

## **Rena (Eirini) Katsenou**

Title: Robots go to Kindergarten: visions of artificial intelligence in preschool education

Position: Post Ph.D.

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### **Education**

- 2021: **PhD** Philosophy Department of the University of Ioannina  
Dissertation Title: *Everyday rituals in Kindergarten: shaping social reality and preschoolers' agency*
- 2008: **Master** Philosophy Department of the University of Ioannina  
Thesis Title: *School prayer in Greek schools*
- 2002: **Degree** Department of Early Childhood Education, University of Ioannina.

### **Training courses**

- 2016: Athens Summer School on Visual Ethnography, Netherlands Institute at Athens (NIA), & Athens Ethnographic Film Festival (Ethnofest) in collaboration with the University of Amsterdam and the University of Leiden
- 2015 -2016: Photography courses, Corfu Alternative Cultural Workshop (Enallaktiko Politistiko Ergastiri Kerkyras)
- 2013: (January – June) Diapolis: Intercultural education program, University of Aegean

### **Teaching Experience**

2006- 2022: Kindergarten teacher in Greek kindergartens (Corfu and Crete)

### **Publications**

Katsenou Rena (Iriini) (2015) "*Ritual Communication in Kindergarten*", Research in the Sociology of Education, Present and Perspectives, Proceedings of the 1st Panhellenic Conference on the Sociology of Education, Gutenberg: Athens. ISBN: 978-960-233-216-0. Available at <https://www.hellenicsociology.gr/sites/default/files/inline-files/sunedrio2%281%29.pdf>

### **Presentations as a guest speaker**

The ethnographic interview: Theory and reflections from my personal engagement with this particular technique". Course: "Introduction to Pedagogical Research Methodology" (winter semester), Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology of the University of Ioannina, Assistant Professor Luciana Benincaza.

### **Conference Presentations**

2022: Feeling safe and accepted in Kindergarten: the role of everyday rituals in shaping the sense of "belonging" and on ontological security, *Intercultural education equality, acceptance inclusion*, 19-22 October 2022, Athens

**Presentations of artistic work**

2016: Katsenou Eirini, Lore Janssen, Vera, Van, Rossum, "*Beaver Bar*" (documentary), Ethnofeast Festival, Athens. Available at: <https://www.ethnofest.gr/el/film/beaver-bar/>

2016: Participation in a photography exhibition of the Alternative Workshop in Corfu.

**Research Interests**

Cyberpsychology

Phenomenology

Human robot interaction (HRI)

Cultural Anthropology