

Christos Bakalis Ph.D¹

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Introduction

Christos Bakalis' specialization is Sociology of Culture and Environmental Sociology. His study areas are spatial and social transformation, the relation between rurality and urbanity, island worlds, cultural networks and cultural processes. Up to today his research work has focused on island towns and communities of the Aegean Sea, Crete, as well as in Aetoloakarnania periphery in western Greece. The period of study is the modern era (19th to 21st century). Up to today he has contributed to research programs also has run his own research. He has academic teaching experience in undergraduate and postgraduate programs in the University of the Aegean, the Hellenic Open University and the University of Patras. The courses are related to the fields of urban and environmental sociology, geography and cultural studies. Dr. Bakalis has participated in international conferences and has published his research work in chapters in edited volumes also in journals and conferences' proceedings.

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STUDIES

Bachelor degree: University of the Aegean, School of Social Sciences, Department of Social Anthropology (1999).

Ph.D: University of the Aegean, School of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology (2007), in the field of Cultural and Urban Sociology [with the higher degree of excellence].

TEACHING APPOINTMENT: Teaching Staff, School of Social Sciences, University of the Aegean.

SPECIALIZATION: Sociology of Culture and Environmental Sociology

STUDY / RESEARCH TOPICS: Cities, spatial and social transformation, cultural process and networks, culture and natural environment, island worlds, contemporary / modern urban and environmental history, contemporary / modern rural history, qualitative research methods, collective memory, mediterranean studies, digital mapping.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

Courses in undergraduate programs

- **Department of Sociology University of the Aegean (2009, 2014-2025)**
 - ❖ Present:
 - ✓ Urban and Environmental Sociology
 - ✓ Culture and Local Societies
 - ❖ Past:
 - ✓ Sociology of Culture
 - ✓ Urban Sociology
 - ✓ Environmental Sociology. Theory and Research Fields
 - ✓ Society and Civilization
 - ✓ Sociology of Networks. The Micro – Macro Link
- **Department of Cultural Technology and Communication, University of the Aegean (2014-2025)**
 - ❖ Present:
 - ✓ Cultural Documentation and Social Space
 - ✓ Qualitative Research Methods
 - ❖ Past:
 - ✓ Theory of Culture I
 - ✓ Theory of Culture II
- **Studies in European Civilization, Hellenic Open University (2012-2013, 2015-2016)**
 - ✓ Human Geography and Material Civilization of Europe
- **Studies in Greek Civilization, Hellenic Open University (2016-2018, 2020 - 2021)**
 - ✓ Public and Private Life in Greece II: Modern Times
- **Department of Cultural Heritage Management and New Technologies [current Department of History and Archaeology], University of Patras (2010-2011, 2012-2013)**
 - ✓ Cultural Geography
 - ✓ Folk Culture
 - ✓ Issues in Folk Culture
 - ✓ An introduction to folk culture
 - ✓ Material Culture
 - ✓ Cultural Policy and Cultural Institutions
 - ✓ Cultural conservation and cultural goods

Courses in postgraduate programs

- **Monument Management: Archaeology, City, and Architecture. Interdepartmental Program, Faculty of History and Archaeology of the University of Athens in collaboration with the Department of Architecture of the University of Patras and the Department of Cultural Technology and Communication of the University of the Aegean. (2010, 2014, 2015).**
 - ✓ Urban sociology
- **City and Environment, Clinical and applied Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean (2010, 2011).**
 - ✓ Urban sociology, Perception, Aesthetics and Constitution of Space and Environment (teaching assistant)

WRITINGS

Ph.D. Thesis

Bakalis, C. 2007. *Social organization of space, migratory networks and urban reflexes in Lemnos Island during the 19th and 20th centuries*, Ph.D. thesis, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean, Mytilene (in Greek).

Texts in Edited Volumes, Journals and conferences' proceedings

Nikolakakis, G., Bakalis, C., Nikolakakis, L. & Kopaka, A. 2024. "Pressures and resistances to the "development" of small islands. The case of Gavdos", in the *Proceedings of the 13th International Congress of Cretan Studies*, Agios Nikolaos, 5-9 October 2022 (in Greek).

