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Vassiliki STATHOKOSTA is an Ass. Prof. Dr. of “Orthodox Theology and Ecumenical Movement” in the Department of Theology, Theological School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Studies:

She studied Systematic and Ecumenical Theology at:

- the Department of Theology, Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki;
- the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey/University of Geneva;
- the Theological School of Fribourg/Suisse.

Scholarships by:

a) the Permanent Representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the World Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches (Sept. 1993 – February 1994),

b) the World Council of Churches’ Committee for “Ecumenical Theological Education” (academic years 1994-1995),

c) the “Comite Catholique pour la Collaboration Culturelle” of the “Conseil Pontifical pour la promotion de l’ Unite des Chretiens” of the Roman Catholic Church,

d) the Greek Scholarship Foundation for Post-Doctoral Research [“Ιδρυμα Κρατικών Υποτροφιών”, 2002-2003].

RESEARCH:

I. Doctoral Thesis

- Doctoral thesis: *The relationship between the Church of Greece and the World Council of Churches 1948-1961, based on the Archives of the WCC* (PhD diss. in Greek, University of Thessaloniki: 1999). It was approved by the Faculty of Theology of Thessaloniki with grade A (Arista) and she was proclaimed a Doctor of Theology in April 2000.

II. Post-Doctoral Thesis

- Post-doctoral research, under a scholarship by the Greek State Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y.): *The formation of the ecumenical relations in Greece. Issues of Proselytism and Religious Liberty in post-war Greece* [“Η διαμόρφωση των οικουμενικών σχέσεων στην Ελλάδα. Ζητήματα

προσηλυτισμού και θρησκευτικής ελευθερίας στη μεταπολεμική Ελλάδα (από το 1948 έως τα μέσα της δεκαετίας του '60"): Thessaloniki 2003].

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- Scientific and Academic coordinator of the e-learning programme "Introduction in Orthodox Theology and Life" (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens:
http://elearn.elke.uoa.gr/show_programs.php?catID=all&prID=249) (today – 2010);
- Scientific Coordinator of the project of the Section of Patristic Studies, History of Dogma and Symbolic Theology under the title "Studies and monographs of Patristic Studies, History of Dogma, Symbolic Theology and Ecumenical Movement in Greek-speaking bibliography: 1837-2013" (2013-2014);
- Researcher in the project "Digital Library of the Holy Bible", Orthodox Center of Education and Culture of the Holy Metropolis of Thessaloniki (Pylaia) (2001 Sept. - 2000 April);
- Researcher at several European and Greek research projects with topics as Orthodox Church in the modern world; inter-Orthodox, inter-Christian dialogues; issues of gender; human rights; globalization and multiculturalism in relation to religion/s, national identity etc. (today – 1992).

TEACHING:

- ▶ today - 2009 May:

After her election by the Faculty of Theology (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), she works as a Faculty Member of the Section of Patristic Studies, History of Dogma and Symbolic Theology, of the same University. Her specialty is "Orthodox Theology and Ecumenical Movement".

- She teaches the following courses:
 - "Symbolic Theology and Ecumenical Movement";
 - "Orthodox Ecclesiology and Inter-Christian Dialogue";
 - "Issues of Ecclesiology in the frame of the ecumenical movement";
 - "Inter-Christian Relations in Greece".
- She also teaches in the Programme of Master Studies the following courses of specialization":
 - "Issues of the Ecumenical Movement A"
 - "Issues of the Ecumenical Movement B" and
 - "Issues of Orthodox Theology and the Ecumenical Movement"

- ▶ 2009 May - 2001 Sept.:

- teacher at Higher Education (High School and Lyceum) teaching Theology and Religion and

- organizer and coordinator of environmental and gender-relations projects at school in cooperation with the “Center of Research for Issues of Equality” (KEΘI) of the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

- educator to educational courses for theologians of Higher Education on teaching Theology and Religion at High School and Lyceum, organized by the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Ecclesiology; Bilateral Theological Dialogues; Ecumenical Reception; Orthodox Ecumenical Figures; Ecumenical Theological Education; Receptive Ecumenism; Theology and Humans Rights; Religious Freedom, Mission and issues of Proselytism.

