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CV NOTE

Thomas Vitsounis is a Research Fellow (Jean Monnet in European Port Policy) at the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport (STT), School of Business, University of the Aegean. He was previously a PENED Research Fellow at the same Department, where he completed a PhD (2011) on the theme of "Balanced Port Performance Analysis: Port Users and Service providers Interactions, Generation of Relationships, and Measurement of Perceived Value".

His scientific interests include port economics, policy and management - especially port performance measurement and users' satisfaction - as well as liner shipping competition and international maritime policy.

Since 2010, Thomas has a key role in the "Port Performance Indicators: Selection and Measurement - PPRISM" project, undertaken by the European Seaports Organization (ESPO) and researchers from several European Universities, Thomas acts as coordinator of the academic partners and the industry. He also contributes as a Teaching Assistant to the undergraduate and postgraduate programs of STT-University of the Aegean, teaching in the courses: *Maritime Economics, International Maritime Policy, Port Planning & Policy, Port Management and European Port Policy*.

Thomas is the (co-)author of scientific papers published in scientific journals and presented in international scientific conferences, that examine issues related to port management, economics and competition, port performance measurement, port trends, challenges and opportunities, as well as coastal shipping concentration measurement and evaluation, and have been. He has also participated in research projects examine the structures of coastal and maritime markets, the development of national and European policies, the evaluation of European policies and the competitiveness of Greek seafarers - contributing as a research assistant in the books: "*Transport: Life arteries for the islands*" (in Greek), and "*Greek shipping, employment and competitiveness*" (in Greek).

Since 2006, he is the secretary of the Hellenic Association of Maritime Economist (HAME). He is also a founding member and technical administrator of PortEconomics.gr & Porteconomics.eu two web-based initiatives advancing knowledge exchange on port economics, management & policies. Thomas holds a BSc (Shipping Trade and Transport, Aegean, Gr 2004), an MSc (Shipping Transport & Transport, Aegean, Gr, 2005) and a PhD (Shipping Trade and Transport, School of Business, University of the Aegean, Greece, 2011).

Current Position

- January 2010-December 2011
Junior Researcher – Coordinator
European Seaports Organization (ESPO)
Project: **Port Performance Indicators: Selection and Measurement**

Studies

- **PhD in Port Economics, 2011**
Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport,
University of the Aegean, Greece

Thesis Title: "Balanced Port Performance Analysis: Port Users and Service providers Interactions, Generation of Relationships, and Measurement of Perceived Value"

Viva Committee: Prof. Nottebbom T.
Prof. Psaraftis H.
Prof. Chlomoudis C.
Prof. Xydeas E.
Prof. Theotokas I.
Prof. Lekakou M.
Prof. Pallis A. (Supervisor)
- **MSc in Shipping, Trade and Transport, 2005.**
Department of Shipping Trade and Transport,
School of Business, University of the Aegean.
- **BSc in Shipping, Trade, 2004.**
Department of Shipping Trade and Transport,
School of Business, University of the Aegean

Scholarships

- **"Strategies and Competitiveness of Greek Shipping and Greek Ports"**

January 2006 – December 2008

Financed by: Greek Ministry of Economic Development; Regulatory Authority for Competition; Ceres Hellenic Shipping Enterprises; Port of Igoumenitsa SA; Union of Mediterranean Cargo Shipowners.

Research Interests

- Port economics, policy and management
- Ports performance measurement
- Ports competition and competitiveness

- Liner shipping competition
- Port users' satisfaction and performance measurement

University Teaching Experience

- January 2001 – March 2001:
"European Port Policy"
Teaching Assistant (Prof. Pallis A.A.)
MSc, Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- February 2011 – June 2011:
"Port Planning and Policy"
Teaching Assistant (Prof. Pallis A.A.)
BSc, Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- September 2010 – January 2011
"Port Management"
Teaching Assistant (Prof. Pallis A.A.)
BSc, Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- February 2010 – June 2010:
"Port Planning and Policy"
Teaching Assistant (Prof. Pallis A.A.)
BSc, Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- March 2007 – June 2007:
"International Maritime Policy"
Teaching Assistant (Prof. Lekakou M.)
MSc, Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- February 2007 – June 2007:
"Port Planning and Policy"
Teaching Assistant (Prof. Pallis A.A.)
BSc, Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- September 2006 – December 2006:
"Maritime Economics"
Teaching Assistant (Prof. Lekakou M.)
MSc, Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- March 2006 – June 2006:
"International Maritime Policy"
Teaching Assistant (Prof. Lekakou M.)
MSc, Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean

Working Experience

- October 2006 – Today:
Secretary of the Hellenic Association of Maritime Economists (HAME)
- July 2004 – August 2004:
Shipping Company "Avin International",
Purchasing Department, Group of Business "Vardinogiannis".
- January 2004 – July 2004:
Advertising Director, Monthly journal "Aplotaria", Group of Business
"Kampouras V."

