



# UNESCO Chair on Threats to Cultural Heritage and Cultural Heritage -related Activities



Ionian University  
<http://www.ionio.gr>



# The Ionian Islands

A group of seven islands often called Eptanisa, which also include Paxos, Lefkada, Ithaca, Kefalonia, Zakynthos and Kythera.

Dozens of smaller islands complete the complex.







# The Ionian University

Building on the heritage of the Ionian Academy



# *The Ionian Academy*

The Ionian Academy, the first modern Greek university, and the first in Eastern Mediterranean was established by Frederick North 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Guilford “Lord Guilford” (1766-1827).

The Ionian Academy operated in Corfu from 1824 to 1864, until the union of the Ionian Islands with the Greek State.

The Ionian University prides itself to be the successor of the first Greek university.



Map Satellite



# Departments



Corfu

Lefkada

Kefalonia

Zakynthos





# Students



- 9.600 Undergraduates
- 560 Postgraduates
- 420 Doctoral students



# Research

- 25 Research Labs
- 1 Research Center with 4 Institutes
  - Life sciences, biotechnology, food science and the environment
  - Music and artistic creation
  - History studies
  - Cultural and Language studies & sciences of translation and interpretation
- 1 Centre for Lifelong Learning







# European & international collaborations

- Erasmus:  
The Ionian University collaborates with 250 partner universities from 24 countries for student and teaching staff mobility.
- Numerous collaborations in the framework of EU research programmes (Interreg, Horizon 2020, etc.) and bilateral agreements with international HEIs.





# DFLTl overview

Translation and Interpreting as cultural exchange  
tools for humanism, peace, security and progress

# School of Humanities

## Department of Foreign Languages, Translation and Interpreting (DFLTI)

*Interdisciplinarity in Praxis*

- BA in Translation
- BA in Interpreting
- MA Specialised Translation
- MA Politics, Language and Intercultural Communication
- Doctoral studies
- Post-doctoral studies



# DFLTI Faculty and Students

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- 23 Faculty members

Students:

- 709 Undergraduate
- 60 Postgraduate
- 52 Doctoral
- 8 Post Doctoral

(Stand 31.12.2020)



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ACADEMY FOR INTERCULTURAL  
COMMUNICATION



SUMMER SCHOOL OF GREEK  
LANGUAGE, HISTORY AND  
CULTURE



INTERNATIONAL SUMMER  
SCHOOL IN MEDITERRANEAN  
SECURITY AND CULTURE

# DFLTI Summer Schools

# GeoLab

GEOLAB is the executing body of the UNESCO Chair and a research and teaching Laboratory encompassing multidisciplinary research and education within a wide range of topics

**GEOLAB**

Laboratory for Geo-cultural Analyses

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## Fields of teaching and research:

- International Economic Governance
- Money laundering and Corruption
- Security and resilience
- Mediterranean Security
- Threats to Cultural Heritage
- Security Culture
- Tourism and Crime



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Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management

Alexis Papathanassis · Stavros Katsios  
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## Yellow Tourism

Crime and Corruption in the Holiday  
Sector

# Contributing to the national AML/TF evaluation



FATF



Anti-money laundering  
and counter-terrorist  
financing measures

**Greece**

Mutual Evaluation Report

September 2019



# The UNESCO Chair (est. 9/2021)



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and Cultural Heritage-related Activities

Έδρα UNESCO για τις Απειλές κατά της Πολιτιστικής  
Κληρονομιάς και των σχετικών με την Πολιτιστική  
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Based on the work, expertise and multidisciplinary research and teaching of the applicants' Team, on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 UNESCO approved the application for the new Chair

The Chair is hosted at the Ionian University / DFLTI with

**GEOLAB**

**Laboratory for Geo-cultural Analyses**  
as its executing institution



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**on Threats to Cultural Heritage  
and Cultural Heritage-related  
Activities**

# Chair's Purpose



- To **promote an integrated System** of research, training, information and documentation **on the protection of cultural heritage**.
- To **facilitate collaboration** between high-level, internationally recognized researchers and teaching staff of the Ionian University and other institutions in Greece, as well as elsewhere in Europe and North America, Africa, and in other regions of the world.

# The Chair's general objectives



- The Chair's objectives are fully in line with UNESCO's goals, priorities and policies.
- The "UNESCO-Chair on Threats to Cultural Heritage and to Cultural Heritage related Activities" will expand and deepen the valuable work of the Laboratory for Geo-cultural Analyses (GeoLab) and the partners of the Yellow Tourism Consortium (<https://yellowtourism.org>).
- The "UNESCO-Chair on Threats to Cultural Heritage and to Cultural Heritage related Activities" will further provide a forum for scholars who deal with various aspects of cultural heritage and its protection against all forms of crime, security, resilience and sustainability, creating a global protection culture.

