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AMATEUR ASTRONOMER

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FIELD EXPERIENCE

astroθeasis

2015 - present | Athens, Crete

Founder and manager of the astroθeasis initiative.

As part of astroθeasis, I have designed the following events and outings, in which I guide the public through the night sky (sky tours) using a green laser pointer:

- **2026: Under the Same Sky:** Sky tour at the Anemotia Viticulture Festival, Lesvos, with ancient lyre accompaniment by Thanasis Kleopas.
- **2026: Stargazing Night in Salamina:** Sky tour and telescope observation with the Society of Friends of Astronomy – Salamina Branch, for first-grade pupils of the Ralleia Experimental Schools of Piraeus.
- **2026: A Sky Tour of the Winter Constellations:** In collaboration with the Museum of Cycladic Art and MANNA Hotel, Arcadia.
- **2025: Astro-theasis:** A Tour of the Starry Sky of Amorgos: Sky tour and music event about the stars at Asfontylitis.
- **2022: Hiking from Earth to Sky:** Hike with the X-ORMISIS mountain guide team and a sky tour on the summit of Mount Mainalo.
- **2022: Sky Stories in Amorgos:** Guided tour of the starry sky for members of the Katapola Union of Amorgos.
- **2022: Musical Sky Stories in Thrapsano:** Guided tour of the starry sky with Cretan mantinades and kontylies performed by Kostis Avyssinos (laouto) and Vangelis Vardakis (violin).
- **2019: Astronomy Night in Limassol, Cyprus:** Sky tour and telescope observation with House of Science at the "Iamatiki" Regional All-Day Primary School of Limassol.
- **2015 – 2016: Astronomy Nights in Viannos, Crete:** Talk by Giannis Papamastorakis, Professor at the University of Crete, and stargazing with the Society of Friends of Astronomy of Crete.

Other activities:

- **2018 – 2022: Presentation of "The Star of Christmas"** at the 3rd Primary School of Alimos, the Agios Ioannis Cultural Association (Heraklion, Crete), to members of the Onassis Scholars' Association, and to the general public through an online event.

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Astronomy & Space Society – Salamina Branch

2015 - 2016 | Athens

As a member of the branch, took part in evening telescope observations at the 2nd and 3rd Athens Science Festival, giving sky tours to the general public.

Gerostathopouleio Observatory

2014 | Athens

Solar observation and telescope demonstrations for the public, together with the student team of the Departments of Physics and Mathematics of the University of Athens, at the following events:

- **3rd Conference "Philosophy and Cosmology"**
- **1st Athens Science Festival**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Programme Coordinator

2023 - present | HERITAGE | Athens

- Coordination of educational and cultural programmes in Ethiopia
- Management of European projects

European Project Manager

2020 - 2023 | CulturePolis | Athens, Corfu

- Proposal design and writing
- Submission of proposals to funding programmes
- Project management and monitoring
- Development of deliverables and technical reports
- Coordination of partner consortia

Museum Educator

2019 - 2020 | Museum of Ancient Greek Technology | Athens, Heraklion

- Delivered museum guided tours and educational programmes
- Designed and delivered the educational programme "The Treasure of Inventions"
- Networking with local organisations and potential partners

2018 - 2019 | European Cultural Center | Venice

- Guided tours of the exhibition "Time, Space, Existence"
- Designed and delivered the event **"A Night in Palazzo: An Archaeo-Astronomical Tour"**

2015| Eugenides Foundation | Athens

- Internship as a mathematician at the "Interactive Science & Technology Exhibition"
- Museum educator in the educational programme "7 Keys" of the Piraeus Bank Group Cultural Foundation
- Designed and delivered a guided tour of the photography exhibition "**Between Heaven and Earth**" by Fanis Matsopoulos

EDUCATION

MA in Heritage Management

2017 - 2018 | Univeristy of Kent & Athens University of Economics and Business | Athens

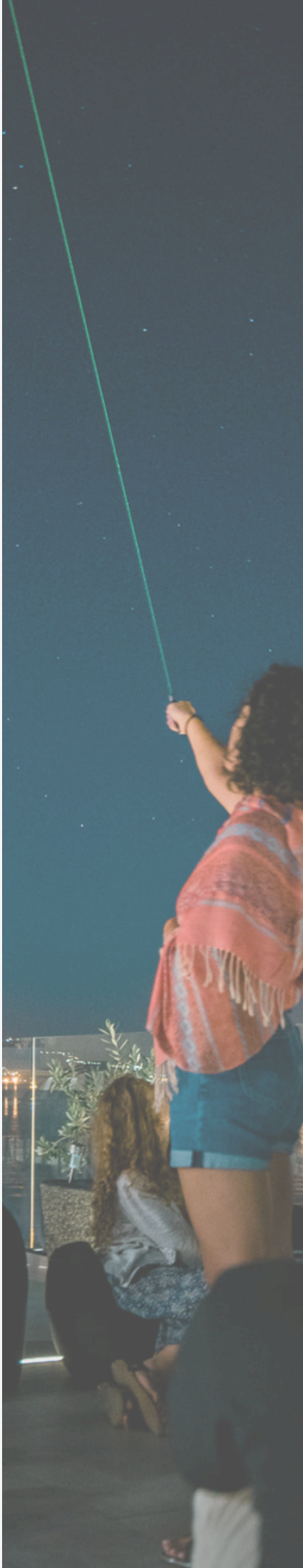
Dissertation: ***"Managing the intangible astronomical hetitage: the potentials of mythological narrative for the presentation of the sky as a cultural landscape"***

BSc in Mathematics

2010 – 2015 | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Relevant coursework:

- Astronomy I
- Astronomy II

FURTHER TRAINING

- **2022 | Drymonas, Thermo:** Participant in the 14th Panhellenic Amateur Astronomers' Outing
- **2014 | Mount Helicon, Boeotia:** Participant in the 8th Panhellenic Meeting of Amateur Astronomers