Bakalis, C. 2025 "Celebrating the Centennial in Agrinio and Aetolia-Acarnania in 1930 in the midst of ideological disputes and conflicts.", in *Proceedings of the: The (un)known revolution, tradition of rebellion, beginning or end? 1821 International congress for the Greek revolution of 1821, 9-12 December 2021, Athens Law School & City of Athens Cultural Center*, Karakatsouli, A. et al (ed), I Ekdoseis ton Synadelfon, Athens, pp 545 - 558 (in Greek).

Bakalis, C. 2021 "Islands' discussing. Discourses in modernity and new ontological approaches", in *Social Sciences today. Dilemmas and outlook beyond the crisis, proceedings of the 2nd Conference of the School of Social Sciences of the University of the Aegean*, Nagopoulos, N. (ed) pp 684-695. (in Greek).

Bakalis, C. 2020. "Networks and the modernization process in the northeast Aegean islands (19th – 20th centuries). A comparative approach to islands' port towns", in *Port cities and maritime routes in Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea 18th – 21st centuries, Proceedings of International Conference*, Gavra, E. & Georgitsoyanni, E. (ed), University of Macedonia, pp. 269-287.

- Bakalis C. & Chtouris, S. 2017, "Morphogenesis and social structure in modern Mediterranean cities: the case of Athens", in *Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on "Changing Cities: Spatial, Design, Landscape & Socio-economic Dimensions*, Syros – Delos – Mykonos Islands, Greece, 26-30 June 2017, Gospodini, A (ed), Grafima Publications, Thessaloniki, Greece, pp 784-793.
- Bakalis, C. 2016, "Tobacco Networks in the Aegean Islands" in *Advances in Historical Studies*, 5 (Special Issue on Tobacco Roads History: Science, Society and Technology), pp 63-79.
- Bakalis, C. 2015, "The Impact of Tobacco in Greece (Cultivation, Processing, Manufacturing, and Trade)" in *Tabak und Gesellschaft, Von braunen Gold zum sozialen Stigma*, Jacob, F. & Dworok, G. (ed), NOMOS, Baden-Baden, Germany, pp 237-264.
- Bakalis, C. 2015, "Cultural representations and public spaces in an Aegean island port town, 1920 – 1940", in *Proceedings of the International Conference on Changing Cities II Spatial, Design, Landscape & Socio-economic Dimensions*, 22-26 June 2015, Porto Heli, Peloponnese, Gospodini, A (ed), Grafima Publications, Thessaloniki, Greece, pp 874-882.
- Bakalis, C. 2014, "Mapping cities through memories. Some methodological issues" in *VisibileInvisibile: percepire la città tra descrizioni e omissioni, conference proceedings, V2 of the VI Congresso AISU* (Catania 12-14 Settembre 2013 Monastero dei Benedettini) Adorno, S, Cristina, G, Rotondo, A (ed), Scrimm Edizioni Catania, Italy, pp 231-241.
- Bakalis, C. 2010. "Town and symbols: Agrinio's urban space before and during the Second World War", in Bada C. –Sfikas A. (ed) *Occupation – Resistance –Civil War. Aetoloacarnania in 1940 decade*, Paraskinio, Athens, pp 155-94. (in greek).
- Chtouris, S. –Bakalis, C. 2007. "Social and productive structure", in "Musical Crossroads in the Aegean – Lemnos: 19th –21st century", Chtouris S –Papageorgiou D (ed), ION - ELLIN, Athens, pp. 47-180 (in Greek).
- Bakalis, C. 2011. "Cultural Transformation in Ottoman Cyprus" in *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, (Karpas K. ed), Review article for the book "Ottoman Cyprus: A Collection of Studies on History and Culture" edited by Michalis N. Michael, Matthias Kappler and Eftihios Gavriel (Weisbaden, 2009), University of Wisconsin –Madison, V. 17, p. 185-89.
- Chtouris, S. –Bakalis, C. 2007. The town as cultural network in time and space, in Mytilene and Aivali: A mutual dealing in North-Eastern Aegean Sea, *Proceedings of 5th International Congress of History*, Institute of Neohellenic Research, National Hellenic Research Foundation (October 6 –9 2003). Athens, pp 457-79 (in Greek).

