

Curriculum vitae

SPYROS SPYROU

Spyros Spyrou is the founder and director of the *Center for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence* and president of the Center's Board of Directors. He holds a BSc degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MA and PhD degrees in sociocultural anthropology from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Currently, Spyros is an associate professor of anthropology and sociology at Cyprus College; from 2000 to 2002 he also served as head of the Department of Arts and Sciences at Cyprus College. He is a member of the American Anthropological Association and the European Sociological Association. He is a qualitative researcher, mostly working with ethnographic methodologies, and his research interests include childhood, education, and identity construction especially as they relate to ethnicity, nationalism, and racism. In his more recent work he is particularly interested in issues related to poverty and social exclusion as they relate to children. His work has been funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the State University of New York at Binghamton, the Bank of Cyprus, the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, UNOPS/UNDP, and the European Commission. Currently, Spyros is the scientific coordinator for a transnational project titled "Integrating Children's Perspectives in Policy-making to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion Experienced by Single Parent Families: A Transnational, Comparative Approach," which is funded by the European Commission; he is also coordinating an effort to establish an international network of children's organizations.

Some of his most recent publications include:

- Forthcoming Education and the Cultural Politics of Childhood in Cyprus. In *European Childhoods: Cultures, Politics and Childhood in the European Union*. Adrian James and Allison James, eds. Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2006 Children Constructing Ethnic Identities in Cyprus. In *Divided Cyprus: Modernity, History, and an Island in Conflict*, Yiannis Papadakis, Nicos Peristianis, and Gisela Welz, eds, pp. 121-139. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press.
- 2006 Constructing 'the Turk' as an Enemy: The Complexity of Stereotypes in Children's Everyday Worlds. *South European Society and Politics* 11(1): 95-110.
- (with Loucas Antoniou)
- 2005 *Μικροδουλειές: Παιδική Εργασία στην Κύπρο στις Αρχές και τα Μέσα του 20^{ου} Αιώνα*. Λεύκωσια: Κέντρο Μελέτης της Παιδικής και Εφηβικής Ηλικίας. (A social historical work on child labor in Cyprus.)
- 2004 Crossing the Green Line in Cyprus: First Encounters with the Other. *Transformations* 15(2): 42-50.