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EDUCATION

- 2007 - 2009 **Harvard University, Graduate School of Design**, Cambridge, MA.
Master in Architecture (M.Arch II).
- 2000 - 2006 **University of Patras, Department of Architecture**, Patras, Greece.
Diploma of Architecture.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 - today **synAthina platform**, City of Athens (Vice Mayor's Office).
Project Manager
synAthina is the City of Athens social innovation platform that facilitates the activities of the civil society to generate impactful solutions for the city together with its citizens. The program is funded by the Bloomberg Family Foundation with 1 mil. \$ fund as one of the finalists cities in the Mayor's Challenge Award 2014 and was awarded the Eurocities Innovation Award 2016.
- 2014 - 2015 **Traces of Commerce**, Athens.
Founder - Program Director
A temporary public space intervention that re-activated the vacant storefronts of a derelict arcade in the heart of Athens city center. The initiative installed a public space laboratory hosting young makers and creative entrepreneurs. The program was funded by EU NSRF funds as part of the City of Athens development program «Project Athens».
- 2012 - today **Freelance Architect**, Athens.
Principal Architect
In charge of several architecture projects focusing on urban design, masterplanning and research with most notable ones: urban audit and masterplan for the City of Pireaus / feasibility study and place-making model for the re-development of Kypseli municipal market for the City of Athens / a toolkit for temporary urban interventions (Athens Do-It-Together) for the City of Athens / urbanist-in-charge for the masterplan project «Re-Launching Athens» that allocated 120 million Euros funding from the European Union structural funds for the implementation of development projects in the municipality of Athens / collaboration with AETER Architects in the second stage of the competition «Rethink Athens» receiving a «second runner-up» mention / collaboration with Yannis Aesopos Architecture office for the project «Eleonas Masterplan» as part of the MED research program «Regional Cooperation for a Durable Urban Planning».

- 2005 - 2012
(3 years in total) **Yannis Aesopos Architecture**, Athens.
Project Manager
Project leader in architecture projects, studies, competition entries, masterplan proposals and urban research projects. In charge of the research project «Diffused Athens», 3rd prize for the architectural competition «Invisible Hotel», Athens 2005.
- 2009 - 2011 **Hosoya Schaefer Architects**, Zürich, CH
Architect
Project architect in architectural studies and competitions for large scale projects, urban design studies and masterplans. In charge of urban research on case studies of cities preparing introductory investigation for the design studio «New Metabolism» at Harvard University GSD, Spring Semester 2011, with prof. Hiromi Hosoya.
- 2009 **Barkow Leibinger Architects**, Berlin, DE.
Architect
Project architect in architectural competitions for large scale buildings winning one honorable mention for the project, «Research Center for Engineering and Computer Science».

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015-today **University of Patras, Department of Architecture**, Patras, Greece
Adjunct Professor of Urban Design
Teaching urban design studios of the 3rd year for both fall and spring semesters.
- 2014 **Bezalel Art Academy**, Jerusalem, Israel (studio held in Athens)
Teaching Assistant
Teaching assistant of professors Zvi Efrat and Konstantinos Labrinopoulos at the 2 months semestral urban design studio «Crisis Architecture» that took place in Athens-NTUA School of Architecture.
- 2012 **University of Patras, Department of Architecture**, Patras, Greece
Teaching Assistant
Teaching as an assistant of professor Yannis Aesopos at the summer studio 3rd Athens Workshop «Reclaiming Eleonas: the urban enclave of Athens» with students from the Universities of Patras and Princeton.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES & LECTURES

- 11.2017 Invited speaker at the «**Athens: Transforming the [re]public**» workshop in Athens organised by Urban Transcripts. Lecture title: Athens possible new urban worlds.

