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MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

Funerary archaeology, Classical, Hellenistic and Roman burial customs, childhood and gender archaeology, archaeology of ancient Greek religion and ritual, the Hellenistic world, lychnology.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Nikolas Dimakis was born in Athens in 1984 and was raised in Nafplio. He received a thorough classical education at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (BA in Archaeology and Art History, 2007), and further pursued postgraduate studies at the University of Nottingham (MA in Archaeological Research, 2008, with distinction; PhD in Archaeology, 2012) on prestigious studentships (The Matti Egon Scholarships I and II of the Greek Archaeological Committee UK, The University of Nottingham Alumni Scholarship) and awards (The Sir Richard Stapley Educational Trust award for academic excellence, The J.F.Costopoulos foundation bursary for visiting scholars, the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies grant). He has worked as post-doctoral fellow (Research Centre for the Humanities, 2016 – State Scholarships Foundation, 2019-2020) and researcher in various projects of the Department of History and Archaeology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2012-2020), as adjunct faculty at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2019), and the University of Crete (2019-2020), and as a contract archaeologist at the Greek Ministry of Culture (2017). In 2020 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Classical Archaeology specialized in funerary archaeology at the Department of History and Archaeology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

TEACHING (2020-2021)

Undergraduate modules:

- ΣΑ163: Death and Burial in the ancient Greek World
- IA111: Hellenistic and Roman Pottery in Burial Context
- IA01 (KIA01): Introduction to Classical Archaeology

Postgraduate modules:

- Funerary Archaeology

RESEARCH

Research projects

Principal Investigator

- 2014-2018: *The Archaeology of Child Death: child burials in Classical and Hellenistic Attica*. Post-doctoral research project at the Department of History and Archaeology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, funded by the Research Centre for the Humanities for the year 2016, with the support of the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation (<https://www.rhumanities.gr/nikolas-dimakis/> http://www.arch.uoa.gr/fileadmin/arch.uoa.gr/uploads/metapyxiakes_spoudes/metadidaktorika/dimakis_nikolaos_2018)
- 2019-2021: *Death and Religion. Religious echoes from Hellenistic burial contexts*. Post-doctoral research project at the Department of History and Archaeology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, funded by the State Scholarships Foundation for 2019-2021.

Research team member

- 2012-2015: *THALES-National and Kapodistrian University of Athens-The Apollo Sanctuary and the Late Roman Settlement in Halasarna (Kos). The history of an ancient sanctuary, its decline & its final transformation into a Late Roman/Early Christian settlement*. Research project of excellence co-financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) and Greek national funds through the Operational Program “Education and Lifelong Learning” of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) 2007-2013 - Research Funding Program: THALES. Investing in knowledge society through the European Social Fund (<http://en.arch.uoa.gr/research-congresses/programmes/halasarna-kos.html>)
- 2018-2019: *Experiencing the public space in ancient Greece (6th-1st c BC). Roads, squares and open free spaces*. Research project of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, co-financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) and Greek national funds through the Operational Program “Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning,” of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) 2014-2020.
- 2019-2022: *Tracking Re-cycling: Archaeological and Anthropological Survey in the Habitat of Xanthi Region-Thrace*. Research project of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, funded by the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (<http://en.arch.uoa.gr/research-congresses/programmes/tracking-re-cycling-archaeological-and-anthropological-survey-in-the-habitat-of-xanthi-region-thrace-k-e-16337/projects-title.html>)

- 2019-2021: *APOLLONIS: Greek Infrastructure for Digital Arts, Humanities and Language Research and Innovation*. «WP (5) «NKUA (resources, services & applications)» co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Greek national funds through the Operational Program «Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship» of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) 2014-2020 (<https://apollonis-infrastructure.gr/>)
- 2021-2023: *The Alexandrian Necropolis Project: The Ptolemaic Tombs of Shatby*. Research project of the Archaeological Society of Alexandria, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the University of Oxford, funded by the A.G. Leventis Foundation.

