

GRAMNet and CR&DALL joint seminar: Language Education with and for migrants and refugees in Greece

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Location: Main Building, Room 246: Fore Hall, University Avenue, Glasgow G12 8QQ

RSVP: Please register at this link: [Language education with and for migrants and refugees in Greece Tickets, Wed 7 Jun 2023 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](#)

All are welcome and there is no fee for this event

Abstract

Due to extended migration, especially since 2015, Greek society is facing new challenges arising from the different social and educational needs of heterogeneous groups with migration or refugee experiences. In this presentation, Dr Kitsiou will focus on (second) language teaching as a critical and creative way that can provide opportunities for intercultural dialogue, linguistic justice, socialisation, empowerment and subjective well-being for all stakeholders involved. In particular, she will present and discuss some examples from the implementation of research and education projects in the Greek context over the last 12 years (2011-2023) that address the language literacy and intercultural communication needs of youth and adults with migrant or refugee backgrounds, as well as some educational policy initiatives that include the training of pre-service and in-service language teachers and mediators. When translanguaging, critical language awareness, place-based and rhizocurricular approaches are used, all of society can benefit.

Biography

Dr. Roula Kitsiou (University of Thessaly, Greece) is an Assistant Professor of Sociolinguistics in the Department of Language and Intercultural Studies at University of Thessaly. For the past 12 years, she has been working on sociolinguistic and inclusive education with various social groups with migrant or refugee backgrounds. Her research interests include the study of linguistic landscapes as part of the sociolinguistics of writing, issues of multilingualism and language policy, linguistic ethnography, and critical discourse analysis.

The event will be chaired by **Dr Maria Grazia Imperiale**, Lecturer in Adult Education in the School of Education (University of Glasgow).