# The Chair's Specific Objectives (1)

- **Contribute to** identifying the multifold threats that are posed to cultural heritage and cultural heritage-related activities and enhance the fight against threats in any form at the regional, national and local levels.
- **Research how** States and other actors (regional organizations or professional associations) are effectively contributing to the protection of cultural heritage or otherwise affecting cultural heritage-related activities;
- **Identify and support measures**, whether administrative or legislative, policy or other that will contribute to protecting cultural heritage and cultural heritage-related activities;

# The Chair's Specific Objectives (2)



- **Develop a series of educational tools** and capacity-building training programmes to promote sustainable environmental management and protect cultural heritage in times of crisis;
- **Promote inter-university cooperation** as a strategy for developing functioning mechanisms to protect cultural heritage; and,
- **Cooperate** closely with UNESCO and other UNESCO Chairs on relevant programmes and activities.



# The Chair's Global Outreach



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# The Chair's Organisation



# The Team (1)

## STEERING COMMITTEE

- Professor Stavros Katsios (GR) - Chair holder
- Professor Alexis Papadopoulos (USA)
- Associate Professor Elena Avramidou (PRC)
- Senior Lecturer Dionysis Demetis (UK)
- Assistant Professor Kalliopi Chainoglou (GR)
- Lecturer Vassilis Kappis (UK)
- Dr. Ioannis Blatsos (GR)



# The Team (2)

## OPERATIONAL TEAM

- CHAIR HOLDER

Stavros Katsios

- PROJECT MANAGERS

Kalliopi Chainoglou

Sotirios Livas

- PROJECT OFFICERS

Alexandros Sakalis [Global Outreach, Editing]

Nikos D. Mamalos [Ionian Islands Outreach]

Christina Keramida Papadatou [National Outreach]

Maria Hatjiathanassiou [Networking-Programmes]

Konstantinos Doukakis (Programmes-Financing)



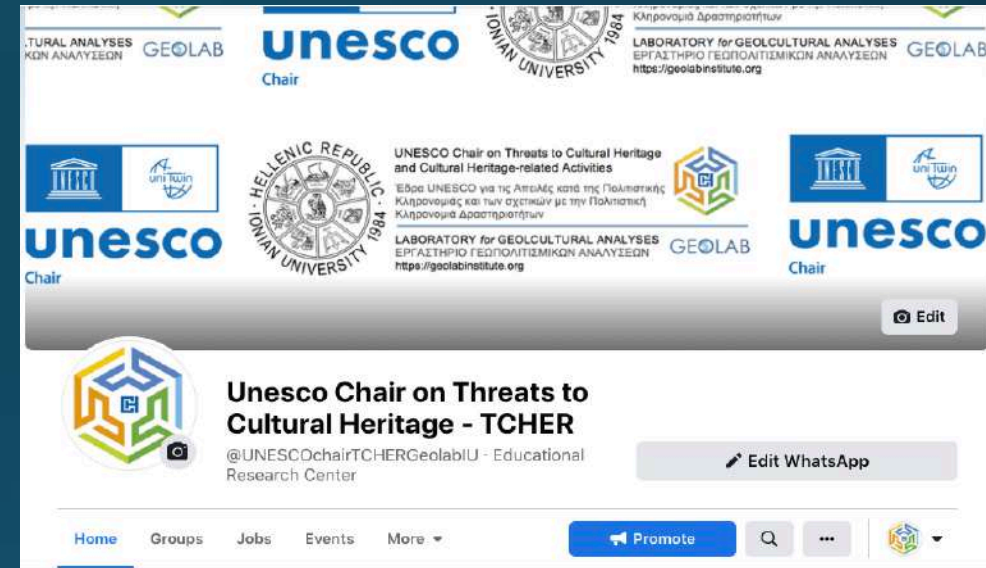
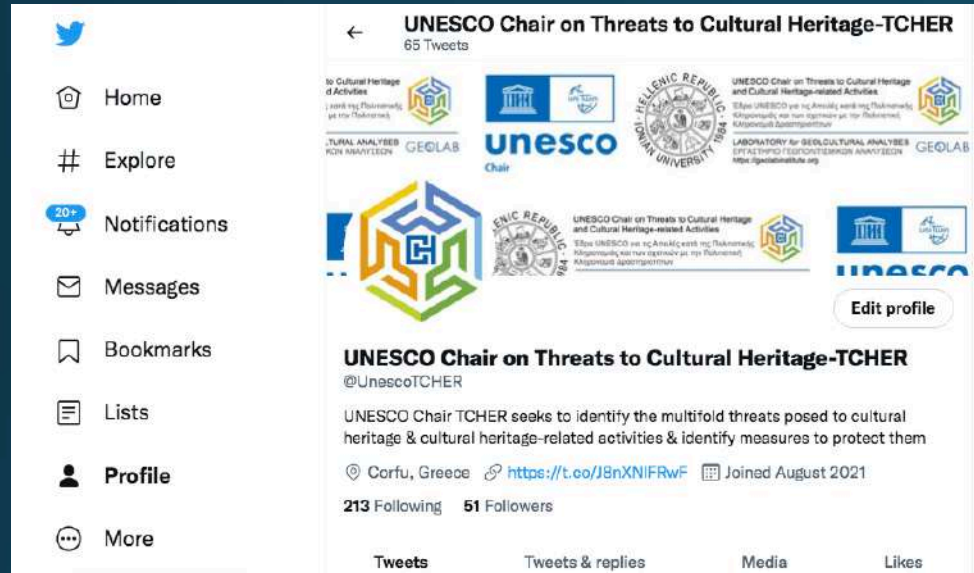
# The Team (3)

