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PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of birth: 14/04/1977
Place of birth: Paphos, Cyprus

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1999-2000   **MSc CALL & TESOL** (Computer-Assisted Language Learning & Teaching English to Students **o**f Other Languages)

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING (Scotland, UK)

Project Title: *An Investigation of the Validity of a Computer Test of English*

1996-1999   **BA (with merit) English Language Teaching**
UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING (Scotland, UK)

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

2007 - present   **CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, Limassol, Cyprus**

Position: *Special Teaching Staff in English Language (Full-Time) – Language Centre*

▶ Subjects taught:
- English for Academic Purposes (for Semester 1 students)
- English for Specific Academic Purposes (for Semester 2 students)
    - - English for Multimedia and Graphic Arts
    - - English for Communication and Internet Studies
    - - English for Commerce, Finance and Shipping
    - - English for Nursing
    - - English for Civil Engineers and Geomatics Engineers
- English for Business Communication (for Semester 3 students)
- English for Finance (for Semester 8 students)

Main Tasks:

▶ Preparing course material such as course syllabi, testing material, wikis and handouts

▶ Designing and Assessing tests for courses taught courses, the CUT administrative staff and for external associations

▶ Designing sets of course material, especially when textbook was not available

▶ Proofreading and editing official Language Centre documents (i.e. the Language Centre brochure and website, Course Evaluation Questionnaires)

▸ Designing Needs Analysis Questionnaires: (a) addressed to administrative personnel of the Cyprus University of Technology, (b) addressed to CUT students for the evaluation of their ESAP courses

2000 - 2007   **P.A. COLLEGE, Larnaca, Cyprus**

<u>Position</u>:   *Lecturer in English Language (Full-Time) – Dept. of Business Administration*

▸ Subjects taught:

- English Language I
- English Language II
- English for Business and Research
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- Cross-Modular Assignments

<u>Main Tasks</u>:

▸ Preparing course material such as course outlines, assignments, and handouts

▸ Collaborating with colleagues to address teaching and research issues

▸ Supervising undergraduate research work

▸ Advising students on academic study programmes

▸ Acting as advisor to student organisations

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Second Language Acquisition (SLA) Theories
- Approaches to Foreign Language Learning and Teaching
- Classroom Communication and Learner Autonomy
- Use of Computer Technology in Language Learning

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Papadima-Sophocleous, S. and **Yerou**, **C**. (2013). "Using Wikis in an English for Specific Academic Purposes (ESAP) Context: University Students' Perceptions and Reflections". *TEwT Journal (Teaching English with Technology)*. Vol.13, no. 2, pp.23-54, viewed 5 May 2013, http://www.tewtjournal.org/VOL%2013/ISSUE%202/ARTICLE2.pdf.

Yerou, **C**. (2003). "Does Authenticity Matter for EFL Learners?: Effle Versus the Concordancer". *Cyprus International Journal of Management*. Vol.8, no 1, pp.42-54

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS/ OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Hadjiconstantinou, S. and **Yerou, C.** (2012). "Blending IT in ESP Courses: University Students' Responses". *International Conference ICT for Language Learning Conference Proceedings 5th Conference Edition.* Florence, Italy, 15-16 November , 2012. pp. 113-116, Milan: Silmonelli Editore University Press (Edited by Pixel)

- **Yerou, C.** and Hadjiconstantinou, S. (2010). "Another brick in the WALL": Wiki Assisted Language Learning in ESP university courses. *International Conference ICT for Language Learning Conference Proceedings 3rd Conference Edition.* Florence, Italy, 1-12 November , 2010. pp. 351-357, Milan: Silmonelli Editore University Press (Edited by Pixel)

- **Yerou, C.** and Hadjiconstantinou, S. (2010). "Another brick in the WALL": Wiki Assisted Language Learning in ESP university courses. *Cyprus University of Technology: Ktisis Institutional Repository*. Available at: http://ktisis.cut.ac.cy/handle/10488/4852

- Papadima-Sophocleous, S. and **Yerou, C.** (2009). "The Use of Wikis in an English for Specific Academic Purposes (ESAP) Course". New Trends in CALL: Working Together – Proceedings of EuroCALL 2009. Eurocall 2009, Gandia, Spain, 9-12 September 2009, pp.243-247, Madrid: Macmillan ELT