Conferences (selected participations)

- Nikolakakis, G., Bakalis, C., Nikolakakis, L. & Kopaka, A. 2025. "Pressures and resistances to the "development" of small islands. The case of Gavdos" in the 17th OTIE [Observatory on Tourism in the European Islands] International Islands Conference 2025, University of Corsica, Haute, Corse, 23-25 October 2025.
- Bakalis, C. "Discourses and perceptions about civilization and progress in the Greek countryside during the interwar period. The region of the western Central Greece as a case study", in the *11th Panhellenic Conference*

on *Environmental Policy and Management "Anthropocene in Greece"*, organized by the Department of Environment, University of the Aegean, Mytilene, 1-2 June 2024.

Bakalis, C. "Nightlife worlds, entertainment and enjoyment practices in Agrinio city during the interwar period", in the 26th Postgraduate Intensive Seminar - Conference for Doctoral Candidates and Young Researchers - Scientists, entitled: Research Methodology Issues in the Social Sciences, Laboratory of Social Analysis and Applied Social Research, department of Sociology, University of Crete, Rethymno 04-06/11/2022.

Bakalis, C. "Spatial recording and documentation of the city of Agrinio for the Interwar period", in the Scientific Conference of the Department of Geography of the University of the Aegean on the topic: "Geography in a Changing World, Mytilene 2-4/06/2021.

Bakalis C. «Networks and the modernization process in the northeast Aegean islands (19th – 20th century). A comparative approach to islands' port towns», in the international conference Port cities and maritime routes in Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea (18th – 21st century) Athens 22-24.11.2018.

Bakalis, C. "Island worlds and the transition to modernity: communication conditions in the northeast Aegean islands", in the *International Conference, Islands of the World XIV, Niss(i)ology and Utopia: back to the roots of Island Studies, International Small Island Studies Association*, Mytilene, 23-27/05/2016.

Bakalis C. "Remembered heroes, forgotten compatriots. Politics on collective memory ", in the international conference *The cultural politics of memory*, Center for Critical and Cultural Theory, University of Cardiff, Cardiff, 14-16 May 2014.

Bakalis C. "Urban elites and the westernization process in the Aegean port towns", in Conference *Port Towns and Urban Cultures*, University of Portsmouth in Portsmouth UK, July 25-27, 2013.

Bakalis C. « Tobacco networks in the Aegean islands», in the International Conference: *Tobacco Roads Vienna to Kavala: Technology Transfer in the Early Twentieth Century*, Kavala, Greece, July 5-7, 2013.

Bakalis, C. "Cultural networks and urban transformation in the Aegean Sea, 1850-1900", in the *2012 Conference of the North American Victorian Studies Association, Victorian Networks, Seminar "Global Networks in the Victorian Age"*, Monona Madison, Wisconsin, USA, 27-30/09/2012.

Bakalis, C. "Cultural dynamics and new forms of urban spectacle in the Aegean island towns, '1920 – 1940", in the *11th Conference of the EAUH (European Association for Urban History) Cities and Societies in Comparative Perspectives*, Session "Leisure Practices and Cultural Life in Southern Europe towns (1840 - 1950)". Prague, Czech Republic, August 29 – September 1, 2012.

Bakalis C. (2011) "Cultural dynamics and urban transformation in the northeastern Aegean Sea, 1850 – 2000", in the International *V Conference of the Italian Association of Urban History, "Out of the ordinary: the city facing disasters and exceptional occurrences"*, Session *V/e: City, ethnicity, nationalism. Urban transformations within the nation building processes, (19th-20th centuries)*, Rome, Italy, 8-10/09/2011.

Bakalis C. "Cultural capital: a feedback field between society and economy. A need for sustainable management", in the international conference *Market vs Society? Human principles and economic rationale in changing times, CUA Annual Conference, Commission on Urban Anthropology, IUAES*, University of Peloponnese Faculty of Social Sciences Department of Social and Educational Policy, Corinth, Greece, May 27-29, 2011.

Bakalis C. "War memorials in the Greek countryside: their contribution to the syntax of the cultural space", in *People make places – ways of feeling the world*", Panel (P323) Spaces, memories, history, identity, on the *10th International SIEF (Societe Internationale d'Ethnologie et de Folklore) Congress*, Lisbon, Portugal, April 17-21, 2011.