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- Alexis Papathanassis (D)
- Nikolaos Koutras (AUS)
- Ioannis Karras (IU-GR)
- Andreas Giannakoulopoulos (IU-GR)
- Despoina Zernioti (GR)
- Klodiana Gorica (AL)



# The UNESCO Chair “TCHER” (Dec 2021)



*Internet site is under construction*

On November 30<sup>th</sup> the UNESCO Chair on Threats to Cultural Heritage and Cultural Heritage-related Activities was accepted as a member in the

**UNITWIN “Culture Tourism and Development” NETWORK**

*Head the UNESCO Chair on Tourism, Culture and Development,*

*University Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne*

# Modus operandi



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- Coordination with the UNESCO Focal-Point
  
- Steering Committee
  - Frequency and scope  
*monthly or bi-monthly meetings incl. developing the agenda, draft key materials for meeting discussions and any other related tasks*
  - Purpose  
*coordinate on project activities and share relevant contextual updates, as well as contribute to the visibility and communication plan of the projects*
  
- Working Groups

# Action Plan 2022 (Education-Outreach)



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## Academic Programs

- ✓ **Eduplomacy** pilot project – supporting Greek Embassies worldwide in analysing data and reporting to MFA on local or regional cultural heritage issues (threats) / student groups
- ✓ Organizing **interdepartmental seminars/modules** in the Ionian University and the **Annual Lecture** on “Threats to Cultural Heritage” taking place during the annual Corfu Literary Festival
- ✓ Introduction of “**MA in Cultural Heritage and Tourism Protection and Management**” in English (Academic Year 2022-2023)

## Secondary Education

- ✓ Two projects concerning **secondary education** / schools’ pupils-students-teachers) and other local stakeholders; already dully proposed (Moveable, Tangible and Intangible CH Threats)



# Student Outreach Project



*Engaging Students in Diplomacy  
Building a Research Base for Foreign Policy*

Students participating in Eduplomacy explore real-world challenges identified by the Chair and MFA Units working under the guidance of faculty members who are authorities in their fields. This initiative allows students to contribute directly to the policymaking process while helping the Greek diplomacy tap into an underutilized reservoir of intellectual capital

# Action Plan 2022 (Education-Outreach)



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## Diverse

- ✓ Regional webinar “Connecting (with) the policy-makers”
- ✓ Invite UNESCO/EU/CoE/OAU, etc. officials to briefly provide an update on policies and analysis of implications - target group: professionals and civil servants

## UNITWIN

- Network Conference with the participation of UNESCO Chairs from Eastern Mediterranean Countries – the Eastern Mediterranean region presents an attractive security complex and the Mediterranean basin is pivotal to North-South and South-South dialogue

# Action Plan 2022 (Research)



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## Research Projects

Projects' Pipeline 2022-2023

Round-table April 2022 / publication

✓ DEFFPORTS - Defending Forward Ports

*Creating a Network for Security, Local Resilience and Regional Sustainability*

✓ ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION OF ANTHROPOCENE THREATS TO CULTURAL HERITAGE(S) - *A threats/risk mitigation spatial model, rubric, and atlas.*

Thank you for your attention!

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