

Curriculum Vitae

Sevi Tsampounari holds a PhD in Sociology. Her doctoral thesis '*Disabled identity and political participation in times of crisis: A qualitative approach*', was based on qualitative scientific research into the dialectical relationship between disabled identity and political participation during the period of the economic crisis in Greece.

Her research interests are primarily focused on social exclusion, identities, political participation, public sociology, social movements and qualitative social research methods.

She is also a graduate of the Sociology department of the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, and has a postgraduate degree in Sociology with a focus on Social Exclusion and Minorities.

She has additionally pursued studies in Social Work and Journalism at the Professional Journalism Workshop.

She is currently employed by the Greek Public Employment Service (DYPA) in the Directorate of Vocational Education and Training, and is involved in the planning, organization, and monitoring of programs at Lifelong Learning Centers (KDBM) and the Vocational Education and Training Schools for persons with disabilities of DYPA.

She has collaborated with numerous organizations in support of various social programs and has extensive experience in the disability sector (education, rehabilitation, employment integration).

During 2023-2024, she worked for the newly established Employee Support Centers of the Panhellenic Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Professional Reintegration (PEPSAEE) which aims to promote mental health in the workplace across the private and public sectors, through the design and implementation of actions related to workplace inclusion and diversity management, professional burnout, harassment, conflict resolution, etc.

She has also served as a scientific associate/employment counselor at the Labor Institute of GSEE and the Network for Information and Counselling of Unemployed and Employed Persons (2018–2022), focusing on vulnerable social groups (individual counseling, group workshops/information and advisory initiatives, drafting of informational texts).

Furthermore, she has collaborated on multiple programs with the National Confederation of Disabled People (ESAmA) and its Institute (IN-ESAmA),

promoting social inclusion, education, advocacy, and, more broadly, the rights of persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses. She also participated in coordinating projects supporting the labor market inclusion of young people with disabilities, as well as lifelong learning and support for individuals with severe disabilities and multiple dependency needs.

She provides training to elected representatives and staff of the disability movement on issues relating to the rights of persons with disabilities within the European Union, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the empowerment of families in advocacy.

Since 2023, she has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Sociological Association and has participated in numerous workshops and scientific conferences.