Fieldwork

Research team member

- 2005: Intensive surface survey at Halasarna on Kos (NKUA)
- 2006-present: Excavation at ancient Halasarna on Kos (NKUA)
- 2008-2011: Salvage and systematic excavations in the Argolid (Ephorate of Antiquities of the Argolid)
- 2010: Excavation at Prassiai in Cynouria (Ephorate of Antiquities of Arcadia – University of Nottingham)
- 2011: Pavlopetri Underwater Archaeological Project (Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities – British School at Athens)
- 2017-present: Archaeological Project of Abdera in Xanthi (Ephorate of Antiquities of Xanthi – NKUA)
- 2021: Excavation of pottery kilns at Amphipolis (Ephorate of Antiquities of Serres – NKUA)
- 2021-2023: Excavation at the Necropolis of Shatby in Alexandria (Archaeological Society of Alexandria – NKUA – University of Oxford)

Research activities

- 2012-2015: study of late archaic to Hellenistic period burials from the city of Argos.
- 2013-2018: study of the archaic, Classical and Hellenistic finds from E. Protonotariou-Deilaki's excavations at the city of Argos (with A. Banaka and G. Ivou)
- 2019-today: study of the Classical and Hellenistic cemeteries of Kos
- 2020-2022: study of the clay sarcophagi fragments from the cemeteries of the tumuli at Abdera, Thrace

Membership

- Member of the coordinating and scientific committee of the Necropoleis Research Network (NRN)
- Member of the Research Centre for the Humanities (RCH)
- Full Member of the European Association of Archaeologists (EAA)

ORGANISED CONFERENCES

- 1) March 2011, *1st Centre for Spartan and Peloponnesian Studies Postgraduate Conference, Understanding the Peloponnese: Work-in-Progress, Centre for Spartan and Peloponnesian Studies (CSPS)*, the University of Nottingham, Nottingham (co-organized with N. Charami, P. Davies).

- 2) April 2012, *International Conference Sacred Landscapes in the Peloponnese: from Prehistory to post-Byzantine times*, the Centre for Spartan and Peloponnesian Studies (CSPS), in collaboration with the 5th EPKA, the 5th EBA and the Municipality of Sparta, Sparta (co-organized with C. Gallou).
- 3) December 2016, *Mortuary Variability and Social Diversity in Ancient Greece, International Workshop for Early Career Scholars*, Netherlands Institute in Athens (co-organized with T.M. Dijkstra).
- 4) October 2017, *Η Αρχαία Αλάσαρνα της Κω, Επιστημονική Συνάντηση*, Κως (co-organized with M. Parisidou).
- 5) April 2018, *Necropoleis Research Network, 3rd Annual Meeting*, Beirut (co-organized with V. Kalenderian, L. de Jong, Y. Ersoy, B. Hürmüzlü, U. Kelp, S. Voutsaki).
- 6) February 2019, *Necropoleis Research Network, 4th Annual Meeting*, Berlin (co-organized with J. Fabricius, U. Kelp, J. Schlehofer, L. de Jong, Y. Ersoy, B. Hürmüzlü, U. Kelp, S. Voutsaki).
- 7) August 2020, *Recycling Cultures: Interpreting the Ways Re-Using and Recycling of the Material Culture and Landscape Are Attested in the Archaeological Record*, 26th European Association of Archaeology, Budapest (co-organized with E. Kephaliidou, M. Georgiadis).
- 8) September 2020, *"In Second Use". An Archaeological and Anthropological Survey of Recycling and Reuse in the Greek World, International Meeting for Early Career Scholars (via on line platform)* (co-organized with E. Kephaliidou, M. Georgiadis).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. N. Dimakis, *Social Identity and Status in the Classical and Hellenistic Northern Peloponnese. The Evidence from Burials*. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2016.
2. N. Δημάκης, *Αλάσαρνα XI. Το Ιερό του Απόλλωνα Πυθαίου/Πυθαέως και ο Οικισμός των Πρώιμων Βυζαντινών Χρόνων στην Αρχαία Αλάσαρνα της Κω. Τα Λυχνάρια από τους Αρχαϊκούς έως και τους Ρωμαϊκούς Χρόνους*. Αθήνα: ΕΚΠΑ, 2021.

Papers in peer-reviewed journals

1. N. Dimakis, «Ancient Greek Deathscapes». *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies* 3 (2015), 27-41.
2. Π. Βαλαβάνης – Ν. Δημάκης – Ε. Δημητριάδου, «Βιώνοντας τον δημόσιο χώρο στην αρχαία Ελλάδα (6^{ος}-1^{ος} αι. π.Χ.). Δρόμοι, πλατείες και ελεύθεροι ανοιχτοί χώροι στις πόλεις, τα ιερά και τα νεκροταφεία». *Athens University Review of Archaeology* 2 (2019), 161-171.

