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Christiana Koundourou (1984) is a lecturer in Special Needs, in the School of Social Sciences, at Neapolis University in Paphos. She holds an Undergraduate Degree in Special Educational Needs from the University of Essex (2006) in Great Britain, a Postgraduate Degree in Professional Development in Special Needs from the University of Nottingham (2007) in Great Britain, and holds a Doctoral Degree in Education/Special Educational Needs from the University of Birmingham (2007-2012) in Great Britain.

She has been working as a Special Educational Needs Teacher at a Private School in Paphos for the period 2011-2014. During the period 2013-2018 she was a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Nicosia in both Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs, in the Department of Education, in the field of Special Needs. During the period 2013-2015 she was also a Lecturer at the University of Neapolis. She has been a Scientific Associate at Neapolis University for three (3) years (2015-2018), and since 2018 she has been a Lecturer at the same University. She has seven (7) years of experience working privately as a Special Needs Teacher.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Her main research interests lie in two main research directions. The first concerns aspects of Special Education. In particular how children with special educational needs (learning disabilities, social emotional and behavioral problems, mental retardation / autism, and physical / motor deficiencies), can be trained and empowered within the classroom and/or in special units, how educational structures and practices can be developed for educators and special educators in relation to their teaching practices with these children, creating and implementing educational programs to support children who require special education, how these children can be included and provided intercultural education practices. The second concerns aspects of Educational Psychology, with specific interest on students maturation with special needs, school learning, teaching methods, guidance, and evaluation of aptitude and progress by standardized tests.

PUBLICATIONS (2010-2018)

PUBLICATIONS

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MEMBERSHIPS

Pancyprian Dyslexia Association	Member from 2011
OMEP Cyprus	Member from 2011
NASEN, UK	Member from 2007
SEBDA, UK	Member from 2007