

CHRISTINA VAZOU

Photographer & Documentary Filmmaker

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Profile

Photographer and documentary filmmaker with 30 years of experience in photojournalism, social reportage, and cultural projects. Expert in visual storytelling across diverse contexts, including healthcare, refugee support, migration, and social issues. Experienced in collaborating with NGOs, cultural institutions, and international organizations. Skilled in both individual and team projects, combining artistic vision with documentary accuracy.

Education

2021–2022 Documentary Film: Theory and Practice – University of Athens EKPA

2019–2020 Film Directing – Film School, Athens

2011–2012 MA Photojournalism & Documentary Photography (Distinction)

London College of Communication, University of the Arts, London

1991–1994 Photography Studies / Professional Photographer

FOCUS School for Art, Photography, Video, and New Technologies, Athens

1987–1990 Hotel Management Training (Hotelfachfrau)

Hotel Europäischer Hof, Heidelberg

1980–1986 German and Greek High School Diploma (Abitur)

German School of Athens

Professional Development & Training

- **Collective Learning through Anti-Racist Film Productions**
KARPOS, Athens, 2023
 - **Therapeutic Photography** – AMAKA, Athens, 2023
 - **Theory and History of Photography** – Hellenic Center of Photography
Athens, 2021
 - **Participatory Photography** – PhotoVoice, London, 2021
 - **Reportage Photography Workshop** – Deutsche Journalistinnen- und Journalisten-Union, Hannover, 2010
 - **Digital Photography & Image Editing** – Qwerty Studio, Athens, 2007
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Training and Competences in Refugee & Migration Work

- **Empower Her – Workshop** for professionals on supporting victims of human trafficking, Kinoniko EKAV, Athens, 2025
 - **Building Self-Representation / Expert by Experience** – Doctors Without Borders, Athens/Thessaloniki 2024
 - **Competence Development and Staff Training for Long-Term Accommodation for Unaccompanied Minors** – University of Athens EKPA Athens 2023–2024
 - **Child Protection, Time Management, Teamwork, Conflict Resolution** Educational Organization Dimitra, Athens 2024
 - **Transnational Initiative against Human Trafficking in the Context of the European Asylum System** – ARSIS, Athens 2022
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Professional Experience

Freelance Photographer – 1995 – Present

Photographer & Animator – Kinoniko EKAV, Athens, 2021–2025

Customer Service – Philips DACH / Teleperformance, Athens, 2018–2020

Secretary (Part-time) – German-speaking Gynecological Practice, Dr. Claudia Schiementz, Athens, 2013–2018

Freelance Reportage Photographer – Doctors Without Borders, Greece, 1993–1995

Freelance Photographer – Magazine Fotografos, Athens, 1994

Photography Assistant – Lefteris Miaoulis (Advertising Photography), Athens, 1993

Photography Assistant – Dimitris Kalapodas (Architectural Photography), Athens 1990–1991

Travel Agency Staff – Ground Handling – Hellas Travel, LTU, Athens, 1990–1991

Languages

- **German** – Native
- **Greek** – Native
- **English** – Professional proficiency

Digital Imaging & Video Editing Skills

- **Adobe Photoshop**
 - **Adobe Premiere Pro**
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Long-term Collaborations & Projects

- **Kinoniko EKA V NGO** – Photography, film, and various social projects
 - **Initiative for Psychiatric Reform**, Athens – Project-based photography
 - **Aretaion Hospital, Palliative Care Unit**, Athens – Photo documentation
 - **General Panarkadiko Hospital, Psychiatric Department** – Project work
 - **Doctors Without Borders** – International projects in Armenia, Georgia, Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Iran, Gaza, Ethiopia
 - **Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation** – Portrait photography
 - **Family, Pregnancy, Baptism, and Wedding Photography**
 - **Magazine work**: Oxygen (Travel), Tachidromos (Social reportage), Fotografos (Technical topics)
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Solo Exhibitions

- **2017** – **Aretaieion Hospital**, Athens, *Palliative Care*
 - **2009** – **Academy of Athens**, in front of the **Cultural Center**, *Mental Health Action Day: Beyond the Wall: Psychiatric Hospital*
 - **2009** – **National Museum of Contemporary Art**, Athens, *Doctor, I'm in Pain*
 - **2009** – **Theophaneios Hall**, Preveza, Tribute to World Mental Health Day *Beyond the Wall: Psychiatric Hospital*
 - **2008** – **Anti-Racism Festival**, Goudi Park, Athens *Beyond the Wall: Psychiatric Hospital*
 - **2008** – **World Cultural Foundation of Hellenism of the Diaspora "Andreas Papandreou"**, *Beyond the Wall: Psychiatric Hospital*
 - **2005** – **Club Hotel Loutraki**, **7th Panhellenic Congress on Regional Anesthesia, Pain Therapy and Palliative Care**, *Photographs from the Pain Center, Aretaieion Hospital*
 - **2000** – **National Bank of Greece – Cultural Foundation**, Thessaloniki *Nine Months – Improvisations* (Exhibition received honorary award during Photosynkyria 2000)
 - **1998** – **Evripidis Bookstore**, Chalandri, *Greeks of Ethiopia*
 - **1997** – **Polichni and Evosmos Cultural Center**, Thessaloniki *Images from Georgia*
 - **1996** – **City Hall**, Saarbrücken, *Images from Georgia*
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Selected Group Exhibitions

- **2024 – Thessaloniki Museum of Photography and MOMus Experimental Center, *HerStories: Photographic Practices, 1974–2024*** – Participated with *Behind the Scenes of the Greek Crisis*
 - **2014–2016 – Concrete Collective Exhibitions**, London, Berlin, Tbilisi, Dublin, Riga – Participated with *Behind the Scene of the Greek Crisis*
 - **2013 – MA Final Exhibition**, London College of Communication, London Participated with *Behind the Scene of the Greek Crisis*
 - **2000 – “10 Years Behind the Lens”, Doctors Without Borders** (Greek Section), toured Athens, Thessaloniki, Kyparissia, Drama, Kalamata, Tripoli Participated with pictures from *Georgia, Armenia and Ethiopia*
 - **1998 – Osmosis Cross-Cultural**, European Parliament, Strasbourg Participated with *Greeks of the Diaspora*
 - **1997 – Women Photographers**, Thessaloniki, Cultural Capital of Europe Participated with *Greeks of the Diaspora*
 - **1996 – 13 Young Greek Photographers**, Mylos Cultural Center, Thessaloniki Participated with *Children with Borders*
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Documentary Films (Director & Cinematographer)

- **2025 – *I Want to Be a Winner*** – Kinoniko EKA V
 - **2024 – *Greek Society for Systemic Therapy***, ELESYTH
 - **2023 – *60 Years AKMA***, Athenian Institute of Anthropos
 - **2018 – *From Africa with Love – Greekethiopics***, Addis Ababa/Athens
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Publications

- **2012 – *Behind the Scenes of the Greek Crisis*** (Self-published, MA project)
 - **2005 – *I Poria kai i Zoi (The Course and Life)*** – Photobook on Tripolis Psychiatric Department of General Panarkadic Hospital
 - **1997 – *Greeks of the Diaspora*** – Photobook documenting Greek communities in Ethiopia and Georgia, Thessaloniki Cultural Capital of Europe
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Curations

- **2000 – *10 Years Behind the Lens*** – Photo exhibition of the Greek section of Doctors Without Borders which travelled around Greece
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