Papers in peer-reviewed volumes & conference proceedings

1. N. Dimakis, «The display of individual status in the burials of Classical and Hellenistic Argos». In: H. Cavanagh – W.G. Cavanagh – J. Roy (eds), *Honouring the Dead in the Peloponnese*. Nottingham: CSPS Online Publication 2 (2009) <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/csps/open-source/honouring-the-dead.aspx>
2. N. Dimakis, «Social identity and status in the Classical and Hellenistic Northern Peloponnese: the evidence from burials - an overview». In: K. Savvopoulos (ed.), *Proceedings of the 2nd Hellenistic Studies International Workshop*, 114-123. Alexandria: Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies, 2011.
3. N. Dimakis, «Lamps, symbolism and ritual in Hellenistic Greece». In: Z. Theodoropoulou Polychroniadi – D. Evely (eds), *AEGIS, Essays in Mediterranean Archaeology presented to Matti*

- Egon by the scholars of the Greek Archaeological Committee UK*, 165-172. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2015.
4. N. Dimakis, «Women's share in status display: some observations on female burials». In: R. Berg (ed.), *The Material Sides of Marriage* [Acta Instituti Romani Finlandiae 43], 87-92. Rome, 2016.
 5. N. Δημάκης, «Λύχνοι από το ιερό του Απόλλωνα στην Αλάσαρνα της Κω: μια πρώτη παρουσίαση». In: Π. Τριανταφυλλίδης (ed.), *Το Αρχαιολογικό Έργο στα Νησιά του Αιγαίου*, 324-337. Μυτιλήνη: Υπουργείο Πολιτισμού και Αθλητισμού, 2017.
 6. N. Dimakis, «Death, burial and ritual: commemorating the dead in Hellenistic and Roman Argos». In: S. Huber – M.-D. Nenna – W. Van Andringa (eds), *Constituer la Tombe, Honorer les Défunts en Méditerranée Hellénistique et Romaine*, 353-378. Alexandrie: Centre d'Études Alexandrines, 2018.
 7. Β. Χριστοπούλου – Ν. Δημάκης – Κ. Ξανθόπουλος, «Ένας μνημειακός τάφος των αυτοκρατορικών χρόνων στο Ψαλίδι της πόλης Κω: αρχιτεκτονική μορφή, χρήση και έθιμα ταφής». In: V. Di Napoli – F. Camia – V. Evangelidis – D. Grigoropoulos – D. Rogers – S. Vlizos (eds), *What's New in Roman Greece? Recent Work on the Greek Mainland and the Islands in the Roman Period* [Μελετήματα 80], 537-553. Αθήνα: ΕΙΕ, 2018.
 8. N. Dimakis, «Burial and commemoration of children in Hellenistic Greece». In: H. Frielinghaus – J. Stroszeck – P. Valavanis (eds), *Griechische Nekropolen. Neue Forschungen und Funde* [Beiträge zur Archäologie Griechenlands 5], 287-305. Mönchsee: Bibliopolis, 2019.
 9. N. Δημάκης, «Φωτίζοντας το παρελθόν: η ιστορία του ιερού της Αλάσαρνας μέσα από τα λυχνάρια». In: Γ. Κοκκορού-Αλευρά – Σ. Καλοπίση-Βέρτη – Μ. Παναγιωτίδη-Κεσίσογλου (eds), *Αρχαία Αλάσαρνα της Κω. Όψεις της Ιστορικής Διαδρομής ενός Αρχαίου Δήμου από την Προϊστορική έως και την Πρώιμη Βυζαντινή Περίοδο*, 147-156. Κως: Κέντρο Γραφικών Τεχνών, 2020.
 10. N. Dimakis, «Premature death and burial in Classical and Hellenistic Attica». In: N. Dimakis – T.M. Dijkstra (eds), *Mortuary Variability and Social Diversity in Ancient Greece. Studies on Ancient Greek Death and Burial*, 102-116. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2020.
 11. N. Dimakis – V. Christopoulou, «Burial monumentality and funerary associations in Roman Kos». In: N. Dimakis – T.M. Dijkstra (eds), *Mortuary Variability and Social Diversity in Ancient Greece. Studies on Ancient Greek Death and Burial*, 162-175. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2020.
 12. N. Δημάκης, «Ρωμαϊκή Αλάσαρνα: ανιχνεύοντας λατρείες μέσα από τους λυχνους». In: Κ. Κοπανιάς – Γ. Δουλφής (eds), *Τέχνης έμπειρία: τιμητικός τόμος για την Καθηγήτρια Γεωργία Κοκκορού-Αλευρά*, 689-701. Αθήνα: Ινστιτούτο Βιβλίου – Καρδαμίτσα, 2020.
 13. N. Dimakis, «Child death in the Hellenistic World». In: L. Beaumon – M. Dillon – N. Harrington (eds), *Children in Antiquity: Perspectives and Experiences of Childhood in the Ancient Mediterranean* [Routledge in Antiquity Series], 506-518. London and NY: Routledge, 2021.
 14. N. Dimakis – G. Doulfis, «Karian reflections in Halasarna, Kos». In: P. Pedersen – B. Poulsen – J. Lund (eds), *Karia and the Dodekanese. Cultural Interrelations in the South-East Aegean*. Vol. II: *Early Hellenistic to Early Byzantine*, 41-49. Oxford: Oxbow, 2021.
 15. P. Valavanis – N. Dimakis – E. Dimitriadou – M. Katsianis, «Managing the open air sacred space on the Athenian Acropolis». In: J. Neils – O. Palagia (eds), *From Kallias to Kritias. Athens in the second half of the 5th c. BC*. Liverpool: University of Liverpool Press (in print).
 16. Β. Χριστοπούλου – Ν. Δημάκης, «Πτυχές της λατρείας της Δήμητρας στην Κω». In: *Πρακτικά Διεθνούς Συνεδρίου «Ιερά και Λατρείες στο Αιγαίο. Από τους Πρώιμους Ιστορικούς Χρόνους έως και την Ύστερη Αρχαιότητα»*, Λήμνος, 11-14 Σεπτεμβρίου 2019 (in print).
 17. G. Kokkorou-Alevras – N. Dimakis, «The sanctuary of Apollo Pythaeus/Pythaios at Halasarna, Cos». In: C. Sotinel – S. Milanezi (επιμ.), *Colloque International «Analyse topographique du fait religieux»*, Université Paris-Est Créteil et Ecole Normale Supérieure, 2015 (in print).