Publications

Refereed Journals

- J.1** Pallis, A.A., Vitsounis, T.K., De Langen, P.W. and Notteboom, T.E. (2011, iFirst) *Port Economics, Policy and Management – Content Classification and Survey*, Transport Reviews, iFirst.
- J.2** Pallis A.A., Vitsounis T.K. and De Langen P.W. (2010). Research in *Port Economics, Policy and Management: A Review*, Transport Reviews, 30(1), 115-161.

Under Review

- R.1** Lekakou, M., Vitsounis, T.K. (under review, 2010). *Measuring market concentration in Greek coastal waters*.

Book Chapters

- Ch.1** Pallis, A.A. and Vitsounis, T.K. (2010). Key Interactions and Drivers towards Port Users Satisfaction. In: Hall, P.V., McCalla, R., Slack, B. and Comtois, C. (2010) *Integrating Seaports and Trade Corridors*», pp. 119-136, Aldershot: Ashgate (*).
- Ch.2** Vitsounis, T.K. and Pallis, A.A. (2011, forthcoming) Interaction, Relationship and Value Generation in Supply Chain Oriented Ports. In: Song D.W. and Panayides, P. (2011, forthcoming) *Maritime Logistics: Contemporary Issues*, Emerald, forthcoming.

(* Denotes full-text reviews book chapters.

International Conference Papers (full-text review)

- C.1** Vitsounis, T.K. and Pallis, A.A. (2010). Creating value for port users: Port value chains and the role of interdependencies. *International Association of Maritime Economists Conference 2010*, (CD ROM) Lisbon, Portugal.
- C.2** Pallis, A.A. and Vitsounis, T.K. (2009). Ports in Supply Chains: Measuring Users' Value and Satisfaction. "*Integrating Maritime Transport in Value Chains' International Workshop*", Montréal, June 10 - 12, 2009.
- C.3** Pallis, A.A., Vitsounis, T.K., De Langen, P.W. and Notteboom, T.E. (2009). A content analysis of published research in port economics, policy and management (1997-2008). *International Association of Maritime Economists Conference 2009*, (CD ROM) Copenhagen, Denmark.
- C.4** Pallis, A.A. and Vitsounis, T.K. (2009). Drivers towards users' satisfaction in container ports - An exploratory study, *International Association of Maritime Economists Conference 2009*, (CD ROM) Copenhagen, Denmark.

- C.5** Pallis, A.A. and Vitsounis, T.K. (2009). Port performance: Measuring port users perspectives. *World Conference on Transport Research – Special Interest Groups 2 2009*, Antwerp, Belgium.
- C.6** Lekakou, M., Vitsounis, T.K. (2008). Measuring market concentration in Greek coastal waters. *International Association of Maritime Economists Conference 2008*, (CD ROM) Dalian, China.
- C.7** Pallis A.A., Vitsounis T.K. and Langen P.W. de (2008). Port Economics, Policy and Management: Bibliometric and Content analysis of published research. *International Association of Maritime Economists Conference 2008*, (CD ROM) Dalian, China.
- C.8** Pallis A.A. and Vitsounis T.K. (2008). Towards an Alternative Measurement of Port Performance: Externally Generated Information and Users' Satisfaction. *International Forum of Shipping, Ports and Airports 2008*, (CD ROM) Hong-Kong, May, 2008.
- C.9** Lekakou, M., Xydeas, E., Vitsounis, T.K. (2007). An Investigation of the Greek Coastal Shipping Market in the Aegean Archipelago. *1st International Scientific Conference of the Hellenic Institute of Transportation Engineers*, University of the Aegean, Greece, Chios, 10-12 May 2007.
- C.10** Pallis A.A. Langen P.W. de and Vitsounis T.K. (2007). Port Research: Research Networks, Themes and Methods in Port Economics, Management and Policies. *11th World Conference on Transport Research*, (proceedings: CD-Rom format), Berkley CA, US June 2007.
- C.11** Pallis A.A., Vaggelas G.K. and Vitsounis T.K. (2007). Improving Port Services Competitiveness: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities. *XVII Conference of European Research Network on Services and Space*, Finland, September 2007.

Contributions in Books (acting as Research Assistant)

- CB.1** Theotokas G. Lekakou M.B., Pallis, A.A., Syriopoulos T. and Tsamourgelis G. (2008). *Greek Shipping, Employment, Competitiveness*, Athens: Gutenberg.
- CB.2** Chlomoudis K., Lekakou M., Panou K., Papadimitriou E., Syriopoulos Th. and Tzannatos E. (2007). *Transport: Life arteries for the islands*, Athens: Papazisi.

