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| Topic | : **Urban Design** |



**Overview**

Academic positions

Associate Professor of Urban Design, School of Architecture Engineering, National Technical University of Athens, (since 2010)

Positions held: Affiliate Academic at the Bartlett School of Planning (2015), Head of Department of Urban and Regional Planning (2019-2021), Visiting Scholar, Columbia University New York (2022) Interim Dean of the School of Architecture (2022)

Member of Urban Planning Research Lab, NTUA <http://www.arch.ntua.gr/urbanplan-research-lab>

Adjunct Lecturer of Urban Planning in the Department of Geography at the School of Social Sciences of the University of the Aegean (2006-2008).

Consultancy

Co-Founder of Territory Planning & Design Network, Tirana (since 2012)

I have been leading the studio that has had an impressive track record with prestigious public and private assignments working with multidisciplinary teams with more than 20 international experts engaged in our projects over a 10-year period.

Architect Urban Designer / Planner / Technical Director with Thymio Papayannis and Associates INC (2001-2011).

Key Expert and Team Leader in large scale projects, such as Athens Olympic Waterfront regeneration, various masterplans for tourism and residential development, urban plans and planning studies). Countries of work experience: Greece, Jordan, Oman, Dubai, Albania

Architect-Urbanist free-lance (1999-2005)

Individual assignments, participation in urban design competitions and other initiatives

**Education**

2006 PhD in Urban Planning, National Technical University of Athens, Greece

1998 MSc (Distinction). Urban and Regional Planning Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)

1997 Architecture Engineering, National Technical University of Athens

### Awards/Distinctions

* Member of the National Committee of the New European Bauhaus, 2022-
* 3rd prize in the architectural competition of *Anaplasi Athinas SA* for the design of a new urban park above the new metro station *Evangelismos,* 2023
* Chair of the final roundtable at the *Athens* Urban Forum, LSE Cities, 16.06.2022
* OECD key expert in assessing Athens metropolitan planning and governance. *Case study mission to Athens-ATTICA*. Ministry of Development, February 2014
* Athina-Attiki 2014, Framework of programmatic priorities and goals for Athens-Attika. Member of Advisory group to the Minister Energy, Environment and Climate Change, 2009-2010
* Represented Greece in the 11th Biennial of Young Designers from Europe and the Mediterranean, Athens June 2003.
* Awarded entry in urban design competition *Europan 6, ‘In between cities -Architectural dynamics and new urbanity’*, June 2001.
* Awarded entry in the international urban design competition of UIA ‘Convivial Spaces’, June 1996.