- **Yerou**, **C**. (2003). "Does Authenticity Matter for EFL Learners?: Effle Versus the Concordancer". *Cyprus International Journal of Management*. Vol.8, no 1, pp.42-54

CURRENT RESEARCH WORK

Athanasiou, A., Hadjiconstantinou, P., Kakoulli, E., Neophytou, M., Nicolaou, A., Papadima, S., & Yerou, C. *Aligning ESP Courses with the Common European Framework for Languages*, to be presented as **POSTER PRESENTATION** at the CercleS CEFR/ELP seminar to be held at Trinity College Dublin, 11-12 June 2015

CURRENT PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

- Common European Framework or Reference for Languages (CEFR): *Validation Project on Mediation Descriptors for the Council of Europe* – Validation Workshops

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CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

- Hadjiconstantinou, S., and **Yerou**, **C**. "Txt Reflections: Moblogging in ESP Courses at University Level" **POSTER PRESENTATION**. *WorldCALL 2013 Sustainability and Computer-Assisted Language Learning* Conference, 10-13 July 2013, Glasgow, UK

- Hadjiconstantinou, S. and **Yerou, C.** (2012). "Blending IT in ESP Courses: University Students' Responses" **PRESENTATION**. *ICT for Language Learning (5rd edition) International Conference*, 15-16 November 2012, Florence, Italy

- **Yerou, C.** and Hadjiconstantinou, S. (2010). "Working the Wiki Way in English Language Teaching" **WORKSHOP**. *FLIT (Foreign Languages Instructional Technology) Conference*, Organised by the University of Cyprus, Cyprus University of Technology and the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture, 3-5 December 2010, held at the University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

- **Yerou, C.** and Hadjiconstantinou, S. (2010). "Integrating Wikis in ESP University Courses" **PRESENTATION**. *1st CyTEA Annual Conference – Teaching EFL in Cyprus: Upwards and Onwards*, Organised by CyTEA, 20-21 November 2010, held at the European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

- **Yerou, C.** and Hadjiconstantinou, S. (2010). "Another brick in the WALL: Wiki Assisted Language Learning in ESP university courses" **PRESENTATION**. *ICT for Language Learning (3rd edition) International Conference*, 11-12 November 2010, Florence, Italy

- Hadjiconstantinou, P., Hadjiconstantinou, S., Kakoulli, E., Nicolaou, A. and **Yerou, C.** (2010). "The use of Wikis in English Language Teaching (ELT): Perceptions and Experiences of University Teachers" **POSTER PRESENTATION**, Organised by *ICICTE (International Conference on Information Communication Technologies in Education) 2010 Conference*, 8-10 July 2010, held in Corfu, Greece

- Papadima-Sophocleous, S. and Yerou, C. (2009). "The Use of Wikis in an English for Specific Academic Purposes (ESAP) Course" **PRESENTATION**. *EUROCALL 2009 Conference - New Trends in CALL: Working Together*, Organised by EuroCALL (The European Association of Computer-Assisted Language Learning), 9-12 September 2009, held at Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Gandia, Spain

- **Yerou, C.** and Atta, E. (2008). "Group Work and Students' Perceptions in Tertiary education in Cyprus" **PRESENTATION**. *29th Annual TESOL Greece Convention*, organised by TESOL Greece, 15-16 March 2008, held at the Hellenic American Union, Athens, Greece

- **Yerou, C.** and Atta, E. (2006). "Risk-Taking: A Recipe for Success or not?" *27th Annual TESOL Greece Convention*, Organised by TESOL Greece, 18-19 March 2006, held at the Hellenic American Union, Athens, Greece

- **Yerou, C.** (2003). "Effle Εναντίον Concordancer: Η Ουσία της Αυθεντικότητας των Αγγλικών ως Ξένης Γλώσσας στο Μαθητή της". *Ευρωπαϊκό Συνέδριο - "Ποιότητα: Η Λύση στην Εκπαίδευση"*, Οργανωτές: Διεύθυνση Ανώτερης και Ανώτατης Εκπαίδευσης – Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση, 7-8 Νοεμβρίου 2003, Λευκωσία, Κύπρος

