Thessaloniki, Greece
Greek History & Culture and Micro-Enterprise

Sponsored Research Opportunities
2019
Students in the COSA or IDS Graduate Programs engage in Sponsored Advocacy Research projects in their first semester abroad as a required component of the program. As part of the IPSL Graduate Degrees, students will engage in either primary or secondary research (or both) in support of their Culminating Project or Thesis. If you choose to engage in primary research your Academic Advisor (as well as faculty and other staff) and the structure of the IPSL Advocacy Research Program will support you in this process.

Undergraduates also have the opportunity to do sponsored research, or independent research, in their semester abroad programs or other longer term customized programs.

Student research is officially reviewed by the IPSL International Institutional Review Board (IRB) which makes it eligible for publishing and presentation at professional conferences. For Graduate Students, during the Pre-Departure Residency in Portland, there will be an Advocacy Research Orientation and the IPSL research support person will assist throughout the program.

Program Director & LARL (Local Advocacy Research Liaison)
Ms. Victoria Georgouvela

Victoria has been professionally involved in Organization Planning and Development, directing business operations, consulting and marketing for several International companies, in the financial and arts industries, & in production companies specializing in travel documentaries that brought her to many places around the world. She loves nature and has been involved in a variety of sports in Greece and around the world. She has always participated in a variety of sports and inter-varsity athletic meets. For the last several years Victoria has been involved exclusively in planning, organizing and guiding adventure travel experiences in Greece for groups from the U.S. and Europe. Victoria holds a graduate degree in business administration.

*LARLs, usually the on-site program director and a native of the country provide in-country logistical support to research students including critical access to local populations and organizations, interpreting and translation services and ethical, cultural, legal, and policy information. They actively guide students to help shape a research project in a way that is ethical and feasible given the time frame and the resources available.
Research Project
The study will assess the impact of the “Without Middlemen” Farmer’s Market food distribution program from the perspective of the farmers/growers and the food recipients.

Protocol #1 Solidarity Through Community: An Impact & Program Improvement Study for the “Without Middlemen” project in Thessaloniki, Greece

Research Question:
How are various segments of the “Without Middlemen” Farmer’s Market project benefiting from or being impacted by participating in the project and how has this project impacted the community as a whole?

Objective:
The goal is to understand how participants are affected as well as how the project has impacted solidarity within various populations of the community and within the community as a whole.

Instruments:
Field Observation, Written Demographic Survey, Recorded in person interview