SPECIAL ECUMENICAL RESEARCH AND ACTIVITY:

▶ today - 1992:

She has published numerous studies concerning the Orthodox Church and Theology in the Ecumenical Movement; issues of Ecclesiology and inter-Christian dialogues; issues of proselytism and religious liberty; human rights and freedom of beliefs; the women’s issue in Orthodoxy and in Ecumenical Movement;

▶ 2016 November

Nominated by the Church of Greece as member of the Thematic Reference Group of CEC for “Human Rights”;

▶ 2016 October:

Member of the Inter-Orthodox Consultation for commenting on the ecclesiological text “*THE CHURCH TOWARDS A COMMON VISION*” Faith and Order Paper No. 214 (Paralimni, Cyprus, 6-13 October 2016);

▶ 2015:

Appointed by the Church of Greece as a member of the “Theological Committee” for the study and evaluation of the Faith and Order *THE CHURCH TOWARDS A COMMON VISION* (Paper No. 214), WCC Publications: 2013;

▶ 2014 - 2013:

Participation at the KEK Summer Schools on Human Rights:

- “Stand up for Women’s and Children’s rights” (Thessaloniki, 31 May – 4 June 2016);
- “Theology and Human Rights: Treat people equally!” (Hagaberg, Sweden, 25-29 May 2015);
- “Theology and Human Rights: Freedom of Religion or Belief for All” (Palermo, autumn 2014);
- “Churches Voice on Human Rights: Training on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights in the Euromediterranean Region” (Palermo, autumn 2013).

▶ 2013 Oct.:

She has been appointed as the Scientific Advisor on Ecumenical Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa.

▶ 2013 July:

Delegate of the Church of Greece at the 14th KEK Assembly in Budapest.

▶ 2012 June:

Participation at the WCC – KEK conference: “The future of theology in the changing landscapes of Universities in Europe and beyond – Joint Consultation of MF Norwegian School of Theology, Conference of European Churches and WCC-ECE, Oslo, 6-8 June 2012”.

▶ 2014 - 2011:

Organizer and member of the Scientific Committee of several international ecumenical conferences at the University of Athens:

- The Edict of Milan (313 AD) for Religious Tolerance and the Demand of the 21st century for Reconciliation: The role of the Bible in the peaceful coexistence of otherness (Hellenic Bible Society and School of Theology of the University of Athens, 12-13 Dec. 2013);

- Theological Studies and Ecumene, With reference to the participation of the Orthodox Church to Inter-Christian Dialogues and their future (Inter-Orthodox Center of the Church of Greece - Penteli Monastery/Athens, 12-13 March 2012);

- Dialogues of Orthodoxy – The Orthodox Witness (University of Athens, School of Theology, 9 May 2011).

▶ 2011:

Member of the Consulting Committee of the WCC and KEK for the publication of the Orthodox Handbook on Ecumenism (ed. P. Kalaitzidis, Th. FitzGerald etc), Volos Academy Publications in cooperation with WCC Publications, Geneva and Regnum Books International, Oxford, Volos/Greece 2014.

▶ 2011 – 2010:

Broadcast producer: “Orthodox Witness and the Ecumenical Movement” at the Radio Station of the Church of Greece.

▶ 2009 Oct.:

Delegate (Proxy) of the Church of Greece at the Faith and Order Conference in Crete/Greece.

▶ 1997 July:

Youth participant at the Ecumenical Assembly of KEK, “Reconciliation: a gift of God and a source of new life”, Graz, 23 - 29 June 1997.

▶ 1996 March:

Member of the local Organizing Committee for the International Congress of the Representatives of the three Religious Communities of Jerusalem: “The responsibility of Jews – Christians – Muslims for peace in Jerusalem”, WCC, Vatican and WLF, Thessaloniki, 24 – 29 Aug. 1996.

▶ 1994 April:

Member of the local Organizing Committee for the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey Seminar: "Introduction to the Orthodox Theology", Thessaloniki.

▶ 1992 Sept.:

Member of the Secretariat of the Ecumenical Symposium "Classical Theology and Contextual Theology: The task of the Orthodox Theology in the post-Canberra Ecumenical Movement", Ecumenical Institute of Bossey and Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCES AND PAPERS:

Participation in numerous scholar ecumenical conferences in Greece, Europe and USA.

e.g.

