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Key areas

I am originally from Athens, Greece. In 2008 I received a Diploma in Architecture from the NTU Athens. After gathering first professional experience (2004-08) I switched to urban studies. I pursued an MSc in European Urbanism at the Bauhaus University Weimar (2011) and completed an internship on advocacy planning at the Pratt Center in New York. My MSc thesis was about the knowledge economy trajectories in Riga, as I was becoming increasingly interested in the dynamism of the “new Europe”. This led to a placement at the Latvian ESPON Contact Point (2012), and insights in interregional development across the Baltic Sea Region. Upon return to Greece (2013) I worked on a number of strategic planning and urban revitalization research projects. However, I was still interested in researching urban policies in international scale, with an emphasis on the post-socialist space.

Thus I joined the Department of Sociology of Södertörn University, under the PESO (Politics, Economy and Organization of Society) research group and the BEEGS (Baltic and Eastern European Graduate School) and started writing my doctoral dissertation. The first year (2015) was dedicated to field work research, as I was based at the Siberian Federal University in Krasnoyarsk under an EraNet+ doctoral grant. This was a decisive step that opened up vast areas in the history, economy and society of cities in Siberia. The dissertation, to be defended in autumn 2020, is therefore an attempt to frame urban and policy change in the Eastern Russian periphery as parts of a broadly internationalized discourse.

FIELDS

architecture | urbanism | urban and regional development | sociology

TOPICS

core and periphery | policy transfer | travelling ideas | globalization | secondary cities | post-socialism

REGIONS

Russia, primarily Siberia and Far East | Baltic Sea Region | Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe

LANGUAGES

Greek (native) | English | German | Russian | Swedish (reading)