- **Yerou, C**. (2003). "Effle versus the Concordancer: Does Authenticity Matter for EFL Learners?", *37th International Annual IATEFL Conference*, 22-26 April 2003 , Brighton, UK

TESTING-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Exam Assessor for the *Cyprus Tourism Organisation* (Vacant Posts for CTO Officers 2011)

- Exam Assessor at the *Cyprus University of Technology* (Vacant Posts for Administrative Staff 2009- 2010)

- IGCSE Oral Examiner, *Cambridge International Exams* (June 2008 session)

OTHER CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Organising Committee of the *FLIT (Foreign Languages Instructional Technology) Conference*, organised by the University of Cyprus, Cyprus University of Technology and the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture, Nicosia, December 3-5, 2010

- Activity organiser, "*P.A. College Residential Weekend 2003*", Annual Graduate Student activity, Forest-Park hotel, Platres, March 14-16, 2003.

- Newsletter Editor (*P*Anic – student union newsletter, September – December 2003).

ATTENDED SEMINARS , CONFERENCES , AND WORKSHOPS

- TESOL Greece 36th International Convention: *Teaching to New Heights*, held at the Goethe Institut, Athens, Greece, 21-22 March 2015.

- Multimedia Editing Workshop (by Dr. Jack Burston), Organised by the Language Centre, Cyprus University of Tehnology, held at the Language Centre, Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol, Cyprus, 13 December 2014

- World Usability Day Seminar, organized by the Cyprus Interaction Lab (Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts, the Cyprus University of Technology) with the support of the Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus, the Computer Society, the Cyprus SIGCHI and the contribution of Google UK, held at the Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol, Cyprus, 12 November 2014

- 4th CyTEA Annual Conference: *EFL Reloaded*, Joint Conferece organised by CyTEA (Cyprus Teachers of English Association) and the PanCyprian Association of English Teachers (PAET), held at the European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, 8-9 November 2014

- *iPads in Higher Education 1ˢᵗ International Conference*, Organised by the Networked Learning Technologies in Art and Design Lab and the "Simos Menardos" Language Centre, Cyprus University and Technology and the Falmouth University, Cornwall, UK, held at the Almyra Hotel, Paphos, 20-22 March 2014

- 2ⁿᵈ FLIT (Foreign Languages Instructional Technology) Conference: *Innovative Learning* Conference, Organised by the University of Cyprus Language Centre, held at the University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, 5-7 December 2013

- CUT Language Centre Fall Research Symposium, Organised by the Language Centre of the Cyprus University of Technology, held at the Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol, Cyprus, 3-4 December 2013

- 3ʳᵈ CyTEA Annual Conference*: Language Learning: A response to challenging times?,* Organised by CyTEA (Cyprus Teachers of English Association), , held at the European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, 9-10 November 2013

- 4ᵗʰ EALTA-CBLA SIG Symposium: *Language Assessment Literacy – LAL*, Hosted by the Department of English Studies, University of Cyprus, held at the Classic Hotel, Nicosia, Cyprus, 1-2 November 2013

- 9th Joint European Summer School on Technology *Enhanced* Learning, Co-oganised by by the EATEL (European Association of Technology Enhanced Learning) and the Cyprus Interaction Lab, held at the Navarria Hotel, Limassol, 27-31 May 2013

- 3ʳᵈ EALTA-CBLA SIG Symposium: *Test Washback in the Language Classroom*, Hosted by the Department of English Studies of the University of Cyprus, held at the Classic Hotel, Nicosia, 2-3 November 2012

- *Νέες Τεχνολογίες και Εκπαιδευτική Μεταρρύθμιση* Ανοικτή Εκδήλωση, Organised by the Department of Communication and Internet Studies, Cyprus University of Technology,held in Limassol 22 March 2012,

- *Μετασχηματισμός του Μαθησιακού Περιβάλλοντος – Παιδαγωγική Αξιοποίηση των Νέων Τάσεων της Εκπαιδευτικής Τεχνολογίας* Διάλεξη, by Nikleia Eteokleous and Costas Hampiaouris, Organised by the Department of Primary Education, Frederick University, 11 May 2011, held in Limassol, Cyprus

- FLIT (Foreign Languages Instructional Technology) Conference, Organised by the University of Cyprus, Cyprus University of Technology and the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture, 3-5 December 2010, held at the University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

- "Digital Literacies: From Theory to Practice": 3-Day Hands-On Workshop2010 (Trainer: Gavin Dudeney), Organised by CyTEA, held at the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Limassol, Cyprus, 21-23 June 2010

- Wiki Educator 5-day Online Workshop, 15-19 June , 2009 (Category:eL4C25) – Certification of WikiApprentice Level 2 achieved

- "Experiencing Reflective Practice in TEFL in Higher Education" Seminar, held at the University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus, 13 April 2009.

