics: political economy, political science, philosophy, epistemology, nature-society relationship. (Responsible Academics: Professor George Maniatis, Faculty of Communication and Mass Media Studies, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and Professor Alexandros Chrysis, Department of Sociology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens, Greece).
- **2015-2016:** Member of the Editorial Board of the monthly Greek magazine 'Oikotrives' (a magazine for critical environmental politics).
- **2012:** Creative writing seminars in 'Mikro Polytechneio', Athens, Greece.
- **2006-2009:** Undergraduate student in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- **2005-2010:** Freelance journalist on environmental, political and scientific issues (e.g. Greek newspapers 'Kathimerini' and 'Prin').