### Selected Publications

* ‘Integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development strategies and the ‘Europeanization’ of spatial planning in Greece: reinforcing institutional dualism?’ *Planning Practice and Research. Theme issue on spatial planning in Greece* (with N. Karadimitriou) (in print)
* ‘Recuperating the coastline of Athens as public space’. In: F. Berlingieri, R. Cavallo, E. Corradi & H. de Boer *Design Actions for Shifting Conditions.* TU Delft Open, 2022 <https://books.open.tudelft.nl/home/catalog/book/24>
* Public Value Capture, Climate Change, and the ‘Infrastructure Gap’ in Coastal Development: Examining Evidence from France and Greece. *Sustainability* 2022, 14, 7019. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su14127019> (with N. Karadimitriou, N.; Guelton, S. & S. Sousa)
* *In the traces of the Mediterranean City: Urbanity, planning and governance in the Athenian metropolis.* Kritiki Academic publishers 2020 (in Greek), (with I. Chorianopoulos)
* ‘Planning reform and development rights in Greece: institutional persistence and elite rule in the face of the crisis’ *European Planning Studies*, February 2019 DOI: [10.1080/09654313.2019.1579300](https://doi.org/10.1080/09654313.2019.1579300) (with N. Karadimitriou).
* ‘The regeneration of Lycabettus Hill-An example of resilient planning’. In: L. Greinke, F. Snieg, R. Lava & T. Pagonis *Urban Resilience, Governance and Climate Change-Copying with the consequences of climate change in Hanover Germany*. Institutionelles Repositorium der Leibniz Universität Hanover, 2019
* ‘Athenian Urbanism and Urban Resilience’. In: Othengrafen, F. & K. Serraos (eds) *Urban Resilience, Changing Economy and Social Trends: Coping with socio-economic consequences of the crisis in Athens, Greece.* LUH-NTUA, DAAD, Hannover, December 2018, pp. 31-48
* ‘Innovative approaches of urban design in the coastal landscape-The Albanian Riviera’. In: K. Serraos (ed) *Innovative Urban Planning Approaches.* Special Session. Changing Cities 5 20-25.06.2022, Athens: Sakkoulas, 2023
* ‘The challenge of planning an emerging Mediterranean touristic landscape: making the Albanian Riviera’ In: Jimenes et al (eds) *TURISCAPE* – Proceedings of 1st *International Congress Transversal Tourism & Landscape,* 8-10 February 2018Torremolinos, pp. 644-656
* ‘Synergies between urban design and planning: In search of a new planning model for the Athenian metropolis’*Proceedings of the International Conference on Changing Cities 2 Spatial, Design, Landscape & Socioeconomic Dimensions.* 22-26 June 2015
* ‘The evolution of metropolitan planning policy in Athens over the last three decades: Linking shifts in the planning discourse with institutional changes and spatial transformation’**.** Proceedings of the International Conference *Changing Cities: Spatial, morphological, formal and socioeconomic dimensions*. 18-21 June 2013
* ‘Planning, competitiveness and sprawl in the Mediterranean city: the case of Athens’. *Cities*, *27 (4)* August 2010, pp. 249-259. (with I. Chorianopoulos, S. Koukoulas and S. Drymoniti)
* ‘Globalizing urban cultures: The role of heritage in shaping the future identity of the African city’. *Proceedings of the* *World Planning Schools Conference*. *Diversity and Multiplicity: a new Agenda for the World Planning Community*. Mexico City, 11-16 July 2006.
* ‘Urban *development* projects in Moscow: market-state relations in the new Russia’. *European Planning Studies.* Vol. 8, No. 6, Dec 2000, pp. 751-766. (with Andy Thornley)

### Professional Practice & Research

Keynote projects

* Lead Architect of the Project “Requalification of Coastline of Vlore-Rradhime-Orikum encompassing the preparation of final design for a coastal segment of 11.5km from the Tunnel of Uji Ftohte up to the Marina of Orikum in the Bay of Vlore. The project involved multiple expertise of road design, landscaping, structural and building design hydraulic and marina works as well as BoQ and technical specifications and is now at stage where tendering has been completed and starts the implementation. The project has a total value of over 25 million and design services were organized in three LOTS

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=542987812846221>

* Preparation of an open space framework, masterplan and priority interventions for the requalification of Lycabettus Hill. Scientific responsible of the NTUA Urban Design Research Program supported with funds from John Latsis Public Benefit Organization. Collaboration with the Agricultural University and the Municipality of Athens Resilience Experts (Rebuild by Design, New York & New Jersey Institute of Technology) engaged through the *100 Resilient Cities Program*, 2018

<https://www.archisearch.gr/architecture/lykabettus-hill-athens-sxoli-arxitektonon-mixanikon-ethniko-metsovio-politexneio-presentation/>

* MANASTIR RESORT. Lead Architect of a signature resort with a particular theme of an Italian coastal town located on a 5.6ha site on the coast of Saranda municipality. The scope of work involved elaborating a project theme and identity, preparation of a masterplan with aid of transport experts and landscape and marina experts and providing a detailed design BoQ and technical specifications for 55+ individual buildings of second homes, boutique hotel and services. *TPDN,* 2020-2023
* Lead Planner of the project: Consulting Services for drafting local plans for 4 municipalities in Albania – LOT 6 (Vlore, Himara, Saranda, Konispol). The project involved preparation of municipal inventories, comprehensive need assessment, formulation of vision and strategy, creating a GIS database with regulations and thematic maps for the entire territory of the Southern Coast encompassing more than 70 settlements. Part of the task involved mapping and assessment of school infrastructures (TPA-DEA Studio, 2016-2017).