- "Learn English in Cyprus – Cyprus: The New Destination for Language Travel" Seminar, Organised by the Cyprus Tourism Organisation, held at the St. Raphael Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus, 30 September 2008.

- "6ᵗʰ Panhellenic ETPE Conference with International Participation: Information and Communication Technologies in Education", University of Cyprus, held in Limassol, Cyprus, 25-28 September 2008

- TESOL Greece 29ᵗʰ Annual Convention*: Inspired Teachers, Motivated Learners*, held at the Hellenic American Union, Athens, Greece, 15-16 March, 2008.

- IGCSE Oral Examiners Training, organised by the British Council (Cyprus), December 1, 2007, Nicosia .

- "The Common European Framework of Reference: From theory to Practice" Seminar, by Constance Tsaggari, held at the University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, 2 November 2007.

- "Διδακτικές Προσαρμογές για Φοιτητές με Προβλήματα Ακοής στην Τριτοβάθμια Εκπαίδευση" Seminar, by Kika Chatzikakou, held at the Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol, Cyprus, 17 October 2007.

- "Learning Technologies in the Language Classroom" Conference, Organised by the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, the University of Cyprus, and IATEFL Computer -Special Interest Group), held at the University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, 26 -28 May 2006.

- "Feedback on Feedback: Teachers, Learners, Parents, Materials", *TESOL Greece 27th Annual Convention*, held at the Hellenic American Union, Athens, Greece, 18-19 March 2006.

- Research Methods and Writing for Publication, University of Central Lancashire, 19-23 May 2004, held at P.A. College, Larnaca

- TESOL Greece 25th Annual Convention: *Looking Back and Looking Forward: 25 years of TESOL Greece*, held at the Hellenic American Union, Athens, Greece, 20 – 21March 2004.

- "Ποιότητα: Η Λύση στην Εκπαίδευση" Ευρωπαϊκό Συνέδριο, Οργανωτές: Διεύθυνση Ανώτερης και Ανώτατης Εκπαίδευσης – Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση, Λευκωσία, Κύπρος, 7-8 Νοεμβρίου 2003.

- 37th International Annual IATEFL Conference, Brighton, UK, 22 – 26 April 2003.

- Introduction to FrontPage workshop (Certificate of Achievement) - 3rd Computer-Using Educators Conference, 19-21April 2002, held at the University of Cyprus, Nicosia,

- 36th International Annual IATEFL Conference, York, UK, 23 – 27March 2002.

- "Implementing CALL in EFL: Living up to the Expectations", Organised by the University of Cyprus, CyTEA (Cyprus Teachers of English Association) and IATEFL Computer -Special Interest Group, held at the University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, 5 – 6 May 2001.

- 16th Annual TESOL Scotland Conference, Dumferline, Scotland, UK, 14 November 1998.

MEMBERSHIPS

- IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language), since 2000
- TESOL Greece (Teachers of English to Students of Other Languages Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language), since 2004
- EUROCALL (European Association for Computer-Assisted Language Learning), since 2008
- CALICO (The Computer-Assisted Language Instruction Consortium), since 2008
- EALTA (European Association for Language Testing and Assessment), since 2008
- ΕΤΠΕ (Ελληνική Επιστημονική Ένωση Τεχνολογιών Πληροφορίας και Επικοινωνιών στην Εκπαίδευση - Hellenic Scientific Association for Information and Communication Technologies in Education), since 2008
- CyTEA (Cyprus Teachers of English Association) since 2010

COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

- Microsoft Windows XP (excellent)
- Microsoft Office and Web applications (excellent)
- Unix Solaris 2.7 OS (adequate)