Edited volume

N. Dimakis – T.M. Dijkstra (eds), *Mortuary Variability and Social Diversity in Ancient Greece. Studies on Ancient Greek Death and Burial*. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2020.

Book translation

Στ. Γκ. Μίλλερ, *Η Νεμέα και Εγώ*. Τόμ. Α: 1971-1999, Τόμ. Β: 1999-2017. Αθήνα: Καπόν, 2020

External reviewer

Chronika (<http://www.chronikajournal.com/>)

Athens University Review of Archaeology (<http://el.aura.arch.uoa.gr/periodiko.html>)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Presentations in international conferences & meetings

- 1) 25/04/2009: «The display of individual status in the burials of Classical and Hellenistic Argos», *International Conference Honouring the Dead in the Peloponnese*, Sparta.
- 2) 07/07/2010: «Social identity and status in the Classical and Hellenistic Northern Peloponnese: the evidence from burials - an overview», *2nd Hellenistic Studies International Workshop*, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria-Egypt.
- 3) 11/03/2011: «Social identity and status in the Classical and Hellenistic Northern Peloponnese: the evidence from burials», *1st Centre for Spartan and Peloponnesian Studies Postgraduate Conference, Understanding the Peloponnese: Work-in-Progress*, Nottingham.
- 4) 28/11/2013: «Λύχνοι από το ιερό του Απόλλωνα στην Αλάσαρνα της Κω: μια πρώτη παρουσίαση», *Διεθνές Επιστημονικό Συνέδριο «το Αρχαιολογικό Έργο στα Νησιά του Αιγαίου»*, Ρόδος.
- 5) 21/11/2013: «Women's share in status display: some observations on female burials», *International Symposium The Material Sides of Marriage: female goods and women's economic role in the domestic sphere in Greek, Roman and Byzantine times*, Institute Romanum Finlandiae, Rome.
- 6) 31/10/2014: «Death, burial and ritual: commemorating the dead in Hellenistic and Roman Argos», *Constituer la Tombe, Honorer les Défunts en Méditerranée Hellénistique et Romaine, Table ronde organisée par l'École française d'Athènes et le Centre d'Études Alexandrines*, Centre d'Études Alexandrines, Alexandria-Egypt.
- 7) 30/01/2015: «The sanctuary of Apollo Pythaeus/Pythaios at Halasarna», *Colloque International Analyse Topographique du Fait Religieux*, Université Paris-Est Créteil et Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris (with G. Kokkorou-Alevras).
- 8) 09/10/2015: «Ένας μνημειακός τάφος των αυτοκρατορικών χρόνων στο Ψαλίδι της πόλης Κω: αρχιτεκτονική μορφή, χρήση και έθιμα ταφής», *Διεθνές Συνέδριο Νεώτερα από την Ελλάδα της Ρωμαϊκής Εποχής*, Εθνικό Ίδρυμα Ερευνών, Αθήνα (with V. Christopoulou, K. Xanthopoulos).
- 9) 21/02/2016: «Ρωμαϊκή Αλάσαρνα: ανιχνεύοντας λατρείες μέσα από τους λύχνους», *Νέα Αρχαιολογικά Ευρήματα και Πορίσματα, Επιστημονικό Συμπόσιο προς τιμήν της Ομότιμης Καθηγήτριας του ΕΚΠΑ Γ. Κοκκορού-Αλευρά*, Γερμανικό Αρχαιολογικό Ινστιτούτο στην Αθήνα.
- 10) 11/11/2016: «Burial and commemoration of children in Hellenistic Greece», *Kolloquium Klassische Arcaeologie, Zwischen Identitätskonstruktion und Unterweltsvorstellungen: griechische Graber und ihr Kontext im Spiegel neuer Funde*, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz.
- 11) 02/12/2016: «Premature death and burial in Classical and Hellenistic Attica», *International Workshop for Early Career Scholars on Mortuary Variability and Social Diversity in Ancient Greece*, Netherlands Institute in Athens.
- 12) 02/12/2016: «Burial monumentality and funerary associations in Roman Kos», *International Workshop for Early Career Scholars on Mortuary Variability and Social Diversity in Ancient Greece*, Netherlands Institute in Athens (with V. Christopoulou).