Planning consultancy & research

* Scientific Advisor in the preparation of Strategic Plans for the Region and City of Tabuk, KSA (Saudi Arabia). Research Program, *LUPR-NTUA* Project Leader, 2021
* Scientific Advisor to the Ministry of Environment in the preparation of Special Spatial Plan for the natural hazard stricken coastal area in Mati, Attica, *LUPR-NTUA*, Key Expert, 2020
* Updating the national planning standards ahead of the nationwide preparation of New Local Plans. Ministry of Environment. Research program, *LUPR-NTUA*, Key Expert, 2020-2023
* Investigation of needed works, concept design and program for the restoration and reuse of ‘Gini Building’ in the historical 19th century compound of NTUA in the centre of Athens. Member of Advisory Group, Research program funded by Ministry of Culture, *NTUA*, 2020-2021
* Preparation of design references, regulations and quality parameters for strategic investments in areas of national importance on the Southern Coast of Albania. Individual consultancy services, *Albanian Development Fund*, 2017
* Expert in territorial planning and environment in IPA Adriatik Project SPEEDY (Shared Project for Environmental Evaluation with Dynamic Governance), 2013-2015
* Expert in preparation of IPA Adriatic Cross Border Cooperation Programme Italy-Albania-Montenegro 2014-2020, 2014
* Appraisal of the secondary territorial planning legislation of Albania. International Planning Expert with the *Council of Europe* in the framework of the programme ‘Reinforcing Local and Regional Government Structures in Albania’. I worked with renowned planning law specialist Patrick McAuslan to review the draft urban planning bylaws, 2010
* Consultant of the *Organization of Planning and Environmental Protection of Athens* in the preparation of the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the transformation of former international airport of Athens (Hellenikon) into a Metropolitan Park, 2008-09.
* Planning review for the conversion of Faleron Sports Hall in Athens International Congress Hall. Client: *Olympic Properties SA*. Project Responsible, *TPA,* 2007
* Responsible of the scientific secretariat and expert coordination for the Study of the preparation of the National Spatial Plan of Greece which was undertaken by *Thymio Papayannis & collaborating firms* and involved more than 20 key experts for the Ministry of Environment and Public Works, 2006-2007.
* Preparation of Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment of Lengarica Small Hydropower Project. *Centre of Research and Development,* Tirana, 2013

Preparation of Local Plans, regulations and Strategic Environmental Assessments

* Adjustment of the General Local Plan of Korca Municipality, preparation of SEA and defending the plan in the Municipal Council. *TPDN,* 2014
* General Local Plan, Territorial Development Strategy and SEA for the peri-urban area of Vlora (Qender), Albania. Urban Planner /Team Leader, *TPDN,* 2013-2014
* Adjustment of the General Local Plan of Duress Municipality, preparation of SEA, remodelling of regulations and GIS database according to national legislation. *TPDN,* 2012
* Detailed Plan of coastal site of Jal in Himara Municipality as integrated tourism development zone. Alternative tourism concepts with masterplans. Team Leader, *TPDN,* 2012
* General Local Plan and tourism strategy of the Commune of Ishem, Region of Duress. Urban Planner / Team Leader, *TPDN,* 2012-2013
* Study of the General Local Plan of Himara Area and Priorities for Tourism Development. Himara Municipality. Urban Planner, Team Leader. *Thymio Papayannis & Associates,* 2011
* Land Administration and Management Project, Albania: *Preparation of Urban Development Plans and Regulations for the cities of Korca, Berat, Gjirokastr and Lushnja, Albania*. The World Bank funded landmark project involved implementing a methodology for drafting local planning instruments in four medium sized cities. Deputy Team Leader of the Israeli-Greek Consortium *Lerman/Marmanet,* 2009-2010.