▶ 2017 March:

Participation in the International Conference "1517 – 2017: 500 years of Reformation", under the auspices of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, presenting paper under the title "Reformation and Inter-Christian Relationship 500 years after (1517-2017): A critical Orthodox viewpoint of the document 'From Conflict to Communion' (Lutheran - Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017)". Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: 28-30 March 2017.

▶ 2015 December:

- participation in the Scientific Symposium, organized by the Patriarchal Monastery of Vlatades, the Patriarchal Institute of Patristic Studies and the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, under the general theme "Towards the Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox" (Thessaloniki, 3-5 Dec. 2015)

presenting paper under the title: "The Orthodox Church and contemporary challenges: Woman in the Church and in the world"

▶ 2015 January:

- participation in the International Scientific Conference "Deaconesses, Ordination of Women and Orthodox Theology" (CEMES, Thessaloniki)

presenting paper under the title: "The Ordination of Women in the Anglican Community and the Official Theological Debate Within the Community. Critical evaluation on the part of an Orthodox"

▶ 2014 July:

- participation in the III Receptive Ecumenism Conference on "Receptive Ecumenism in International Perspective: Contextual Ecclesial Learning" [Center for Catholic Studies, Fairfield University (USA) & Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University (United Kingdom)],

presenting paper under the title: "Receptive Ecumenism, Theological Education, and Orthodox Traditions: Reflections on the reception process and receptive ecumenism in Orthodox environments".

OTHER ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES:

- ▶ Scientific Advisor on Ecumenical Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa.
- ▶ Member of the Board of the Inter-Orthodox Center of the Church of Greece - Penteli Monastery/Athens.
- ▶ Member of the Center of Ecumenical, Missiological and Environmental Studies “Metropolitan Panteleimon Papageorgiou”, Thessaloniki.
- ▶ Founding Member of the Society for Ecumenical Studies and Inter-Orthodox Relations”.

PUBLICATIONS:

Works of hers had been published in English in “Ecclesiology” (ed. Brill) as well as in the “Orthodox Handbook on Ecumenism”; in Italian in “Studi Ecumenici”; in Greek theological journals as “Kath’ Odon” and “Synaxi”, the “Great Orthodox Christian Encyclopedia”, the Scientific Yearbook of the School of Theology, University of Athens etc.

Works of her (**Books and Monographs: authored**):

- *The relationship between the Church of Greece and the World Council of Churches 1948-1961, based on the Archives of the WCC* (PhD diss. in Greek, University of Thessaloniki: 1999)
- *The Ecumenical Relations in Greece. Issues of Proselytism and Religious Liberty*, Athens: Ennoia, 2015 (in Greek)
- *Orthodox Theology and Ecumene: Studies – Articles*, Athens: Parresia, 32015 (in Greek)
- *Orthodox Ecclesiology and Inter-Christian Dialogue: The “Una Sancta” in the life and work of the Metropolitan Panteleimon Papageorgiou*, Athens: Ennoia, 2015 (in Greek)

Books: edited (Editor of the volumes of ecumenical conferences she participated as a member of the Scientific Committee):

- *The Edict of Milan (313 AD) for Religious Tolerance and the Demand of the 21st century for Reconciliation: The role of the Bible in the peaceful coexistence of otherness*, Athens: Hellenic Bible Society, 2014 (in Greek)
- *Theological Studies and Ecumene, With reference to the participation of the Orthodox Church to Inter-Christian Dialogues and their future*, Athens: Pedio, 2013 (in English and in Greek)

TRANSLATIONS:

➡ September 2016:

She translated the ecclesiological document of Faith and Order “*THE CHURCH TOWARDS A COMMON VISION*” Faith and Order Paper No. 214 into Greek under the auspices of the WCC (see Προς ένα Κοινό Οικουμενικό Όραμα: Athens, Ennoia 2016.

See also

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/faith-and-order/i-unity-the-church-and-its-mission/TheChurchGREEK.pdf>)

➡ She has translated into Greek numerous ecumenical articles and studies, as well as documents of WCC and KEK, published in the Greek theological journals as “Kath’ Odon”,

✚ See more CV information: <http://www.theol.uoa.gr/proswpiko/melh-dep/alfabhtika/cv-sta8okosta.html> and <http://www.theol.uoa.gr/proswpiko/melh-dep/alfabhtika/cv-sta8okosta/ergografia.html>