- 13) 20/01/2017: «Burial and commemoration of children in Hellenistic Greece», *Necropoleis Research Network 2nd Meeting*, Süleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Turkey.
- 14) 22/10/2017: «Φωτίζοντας το παρελθόν: η ιστορία του ιερού της αρχαίας Αλάσαρνας μέσα από τα λυχνάρια», *Η Αρχαία Αλάσαρνα της Κω*, Κως.
- 15) 25/01/2018: «Karian reflections in Halasarna, Kos», *International Conference Karia and the Dodekanese, Cultural Interrelations in the South-eastern Aegean ca. 500 BC-AD 500*, Danish Institute at Athens (with G. Doulfig).
- 16) 28/03/2019: «Ερευνητικό πρόγραμμα: βιώνοντας τον δημόσιο χώρο στην αρχαία Ελλάδα (6^{ος}-1^{ος} αι. π.Χ.). Δρόμοι, πλατείες και ελεύθεροι ανοιχτοί χώροι στις πόλεις, τα ιερά και τα νεκροταφεία», *Αρχαιολογία και Έρευνα XII: από το ερευνητικό έργο του Τομέα Αρχαιολογίας και Ιστορίας της Τέχνης*, Αμφιθέατρο Ι. Δρακόπουλος του ΕΚΠΑ, Αθήνα (with P. Valavanis, E. Dimitriadou).
- 17) 08/06/2019: «Managing the open-air sacred space on the Athenian Acropolis», *International Conference From Kallias to Kritias. Classical Culture: Athens in the second half of the 5th century BC*, American School of Classical Studies at Athens (with P. Valavanis, E. Dimitriadou).
- 18) 14/09/2019: «Πτυχές της λατρείας της Δήμητρας στην Κω», *Διεθνές Συνέδριο Ιερά και Λατρείες στο Αιγαίο. Από τους Πρώιμους Ιστορικούς Χρόνους έως και την Ύστερη Αρχαιότητα*, Λήμνος (with V. Christopoulou).
- 19) 02-06/06/2020: «Towards a practical application of automated drone-based archaeological survey», *Landscape Archaeological Conference 2020 (LAC2020)*, Madrid (with A. Garcia-Molsosa, H.A. Orenge, T.P. Leppard, E.A. Murphy, A. Roppa, M. Georgiadis, C. Kallintzi, E. Kefalidou).
- 20) 29/8/2020: «Secondary treatment of death in Abdera», *Recycling Cultures: Interpreting the Ways Re-Using and Recycling of the Material Culture and Landscape Are Attested in the Archaeological Record* (Session #267), 26th European Association of Archaeology, Virtual Meeting.
- 21) 09/04/2021: «Θάνατος και (λαϊκή) θρησκεία. Θρησκευτικές απηχήσεις σε ταφικά σύνολα των ελληνιστικών χρόνων», *Αρχαιολογία και Έρευνα XIII: από το ερευνητικό έργο του Τομέα Αρχαιολογίας και Ιστορίας της Τέχνης*, Αθήνα.

Lectures (invited speaker)

- 22) 13/03/2013: «Social Identity and Status in the Classical and Hellenistic Northern Peloponnese: the evidence from burials», *Deutsches Archäologisches Institut*, Athens.
- 23) 21/02/2017: «Death, Burial and Commemoration of Children in Hellenistic Greece», *Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies* at Athens.
- 24) 23/11/2018: «Η Αρχαιολογία του Παιδικού Θανάτου», *9ο Σεμινάριο Ερευνητών*, Κέντρο Έρευνας για τις Ανθρωπιστικές Επιστήμες, Αθήνα.