- 07.2017 Invited speaker at the **«2nd CAPS Community Workshop»** in Volos organised by CAPSSI (Colective Awareness Platforms for Social Innovation) and the University of Thessaly.
- 06.2017 Invited speaker at the **Biennale d'architecture de Lyon** in the public dialogue entitled **«Unlearning from Athens»**
- 05.2017 Participated at the **Eurocities «Creative Citizenship»** working group meetings as a delegate of the City of Athens, Vice Mayor Office for Civil Society and Innovation with representatives from 53 municipalities
- 09.2016 Participated at the 5-days residency **«IdeasCity: Athens»** organised by NEON foundation and the New Museum (New York) in Athens. The residency brought together emerging practitioners working at the intersection of community activism, art, design, architecture, and technology in cities around the world.
- 07.2016 Invited speaker at the **«AUTONOMA: Towards the Collective City»** conference at the Onassis Cultural Center with the project «Traces of Commerce»
- 04.2016 Invited speaker at the **«Civic Engagement and the Practices of Democracy»** conference organised by the Dukakis Center and Anatolia College in Thessaloniki as a delegate of the City of Athens.
- 10.2015 Participation at the **conference «Beyond the Obvious»** organised by Culture Action Europe in Ghotenburg lecturing about the project «Traces of Commerce».
- 06.2014 Invited speaker at the **conference «Afetiries»** (trnsl. Starting Points) organised by the DOMES architecture magazine at the Benaki Museum lecturing on ZKM (Zentrum fur Kunst und Medientechnologie) by OMA.
- 03.2013 Organised the one-day **conference «Radical Loopholes in Athens: Collective Interventions within the Public Space»** with the team of Architecture Sans Frontières-Greece.
- 09.2012 In charge of the greek participation of Architecture Sans Frontières at the **World Urban Forum** in Naples, 2012.
- 2011-2012 **Invited critic at final and mid reviews of graduate architecture studios** in schools such as ETH Zurich (prof. Alfredo Brillemburg, prof. Hubert Klumpner), TU Berlin (prof. Udine Giseke), Columbia University (prof. Steven Holl, Dimitra Tsachrelia), University of Patras (Yannis Aesopos).

2001-2006 Member of the **editorial team of the semestral newsletter a2610**, University of Patras, School of Architecture (2005-2006). Participation at the **international architectural workshop 7th Gaudi International Workshop**, «Residential Infrastructures for Public Use», Barcelona (2004). Participation at the **3rd international workshop of the Center for Mediterranean Architecture (CMA)**, «Urban Border», Chanea, GR (2004). Participation at the **6th international workshop EASA**, Imvros, TR (2001).

SCHOLARSHIPS

09.2008 **Gerondelis Foundation** Inc. Scholarship, academic year 2008-2009.

07.2008 **Hellenic Harvard Foundation** Scholarship, academic year 2007-2008.

EXHIBITIONS

06.2017 **Arch Points**, Exhibition-Design Walk, Athens.
Participated at the 3 days architectural and design walk initiative in Athens

04.2015 **Adhocracy Athens**, Onassis Cultural Center, Athens.
«Traces of Commerce», Haris Biskos, Martha Giannakopoulou, Clelia Thermou.

03.2013 **Rethink Athens**, Athens.
«Belvederes of Athens», Harry C. Bougadellis & Associate Architects, Georges Batzios and Martha Schwartz Partners.

09.2010 **ATHENSX4**, Athens.
«7 Operations», Haris Biskos, Jasmine Kastani.

09.2010 **Beyond Rational**, Zurich.
«L(e)ichtraum & Mobiglobe», Hosoya Schaefer Architects.

10.2009 **upto35**, Αθήνα.
«Incomplete Cube», Haris Biskos, Yannis Kitani, Panagiotis Sarlis.

04.2005 **Invisible Hotel**, DESTE Foundation, Athens.
«Invisible Base», Yannis Aesopos Architecture.

PUBLICATIONS

Haris Biskos, Martha Giannakopoulou, «Traces of Commerce». **4D Hyperlocal: A Cultural Toolkit for the Open-Source City**. Lucy Bullivant (ed.). p. 55. John Wiley & Sons. 2017.

Haris Biskos, «Zentrum für Kunst und Medien Technologie: Metropolitan Architecture at the Age of Innocence». **AFETIRIES** (Volume 1). Georgios Panetsos (ed.). p. 202-206, Athens 2016.

Haris Biskos, Martha Giannakopoulou, Clelia Thermou, «Letter from Athens». **Disegno Magazine**, issue 09, p. 202-206, London 2016.

Haris Biskos, Martha Giannakopoulou, «Traces of Commerce». **Uncube Magazine**, issue 43, p. 45, Athens 2016.

Haris Biskos (POTEMKIN), Martha Giannakopoulou (IF_UNTITLED ARCHITECTS), «Traces of Commerce: New Creative Cells of Exchange». **A10 Magazine**, issue 62, p. 7, Amsterdam 2015.

Haris Biskos, Martha Giannakopoulou, «Krisen Öpnar för Innovatörer», **Dagens Nuheter** Newspaper, pp. 16-17, January 2015, Stockholm.

Haris Biskos, Eleanna Papathanasiadi, «Radically Open: An Interview with Jürgen Mayer». **SOUTH Magazine**, issue 4, pp. 186-187, Athens 2014.

Aesopos Architecture, Haris Biskos et al. (team), «An Urban Agrarian Future for Athens». **Working With the Territory: Strategies for the New Territorialities**. CREPUD-MED, ACTAR. pp 248-279. Barcelona 2012.

Charilaos Biskos, «Over-Polykatoikia: The Anti-Urban Machine», **A View on Harvard GSD**. p. 36, Tank Form, London 2009.

LANGUAGES

Greek (Native), English (Excellent), German (Begginer).