Bakalis C. “Cultural transformation and communication networks in north – eastern Aegean islands, 1850-1914”, in the international conference *Ottoman-European Exchanges in Commerce, Finance and Culture, c.1450-c.1914*, Winton Centre for financial History, Newnham College, Cambridge, England, March 28-30, 2011.

Multimedia

Chtouris S, Bakalis C, (ed) 2007. “Tour in Lemnos”, cdrom in *Musical Crossroads in the Aegean – Lemnos: 19th – 21st century*, Chtouris S – Papageorgiou D (ed), ION, Athens (greek / english).

Chtouris S, Papageorgiou D, Bakalis C, (ed) 2008. *Songs and dances of Ikaria*, DVD ROM, Operational Programme “Information Society”. Laboratory for Social, Cultural and Digital Documentation, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean. (greek / english).

Chtouris S, Papageorgiou D, Iliadis I, Bakalis C, Tzortzakakis A, 2000. Writings and texts in *The Agiasos Anagnostirio*, Chtouris S – Papageorgiou D (ed) Laboratory for Social, Cultural and Digital Documentation, & ETAL sa (Local Development Company of Lesbos Island), Program Leader II, Mytilene (greek / english).

Research experience

Contribution in programs / projects (selected participations)

2025. Fieldwork research on Gavdos island, collection of historical data, information, documents, digital mapping of the landscape (terraces, settlements etc) regarding the organization of rural space, University of Crete

2021 – 2022. Fieldwork research on Cretan diet, collection of historical data, information, documents, customs and traditions regarding Cretan diet – cuisine, University of Crete

2022. Fieldwork research on pastoral cultural heritage at the Ida (Psiloritis) mountain in Crete. Project: IDAology (<https://idaology.gr/>), University of Crete

2008. Fieldwork research, collection, registration and documentation of material from Ikaria island for the: “Creating an interactive multimedia application for the promotion of the Musical Culture of the North Aegean” funded by the Operational Programme “Information Society”, 2000 – 2006 Third Community Support Framework, Axis I: Education and Culture, Measure I.3 “Documentation, Utilisation and Promotion of Greek Culture”, managed by the Ministry of Shipping, the Aegean and Island Policy / General Secretariat for the Aegean and Island Policy. SCDD Lab, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean.

2007 – 2008. Researcher in the framework of the program: «East Mediterranean Network for the sustainable development of protected areas INTERREG III B ARCHIMED». Area of study: National Park of Northern Pindos (GR), National Park of Cilento and Vallo di Diano (IT), Natura 2000 protected areas of Lemnos (GR). Partners: Municipality of Theodoros Ziakas (Lead), Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki, National Park of Cilento and Vallo di Diano, National Park of Northern Pindos, Municipality of Moudros, Univ. of the Aegean, University of Cyprus, Prefecture of Lesbos, Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria. SCDD Lab, University of the Aegean.

2006. Researcher in the framework of the program: DIAPLOUS [Study and documentation of the main defense / religious monuments and paths in the North Aegean Region, University of the Aegean, National Operational Plan “Information Society” (2005 -2006)]. SCDD Lab, University of the Aegean.

2001 – 2003. Fieldwork research, collection, registration and documentation of material from Lemnos Island in the framework of the program “Kivotos tou Aigaiou” (Aegean Ark), University of the Aegean.

1998. Fieldwork research and documentation for the program: “A historical, social and ecosystemic approach of the Aghios Efstratios island”, University of the Aegean, Greece.

1997 – 1998. Research assistant for the digital mapping of the island of Gavdos in the framework of the program: “Gavdos – a social, archaeological and ecosystemic research”, in collaboration with the University of Crete.

Personal Research

2007 – Today. Fieldwork socio - cultural research regarding the Interwar period in Agrinio city and the Aetoloakarnania region in western Greece.

2009. Fieldwork research, collection, registration and documentation of material regarding the history and culture of the tobacco in the Aegean Sea.

2008. Fieldwork research for memory sites in Lemnos Island regarding to the ANZAC and Russian Émigrés.

2003 – 2006. Fieldwork research regarding the Ph.D thesis: “*Social organization of urban space, social transformation, migratory networks and urban reflexes in Lemnos Island during the 19th and 20th century*”.