Newspapers Articles

- N.1** Studies in Shipping, Transport and International Trade: Corresponding to the needs of the globalised Greek-owned shipping (with Vaggelas G. and Progoulaki M.) (in Greek). "Naftika Chronika", No 125, December 2009.
- N.2** Greek ports industry: Competitiveness strategies, with Pallis A.A., "Imerisia – Special edition Shipping, June 2009

- N.3** Greek container ports competitiveness: Users perspectives do matter, with Pallis A.A., "Naftika Chronika", English edition, No 122 May 2009.
- N.4** Codification of purchasing activities of a maritime company, "Logistics and Management", Vol. 48, July – August 2006, pp. 44-45.

Scientific & Professional Meetings

- M.1** Vitsounis, T.K. (2009) "Vital questions of Greek ports seeking answers", Hellenic Chamber Transport Association meeting, 22 May, Piraeus.

Research Projects

- **"Port Performance Indicators: Selection and Measurement (PPRISM)"**
Research project for the European Seaports Organization (ESPO)
January 2010-December 2011
Junior Researcher, Academic coordinator
- **"The dynamic evaluation of the Greek ferry system using KPI's. The Users' view"**
Research Study for the Institute of Local Government (ITA), Greece
June 2008 – January 2009
Scientific Associate, Research Group of the University of the Aegean
- **"Analysis of the implication of the European Commission's Green Paper on Maritime Policy"**
Research Study for the Centre for Analysis and Strategy, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs & the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP).
January 2007-June 2008
Scientific Associate, Research Group of the University of the Aegean
- **"Transport: Lifelines for the Islands"**
Research Study for the Institute of Local Government (ITA), Greece
February 2006 – April 2006
Scientific Associate, Research Group of the University of the Aegean
- **"Greek Shipping, Employment and Competitiveness"**
Research for the Union of Greek Seafarers
May 2006–September 2006
Scientific Associate, Research Group of the University of the Aegean

Attendance to Conferences and Seminars

- **European Sea Ports Organization – 2011 Annual Conference**, 5-6 May 2011, Limassol, Cyprus
- **International Association of Maritime Economists – 2010 Annual Conference**, 7-9 July, Lisbon, Portugal
- **International Association of Maritime Economists – 2009 Annual Conference**, 23-26 June, Copenhagen, Denmark
- **European Sea Ports Organization – 2009 Annual Conference**, 14-15 May 2009, Marseilles, France
- **World Conference on Transport Research – Special Interest Groups 2**, 7-8 May 2009, Antwerp, Belgium.
- **International Association of Maritime Economists - 2008 Annual Conference**, 2-4 April, Dalian, China.
- International Seminar: **“Transportnet: Transport Business and Markets”**, University of the Aegean, 29 October – 9 November & 3-7 December 2007
- **International Association of Maritime Economists - 2008 Annual Conference**, 4-6 July 2007, Athens, Greece.
- **“Competitiveness and Complementarity of Transport Modes, perspectives for the development of intermodal transport”**, University of the Aegean – Hellenic Institute of Transportation Engineers, 10-12 May 2007, Chios Greece.
- **“2nd International Conference on EU-East and South Asia Trade, Investment, Logistics and E-Business”**, University of the Aegean, 9 – 11 October 2006, Chios, Greece.
- **“Athens Tanker Event”**, Intertanko, 10-15 April 2005, Athens, Greece.
- Short term course: **ISM Code: Interpretation and Guidelines**. International Naval Surveys Bureau. Chios, Greece

Membership of Scientific Associations

International

- International Association of Maritime Economists (2007-)

Greek

- Hellenic Association of Maritime Economists (2006 -)
- Shipping, Trade and Transport Alumni – Funding member (2008 -)

Special Skills

- Use of PC
- Operating System Windows, Linux, Mac OS
- Office
- Statistic Package SPSS

- Corel Draw
- Photoshop
- WebPages Building (Joomla, MySql, Apache)
- Nnivo
- Smart PLS

Activities

- 2011- President of the Shipping, Trade and Transport Alumni, University of the Aegean
- 2006- Member of the Department of Shipping Trade and Transport Alumni Council, University of the Aegean
- 2004-2005, Member of the Departmental General Meeting of the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean.
- 2003-2004, Member of the senate of the University of the Aegean.
- 2003-2004, Substitute delegate of the Undergraduates Association of University of the Aegean in the rector's committee.
- 2002-2003, Chairman of the Secretariat of the Undergraduates Association, Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of Aegean.
- 2001-2003, Member of the Departmental General Meeting of the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- 2001-2002, Vice - President of the Undergraduates Association of University of Aegean.

Foreign Languages

Greek: Mother tongue; **English:** Fluently; **French:** Very Good

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