

## **Biography**

### **George Kritsotakis (pronouns: he, him)**

I am Assistant Professor in Public Health Nursing and Social Epidemiology, at the Department of Business Administration & Tourism, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece. Since October 2017, I am also adjunct faculty at the MSc in Health Services Administration at the Hellenic Open University.

I hold a degree in Nursing (TEI of Crete), an MA in Health Education & Health Promotion (UCL Institute of Education, University of London), and a PhD in Social Medicine, from the Department of Medicine, University of Crete. I have attended the Summer Session in Public Health Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health (Society & Health, 2012).

I have worked in research teams for various funded research projects, e.g. as a Principal Investigator in the project 'Social Capital and other factors as predictors of health behaviour change in young adults: a 36-month cohort study'. I was also coordinating investigator, in the Life-Long-Learning Program GRUNDTVIG, 'Active ageing & Pre-retirement counseling' and in: 'Education for the Evaluation of Adult Education Staff-EDUEVAL'. I have also worked as member of the main research team in the many funded projects, among them are: 'Epidemiologic profiling, health needs assessment and health education intervention in the rural population of Crete, Greece'; in a prevention intervention for 'Women's cardiovascular health'; in 'The transition process from youth to adulthood. A study on the young people of Crete'; in the social determinants of birth outcomes in the Mother – Child Cohort in Crete, Greece, Rhea study, and in the LLP Leonardo, 'Formateurs de professionnels de santé en Europe: Quelles qualifications? Quelles competences?'.

I am currently supervising two PhD theses and I have co-supervised many PhD's and more than 30 postgraduate theses, in different master's degree Programs.

I have presented our research results in major international conferences and have been widely invited in national conferences and seminars. I was the recipient of the Award of the scientific committee for the best oral presentation: 'Is individual-level social capital associated with patient satisfaction with cancer care? 5th Pan-Hellenic Congress for the Administration, Finance & Health Policy (Athens, 2-5/12/2009).

I have served as a reviewer in many academic journals (Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health, American Journal of Human Biology, Social Science & Medicine, Public Health Nutrition, Journal of Public Health, Aggressive Behavior, Journal of Advanced Nursing, Health Promotion International, Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences, Nursing & Health Sciences, Western Journal of Nursing Research e.t.c.). I have published more than 40 academic papers in international and national peer-reviewed journals mainly on health management, social capital, and lifestyle behavioural risk factors.