Urban Design and masterplanning

* Landscape study of outdoor spaces of a residential complex with a total surface of 4000 sqm on a waterfront site on the coast of Vlore, Albania. Lead designer, *TPDN*, 2022-2023
* Design Strategy for the requalification of the historical centre of Athens. Urban Design Competition entry, *Athens Urban Regeneration SA,* 2019 (with Point Supreme Architects)
* Masterplan and full design services for the Study of the emblematic King Abdullah Park in Amman Jordan with surface of 50ha. Client: Greater Amman Municipality. Deputy Team Leader and Technical Coordinator of multidisciplinary team formed by international and local experts *Thymio Papayannis & Dar al Omran, TPA,* 2008-09.
* Masterplan of a large-scale luxury tourism and housing development with two hotels and various residential components, golf course in an area of 450ha in Salalah, Oman. Deputy Team Leader*, TPA,* 2007.
* Concept Proposal for the development of commercial services in Piraeus new railway terminal and improving integration in the surrounding area. Client: GAIAOSE, the real estate company of Greek Railways. Project responsible, *TPA* 2006.
* Concept masterplan for the integration of the new *Panathinaikos* football stadium in the industrial district of Votanikos, Athens. Concept proposal for sports based urban regeneration in collaboration with Norman Foster Office, Urban Designer, Project Coordinator, *TPA,* 2005.
* Masterplan for a mix-use urban regeneration of a 64ha coastal industrial brownfield in Drapetsona, Pireaus (ex-fertilizer chemical plant). We worked with real estate experts and UK landscape firm EDAW. Client: National Bank of Greece Real Estate. Urban Designer*, TPA*, 2005.
* TECHNOPOLIS-ACROPOLIS Masterplan for a new technopole in the northern outskirts of Athens on the 24ha ex-quarry site. The project was developed in partnership with TOMBAZIS Architects. Client: The association of Greek IT companies. Urban Designer *TPA,* 2003.
* Masterplan for the development of a large tourist resort with marina, thalassotherapy and hotel residential components on a 16.5ha seaside property in Skorponeria, Euboea, Greece. Client: ELVIEMEK. Urban Designer*, TPA,* 2003.
* Masterplan and full design services for the redevelopment of the Faleron bay for Athens Olympics. Concept Masterplan to create a recreational urban waterfront and arch design of sports venues. Worked with experts from Sydney, France (Reichen & Robert) *TPA,* 2001-2002
* Architectural Design of a public square and surrounding space located inside the University Campus of Zografou, Athens, individual assignment, 2006.
* Architectural Design of an ensemble of two residences on private plot (4.000sqm) in the coastal hill top location of Leonidio, Peloponese, Individual assignment, 2005
* Interior Design of three lofts, about 100m2 each, inside existing 1950s building in the historical district of Monastiraki, Athens. Individual assignment, design and supervision, 2003
* Full Design services for the development of two new student residential buildings with total surface of 2000m2 located inside the University Campus of Zografou, Athens, Individual assignment in partnership with other consultants, 2002-2003.
* Ephemeral structures for the city of Athens. Urban design competition entry, Athens Olympic Games Organizing Committee, 2003
* Rabbin square, Tel Aviv, ‘Under construction’ Concept Proposal for a square with a political theme advocating world peace. international architectural competition entry, September 2001.
* Regeneration of the towncentre of Orestias, Greece. Urban design competition entry, October 2000.

