

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Dr. Niki Kalavrezou is a Team Leader of the Health and Care team at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research. She holds a PhD in Economics from the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) and a doctoral diploma in Health Economics and Policy from the Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH+), completed in collaboration with the Universities of Geneva and Lausanne. Dr. Kalavrezou has over a decade of experience in applied social research in the areas of health, long-term care, inequality, labour, pensions and education. Her expertise includes applying various qualitative and quantitative research methods (mixed methods), such as survey data analysis and expert interviews, to deliver comprehensive and impactful research. From 2014 to 2020, she worked as an economist for the IMF office in Athens in the context of Greece's fiscal adjustment programs, collaborating with stakeholders at the national, European and international level. She has also worked as a senior researcher at the Foundation for Industrial and Economic Research (IOBE) and as a special scientific advisor at the Greek Ministry of Labor. She is a former doctoral scholar of the Hellenic Scholarship Foundation (IKY).

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/03/2024–Present

Researcher

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna (Austria)

- Statistical and econometric analysis
- Researcher on health, healthcare and ageing

Current research projects:

- FACTS & FIGURES on long-term care (researcher)
- COORDINATE (researcher)
- EUROMOD AUSTRIA (national team member)

01/01/2021–29/02/2024

Senior Researcher

IOBE - Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research, Athens (Greece)

- Project Management and Development
- Econometric and statistical analysis
- Focus on public policies (welfare, inequality, health, education, labour)

Indicative research projects:

- Deaton Review of Inequality, Country report: Greece (project coordinator)

- Intergenerational Inequalities in Education, LSE Hellenic Observatory (project coordinator)
- Study on labour market trends and policy proposals for Greece, SEV (researcher)
- Report on social and economic trends across the Greek regions (project coordinator)
- Tax reform proposals for self-employment in Greece (researcher)
- Evaluating the impact of ESFI funds on the Greek economy (researcher)
- Technical support to the National Action Plan for the EU Child Guarantee, 2022 (project coordinator)
- Demographics challenges for Greece and policy measures, June 2022 (project coordinator)
- Occupational insurance in Greece: challenges and opportunities, February 2022 (researcher)

01/11/2014–31/12/2020 **Economist**

International Monetary Fund (IMF), Resident Representative Office, Athens (Greece)

- Conducting analysis on Greece's fiscal and structural policies
- Monitoring reforms' implementation in the context of IMF programs
- Evaluation and impact assessment of fiscal reforms implemented in the sectors of healthcare and pensions leading to relevant official IMF publications
- Supporting the IMF team during review missions, contribute to the IMF Staff Reports and Technical Assistance missions
- Establishing and maintaining close contact with the authorities at a high level, European institutions and various economic stakeholders to receive feedback and suggestions for improvements on program conditionality

Areas of work:

Pensions and social security, labour, healthcare, education, fiscal-structural policies

01/06/2012–31/10/2014 **Special Scientific Advisor**

Hellenic Ministry of Labour (Minister's Cabinet)

- Monitoring and assisting in the implementation of pension reforms implemented during 2012-2013
- Monitoring fiscal adjustment legislation during 2013-2014

01/01/2010–01/06/2017 **University Teaching Assistant**

Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB)

- Tutor of "Macroeconomics" (2 years)
- Tutor of "Econometrics II" (5 years)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Jan 2010– Oct 2020 **PhD in Economics (IKY merit scholar)**

Athens University of Economics and Business

thesis title: "Aspects of health inequalities in Greece during the sovereign debt crisis"

2010- 2014 **PhD diploma in Health Economics and Policy**

Swiss School of Public Health (Universities of Geneva and Lausanne)

2006-2008 M.Sc. in European and International Studies (with merit)
University of Athens

2000-2005 B. Sc. In Political Science and Public Administration
National Kapodistrian University of Athens

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Greek

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
German	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Turkish	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Computer/ econometric skills Experienced STATA user, intermediate EViews/ R user

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prize & Scholarships State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), Postgraduate scholarship (PhD)
University of Athens, top-ranked student scholarship (MSc)

Training (selection) EUROMOD training (JRC Seville)
Macroeconomic Forecasting (IMF)
Industrial Organization of Pharmaceutical Markets (University of Lausanne)
Empirical Policy Evaluation in Health (University of Lausanne)
Econometric Analysis of Healthcare Demand (University of Geneva)
Econometric Analysis in Health Economics (University of Lausanne)
Inequalities in Health and Healthcare (University of Geneva)

Recent Conferences 21st Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics (CRETE), Naxos, July 10-14, 2023 (presentation title: "Intergenerational mobility in education in Greece: An exploration into socioeconomic determinants of students' performance and future career plans")
Press conference to present the findings of the research project "Intergenerational Mobility in Education in Greece", funded by the LSE Hellenic Observatory Research Calls Programme, Athens, April 12, 2023 (main presenter)
Deaton Review Country Studies: A Trans-Atlantic Comparison of Inequalities in Incomes and

Outcomes over Five Decades, Paris, October 20-22, 2022 (presentation title: "Health-related inequalities in Greece").

19th Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics (CRETE), Naxos, July 12-16, 2021 (presentation title: "Inequalities in access to healthcare services before, during and after the Greek sovereign debt crisis")

Annual RRP Implementation Workshop for Greece, November 2022, joint organization by European Commission-IOBE-Greek RRP Agency (organization team)

Greece and the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility, 2021, September 2021, joint organization by the European Commission-IOBE-Greek RRP Agency (organization team)

Reports and Publications

Kalavrezou, N., Pot, M., Kadi, S., Simmons, C., Leichsenring, K. (2025). Facts and Figures on Healthy Ageing and Long-Term Care. Vienna: European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research.

Danchev, S., Gatopoulos, G., Kalavrezou, N., Mavropoulos, A., Pavlou, G., & Vettas, N. (2024), Equally poorer: inequality and the Greek debt crisis. *Fiscal Studies*, 45, 359–375.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-5890.12384>

Danchev, S., George Gatopoulos, G., Kalavrezou N. & Vettas, N. (2023), "Intergenerational Mobility in Education in Greece: An Exploration into Socioeconomic Determinants of Students' Performance and Future Career Plans Before, During and After the Crisis", LSE Hellenic Observatory, June 2023 GreeSE paper No. 185.

Kalavrezou N. & Hui, J. (2021), "Health Care Reform in Greece: Progress and Reform Priorities", IMF Working Paper.

Kangur, A., Kalavrezou, N., & Kim, D. (2021), "Reforming the Greek pension system", IMF Working Paper.

Botman, D. & Kalavrezou, N. (2019), "Installment schemes, arrears and payment culture", IMF Selected Issues Paper (SIP).

Medgyesi, M. & Kalavrezou, N. (2014), "Inequality in the use of childcare". European Commission, DG Employment, Research note no 8/2014.

Hufkens, T., & Verbist, G., with collaboration of Figari, F., Gábos, A., Kalavrezou, N., Matsaganis M. and Paulus A. (2015), "The distributive effects of work-family life policies in European welfare states", Improve Project Working Papers, Discussion Paper No. 16/09.

Ricardo Rodrigues, R., Schulmann, K., Schmidt, A., Kalavrezou, N., & Matsaganis, M. (2013), "The indirect costs of long-term care", European Commission, Report prepared for DG EMPL, Social Situation Monitor 2013.

Rodrigues, R., Zólyomi, E., Kalavrezou N. & Matsaganis, M. (2013) "The impact of the financial crisis on unmet needs for healthcare", European Commission, Report prepared for DG EMPL, Social Situation Monitor 2013.