



# ZOE TSIAMI

## Historian

I'm a historian focusing on the Late Antique and Early Medieval/Byzantine era. My research interests involve Catechism, Baptism and Naming Patterns in Late Antique Asia Minor, as well as the studies of its cities during the Late Roman period.

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## Education

### Bachelor of Education

University of Thessaly  
2012-2016

Dep. of Early Childhood Education

### Master of History

University of Thessaly  
2017-2019  
Dep. of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology

### PhD Cand. in History

University of Thessaly  
2022- Now  
Dep. of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology

## Skills

Organized



Meeting deadlines



Critical thinking

## Experience

### Scientific Assistant

Volos Academy for Theological Studies

2019

Tasks: Editing papers, helping in organizing events, research relevant to late antique theology.

### External Collaborator\*

Orthodox Academy of Crete

2022-Now

\*Also, I will be running (in 2025) the new "Early Christianity" section of the Orthodox Academy of Crete, by organizing relevant events, workshops, and conferences, editing relevant volumes and organizing research projects.

## Language

French



English



German

## Scholarships

University of Thessaly, Dep. of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology (2023)

## Establishments

2020: Journal After Constantine. Stories from the Late Antique and Byzantine Era (hosted by the World History Encyclopaedia and published by the Orthodox Academy of Crete)

Journal's founder and coordinator  
[www.afterconstantine.com](http://www.afterconstantine.com)

## Further knowledge

Basic knowledge of Greek palaeography

# Conference papers & presentations

- Tsiami Z., *Before the Resurrection: Literary representations of Jesus' crucifixion and repose inside the apocryphal Gospels, Mythical History & Historical Myth: Blurred Boundaries in Antiquity* International Conference, University of Patras, Patras, 28th June – 1st July 2019 (Language: English).
- Tsiami Z., *Before Death. The Last Hours of Early Christians from Their Conviction to Their Death Penalty, Colour, Emotion, and Senses* 21st annual Postgraduate Colloquium, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, May 29 2021 (Language: English).
- Tsiami Z., *Aspects of worship in Nicomedia of the 4th Century AD, STUDIA BITHYNICA Symposium on the archaeology and history of Bithynia in northwestern Anatolia*, Izmir, May 11-12 2023 (Language: English).
- Tsiami Z., *From Ephesus to Antioch: Early Baptism and Naming Practices in Asia Minor*, Internartional Medieval Congress, Leeds, July 3-6 2023.
- Tsiami Z., *The Question Over Rebaptism: Heretical Challenges to Orthodox views in Late Antiquity*, International Conference *The Church and the Otherness*, Sofia November 8-10 2023.
- Tsiami Z., *Between the ascetic and the secular: The case of Thecla*, X International Scientific and Practical St. Tikhon Conference (to the 550th anniversary of the Holy Dormition Pskov-Pechery Monastery), 18 November 2023.

# Publications

- Tsiami Z. (2024). From Ephesus to Antioch: Early Baptism and Naming Practices in Asia Minor. *Theology & Life* No. 5-9 (under publication).
- Tsiami Z. (2024).圣ly Naming: The Role of Christian Saints in Late Antique Naming Practices in Asia Minor. *Theology & Life* No. 9-12 (under publication).
- Tsiami Z. (2024). The Question over Re-baptism: Heretical Challenges to Orthodox Views on Baptism in Late Antiquity. *The Church and the Otherness* (Volume under publication).
- Tsiami Z., *Views of early Apostolic sermons at F. Dostoevsky 's 'A ridiculous man's Dream'*, Στέπα,13, March 2019 (Language: Greek).

# Scientific book editings

- Elaine Padilla, Peter Chan (eds). *Theology of Migration in the Abrahamic Religions*. New York. Palgrave Macmillan 2014; **Greek edition:** Θεολογία της Μετανάστευσης στις Αβρααμικές Θρησκείες (trans. Nikos Kouremenos), Volos. Demetriadis Publications: 2021.
- Ergün Lafli, Zoe Tsiami. eds. (in preparation) *Cappadocia and Cappadocians in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Byzantine periods*. Münster: Ugarit-Verlag.
- John J. Gallagher, Zoe Tsiami. eds. (in preparation). *Easter in Late Antiquity and The Middle Ages*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.

# Event and Symposium Organizing

- *Aspects and approaches of Christmas during the Late Antique and Early Byzantine time* (online), Orthodox Academy of Crete and *After Constantine* journal, December 7 2020. Available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xHsNivk50E&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xHsNivk50E&feature=emb_title)
- *Images of the Holy Passion in Byzantine Art* (online) Orthodox Academy of Crete and *After Constantine* journal, along with *Byzantium At Ankara* and GEM postgraduate society of university of Birmingham April 20 2021. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hXm-RcyIOI>

- *The Birth of Jesus Christ: Two speeches about Christmas through the New Testament and Early Christianity*, Orthodox Academy of Crete and After Constantine journal, December 6, 2021. Available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ji9gPpJdBVg&ab\\_channel=ORTHODOXACADEMYOFCRETE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ji9gPpJdBVg&ab_channel=ORTHODOXACADEMYOFCRETE)
- *Oh, My sweet Spring. The Holy Passion in Late Antiquity* (online), Orthodox Academy of Crete and After Constantine journal, April 8, 2022. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuxvCa8JojN8JtZ9jTrYMZg>
- *Images in Byzantium and Beyond: Towards a Cultural History*, Symposium, Byzantium at Ankara, After Constantine Journal, Orthodox Academy of Crete, Koc University, May 2024.
- *Easter In Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages*, Symposium, After Constantine Journal, Medievalists.net, Orthodox Academy of Crete, April 1 2023.
- *STUDIA BITHYNICA Symposium on the archaeology and history of Bithynia in northwestern Anatolia*, Izmir, May 11-12 2023.
- *Roman and Byzantine Christmas Traditions*, online mini-conference, After Constantine Journal, Orthodox Academy of Crete, December 17 2022.
- *Early Christmas Customs and Practices*, online mini-conference, After Constantine Journal, Orthodox Academy of Crete, Medievalists.net, December 16, 2023.
- *Late Antique and Medieval Christian Literature*, Online workshop organized by the Orthodox Academy of Crete, After Constantine Journal and Medievalists.net, 23 September 2023 (Zoom).
- *Sacred Days in Early Christianity: the Case of Easter*, online conference, After Constantine Journal, Orthodox Academy of Crete, Medievalists.net, April 20, 2024.
- *Pithoi in the archaeology of the eastern Mediterranean. Studies on pithos as a storage and burial vessel in the ancient Classical and Byzantine world*, Izmir May 2024.
- *Baptism in Early Christianity and Baptismal Inscription in Asia Minor*, Izmir December 2024.

## Other academic attainments

- Participation at *The Meteora Workshop*, organized by Princeton University, Kalambaka, Meteora, Greece (June 2023).

## Teaching experience/Workshops

- *Separating social history through hagiological and rhetorical texts*, Workshop at the 4th International Congress in Educational Innovation, Larissa, October 12-14, 2018.
- *Historical aspects of the Apocrypha writings*, workshop at the 5th International Congress in Educational Innovation, Larissa, October 11-13, 2019.
- Greek Workshop, *Introduction to the Early Christian Writings*, Orthodox Academy of Crete 18-20 March 2023.
- International Workshop, *Late Antique and Medieval Christian Literature*, Orthodox Academy of Crete, Medievalists.net, 23 September 2023.