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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: **Research Fellow**

NATIONALITY: **Greek**

LANGUAGES: **Greek, English, French**

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: **Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for Development;** Real-time data, open innovation; participatory technologies and participatory methodologies; peer production, crowdsourcing, citizen-generated information; transparency and accountability; ICTs, labour and livelihoods

OVERVIEW

Dr Evangelia Berdou is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies in the Digital Development Cluster working at the interface of information communication technologies and development. Initially trained in media and communications, her interest in problem-solving research has led her to read widely in sociology, theories of technological innovation, organisational learning and development. Her work focuses on the advantages and limitations of distributed forms of problem-solving and coordination for individual and collective action benefitting human and democratic development, methodological innovations involving the use of new sources of information, and the implications of ICTs for the lives and livelihoods of the poor. In two recent projects, funded by Department for International Development (DFID) and UNICEF, she sought to develop vocabularies and practices to bridge the divides between the research, development and technology communities. Her latest work which has been commissioned by the World Bank involves the development of an evaluation framework for tech led citizen engagement and an in-depth case study of U-report, a crowdsourcing project aimed at amplifying the voices of the youth in Uganda. Her work has been published in the form of books, peer-reviewed conference papers and project reports.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2002 – 2007 **PhD in Media and Communications** (thesis title: *Managing the bazaar: Commercialization and peripheral participation in mature, community-led free/open source software projects*)
London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

2001 – 2002 **MSc in New Media, Information and Society**
London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

1995 – 1999 **BA (hons) in Mass Media and Communications**
Panteion University, Athens, Greece

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2008 – PRESENT **Research Fellow, MA Poverty convener** Institute of Development Studies, UK
Developing and leading research programmes with a focus on development and digital technologies. Co-convening the MA on Poverty and Development.

2007 – 2008 **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Postdoctoral Fellow**
SPRU (Science and Technology Policy Research), University of Sussex, UK
Working towards developing a publication record and developing my expertise in innovation, governance and policy.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR AND RESEARCHER, IDS, UK

2014-15 Evaluation Framework for Digital Citizen Engagement, the World Bank (PI)

2013-17 Making All Voices Count-Research and Evidence Team, USAID, DFID, SIDA, Omidyar Network

2011-12 New Technologies in the Service of Vulnerability and Wellbeing Monitoring, UNICEF Zambia (PI)

- 2010 – 2011 Mediating voices and communicating realities: using information crowdsourcing tools, open data initiatives and digital media can protect the vulnerable and marginalized, DFID, (PI)
- 2009 – 2011 IKM Emergent, DGIS Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PI)

RESEARCHER AND GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, LSE

- 2007 OPAALS (Open Philosophies for Associative Autopoietic Digital Ecosystems) project – investigated the implications of the open source movement for organizational transformation
- 2004 – 2007 DBE (Digital Business Ecosystem) project – conceived, researched and conducted two studies with the aim of making specific recommendations for the development and deployment of the DBE technological platform
- 2002 – 2003 Seminar leader for the postgraduate course 'Theories and Concepts in Media and Communications', and workshop assistant for the course 'Methods of Research in Media and Communications'

DISTINCTIONS

- 2007 – 2008 **ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship Award**
- 2006 – 2007 **LSE's Robert McKenzie award** for outstanding performance in a PhD degree programme
- 2001 – 2004 **Greek State Scholarships' Foundation (IKY) Scholarship** for Mass Media and Communication Postgraduate Studies

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

- Berdou, E. (2014). 'The Question of Inclusiveness' A think piece for the programme Making All Voices Count, IDS (in production).
- Lucas, H., Batchelor, S. and Berdou, Evangelia (2013). 'Real Time Monitoring and the New Information Technologies', IDS Bulletin Real Time Monitoring for the Most Vulnerable, 44(2): 31-39
- Berdou, E., Kaputo Chiwele, D., Whitestone, N., Aguilar-Nova, E. (2012). New technologies in the service of vulnerability and wellbeing monitoring. Final project report prepared for UNICEF, Zambia
- Berdou, E. (February 2012). 'Participatory methodologies and participatory technologies: ways forward for innovative thinking and practice.' IKM Emergent Working Paper available at: http://wiki.ikmemergent.net/files/1202-Berdou_IKM_27022012.pdf
- Berdou, E. (2011). 'Reimagining participation: opportunities and challenges of the open source model of collaboration for development thinking and practice', IDS Bulletin Time to Reimagine Development? 42(5): 104-108
- Lucas, H., M. Greeley, E. Berdou, and K. Roelen (2011). Real-Time Monitoring for the Most Vulnerable: A Desk Review (Draft). A Report Commissioned By Unicef Policy and Practice Unit. Brighton: IDS
- Berdou, E. (2011) Mediating voices and communicating realities: using information crowdsourcing tools, open data initiatives and digital media to support and protect the vulnerable and marginalized. Final project report prepared for DFID
- Berdou, E. (2011) *Organization in open source communities: at the crossroads of the gift and market economies*, New York: Routledge
- Mansell, R. and Berdou, E. (2010) 'Political economy, the Internet and free/open source software development', in Allen, M., J. Hunsinger and L. Klastrop (eds), *International handbook of Internet research*, Boston: Springer: 341-61
- Berdou, E. (2007) 'Learning and the imperative of production in free/open source development', in Feller, J., B. Fitzgerald, W. Scacchi, and A. Silliti (eds), IFIP International Federation for Information Processing, Volume 234, open source development adoption and innovation proceedings, Boston: Springer: 235-240
- Berdou, E. (2007) 'Seasonal workers, distant relations? Non-programming contributors in mature free/open source software projects', paper prepared for the AOIR conference, Vancouver, Canada, 19 October 2007
- Berdou, E. (2006) 'Insiders and outsiders: paid contributors and the dynamics of cooperation in mature, community led F/OS projects', in Damiani, E., B. Fitzgerald, W. Scacchi, M. Scotto and G. Succi (eds), *Foundation on Open Source Software Proceedings*, Como, Italy, 8-10 June 2006, Boston: Springer: 201-208