Coordination of scientific activities, participation in workshops and exhibitions

*Εξ αποστάσεως* (From the distance) Coordinator of cycle of three tele-discussions with diaspora Greek academics on the experience of teaching architecture and planning during pandemia, Feb-Mar, 2021 <http://www.arch.ntua.gr/index.php/anakoinosi_grammatia/ex-apostaseos-treis-diadiktyakes-sy/>

Urban Resilience, Governance and Climate Change. International Summer School and Workshop, Leibniz University, Hannover, 2019 <https://www.umwelt.uni-hannover.de/en/studium/lehreinternational/hekris/summer-school-2019-in-hannover/>

*Teaching architecture* Member of the scientific committee of the conference organized for the centenary celebration of the founding of the School of Architecture, November 2017 <http://100years.arch.ntua.gr/>

SITE EFFECTS 22. Design exhibition, Stavros Niarchos Foundation, October 2018

Design Strategies for the Green Zone of Nicosia, Exhibition of student work at the Cyprus Cultural Centre September 2016

*Spatial Planning and Land management in the period of the crisis.* Coordinator of a special session at the 4th National conference of Urban-Regional Planning and Development, Volos, Thessaly 24-25 September 2015

*Urban Design as a Creative Planning Tool.* Coordinator of a special session at the International Conference *Changing Cities 2 Spatial, Design, Landscape & Socioeconomic Dimensions*, Porto Cheli, 22-26 June 2015

*Nature and Urban Dynamics. Designing with Nature in the City*. Member of the scientific committee of the International Symposium organized at the School of Architecture in memory of Prof. Polyxeni Kosmaki, 3 June 2011

*Apolis*, Art Exhibition at the Hellenic American Union, 2006. Project: *Rosebud, a residential installation for an insulated community*

Urban Design Strategy for the historical capital city Porto Novo*. ,* International Urban Planning Workshop, *Les Ateliers Internationaux de Maitrise d’Oeuvre Urbaine Cergy Pontoise*, Benin, November 2005.

Eco-techno polis, international urban design exhibition for Piraeus Street, ARSIS Arch, 1997

**Public realm**

Invited speaker, member of jury and educator in various programs in Greece and abroad, including Congress of New Urbanism, 2023, Graduate School of Planning and Preservation, Columbia University (2022), University of Miami (2022), University of Notre Dame (2022-2023), Bartlett School of Planning, UCL (2015, 2019), LSE Cities Executive Program (2020), AA Projective Cities, (2020), Leibniz University Hannover (2019) CNFPT/INET, France (2019) Dastu/Politecnico di Milano (2018), Architecture Bordaux/Science Po (2017), ETSAB Barcelona (2016), London School of Economics Planning Unit (2016), Posgrado Urbanismo, UNAM Mexico (2012), Universities of Thessaloniki, Volos etc

Participatory Workshop for the Regeneration of Athens Urban Waterfront under the auspices of the New European Bauhaus, 03-05.04.2023

Participatory Workshop for the Hadrian Aqueduct integrated planning strategy, Region of Attica, Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center, 04.07.2022

Participatory Workshop for Athens Urban Resilience Strategy, Municipality of Athens 17.05.2016

*Reactivate Athens, 101 design solutions*, Design dialogues Municipality of Athens 16.12.2013

*Athens in Crisis*, International Symposium, Municipality of Athens/EPFL Lausanne, Mpenaki Museum, Nov. 2010

Media/Press:

<https://www.archisearch.gr/calendar-of-events/architects-talk-the-future-of-architecture-21-oktovriou-metropolitan-expo-curated-by-the-design-ambassador/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjS6n-xGdmA>

<https://www.kathimerini.gr/investigations/562476088/poso-chtistikan-oi-kyklades-mesa-se-pente-chronia/>

<https://orf.at/stories/3321030/>

<https://www.blod.gr/speakers/pagonis-thanos/>

<https://www.kathimerini.gr/society/561068329/o-gordios-desmos-ton-ektos-schedioy/>

<https://www.kathimerini.gr/society/1079604/vathmologontas-tin-anaplasi/>

<https://www.kathimerini.gr/society/1047891/anoigei-o-dialogos-gia-to-elliniko/>