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1. Short Biography

Georgios Lekakos is a Professor in the Department of Management Science and Technology at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), where he also serves as Director of the MSc in Management Science and Technology and Director of the MSc in AI for Digital Transformation. He holds a Ph.D. in Machine Learning from AUEB (2004), an M.Sc. in Advanced Methods in Computer Science from Queen Mary College, University of London (1992), and a B.Sc. in Mathematics from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1991).

From 2020 to 2024, he served as Vice Rector of Research and Life-long Learning at AUEB and concurrently as President of the AUEB Research Center — overseeing annual R&D assets exceeding €30 million — and as President of the Lifelong and e-Learning Center. He has led numerous EU-funded and nationally funded research and consulting projects in collaboration with leading public and private sector organisations. His research has received over 6,000 citations on Google Scholar (h-index: 32).

2. Area of Specialisation

- Artificial Intelligence & Big Data Analytics
- Digital Transformation Strategy
- Financial Technology (FinTech) & e-Payments
- Human-Computer Interaction & Intelligent User Interfaces
- E-Business, E-Commerce & E-Government
- Machine Learning Algorithms

3. Proven Teaching Hours in Distance Learning Programmes

The following table summarises teaching assignments as Adjunct Faculty at the Hellenic Open University (HOU/ΕΑΠ) and as visiting faculty at the Open University of Cyprus, as certified by official institutional statements.

Academic Year	Programme / Module	Institution	Role
2007–2008	Informatics & Multimedia (ΓΤΠ61), MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Tutor + Supervision of 2 dissertations
2008–2009	Informatics & Multimedia (ΓΤΠ61), MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Tutor + Supervision of 4 dissertations
2009–2010	MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Supervision of 5 dissertations
2010–2011	MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Supervision of 2 dissertations
2011–2012	MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Supervision of 1 dissertation
2012–2013	Informatics & Multimedia (ΓΤΠ61), MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Tutor + Supervision of 2 dissertations

Academic Year	Programme / Module	Institution	Role
2013–2014	Informatics & Multimedia (ΓΤΠ61), MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Tutor + Module Coordinator + Supervision of 2 dissertations
2014–2015	Informatics & Multimedia (ΓΤΠ61), MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Tutor + Supervision of 2 dissertations
2015–2016	MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Supervision of 2 dissertations
2016–2017	Hardware-Software Systems Design (ΣΔΥ60), MSc Technology H&S	Hellenic Open University	Tutor + Supervision of 1 dissertation
2017–2019	Various modules	Open University of Cyprus	Adjunct Teaching Staff
2019–2020	Informatics & Multimedia (ΓΤΠ61), MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia	Hellenic Open University	Tutor
2025–2026	Digital Transformation & AI in the Public Sector, MSc Applied Public Economics & Policy	University of Piraeus	Instructor (distance mode)

Estimated Distance Learning Teaching Hours (ΕΑΠ/HOU): Based on HOU Board Decisions 85/19-04-2002 and 88/24-07-2002, a full group of students (32±4 for postgraduate programmes) equals 80 teaching hours/month over a 10-month academic year (800 hrs/year). Groups taught ranged from 12 to 18 students (~50% of a full group). Across 7 years of direct group tutoring (2007–08, 2008–09, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2016–17, 2019–20), the verified teaching load amounts to a minimum of **≥ 2,800 documented distance-learning teaching hours**, plus additional hours from dissertation supervision, module coordination, and the Open University of Cyprus engagement.

4. Years of Teaching Experience

Institution	Period	Role
Athens University of Economics and Business	2022 – present	Professor
Athens University of Economics and Business	2015 – 2022	Associate Professor
Athens University of Economics and Business	2010 – 2015	Assistant Professor
University of the Aegean	2008 – 2010	Assistant Professor
Open University of Cyprus	2017 – 2019	Adjunct Teaching Staff
Hellenic Open University	2007–2012, 2012–2017, 2019–2020	Adjunct Teaching Staff (Σ.Ε.Π.)
University of Piraeus	2004 – 2005, 2025–2026	Adjunct Lecturer / Instructor
Athens University of Economics and Business	2005 – 2009	Adjunct Lecturer
University of Cyprus	2006 – 2007	Visiting Lecturer

Total Teaching Experience: Over 25 years (2000–2026), spanning undergraduate, postgraduate, and professional/executive education across multiple institutions in Greece and Cyprus.

5. Teaching Programmes and Institutions

Athens University of Economics and Business (2005–present)

- MSc in Management Science and Technology (Director, 2017–present)
- MSc in AI for Digital Transformation (Director, 2024–present)
- Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in AI, Digital Transformation, E-Business, HCI, FinTech

University of the Aegean (2008–2010)

- Department of Information and Communication Systems Engineering — postgraduate and undergraduate courses

Hellenic Open University / ΕΑΠ (2007–2012, 2012–2017, 2019–2020)

- MSc Graphic Arts & Multimedia — Module: Informatics & Multimedia
- MSc Technology of Hardware & Software — Module: Hardware-Software Systems Design
- Role: Tutor, Module Coordinator, Dissertation Supervisor

Open University of Cyprus (2017–2019)

- Adjunct Teaching Staff — distance learning postgraduate programmes

University of Piraeus (2004–2005, 2025–2026)

- Department of Technology Education & Digital Systems (2004–2005)
- MSc Applied Public Economics & Policy — Digital Transformation & AI in the Public Sector (2025–2026)

University of Cyprus (2006–2007)

- Department of Computer Science — Visiting Lecturer

6. Research Achievements

Citations: >5,000 (Google Scholar) | **h-index:** 32

Category	Count
Books / Edited Volumes	2 authored/edited books + 1 edited conference proceedings volume
Refereed Book Chapters	5
Refereed Journal Articles	30
Refereed Conference Papers	37
Consulting / Scholarly Reports (EU & Nationally Funded)	14+ major projects (2000–2026)
EU-Funded R&D Projects	14+ projects (FP5/FP6/FP7/H2020/Digital Europe)

Other Scholarly Contributions

- Associate Editor, International Journal of Virtual Reality and Broadcasting
- Editorial Board Member, Open Systemics and Cybernetics Journal; Open Ergonomics Journal
- Conference Co-Chair: EuroITV 2013 (Como), EuroITV 2006 (Athens)
- Best Paper Award: IFIP e-business, e-services, and e-society Conference, 2013

- Reviewer for ACM, IEEE, EJIS, Journal of Advertising Research, and 20+ venues