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EDUCATION

- 2014 **Doctor of Philosophy, Development Studies.** Department of Philosophy, University of Bonn, Germany. (Cum Laude)
- 2010 **Master's in environmental studies (JEMES).** Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain; Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal; Aalborg Universitet, Denmark; Technische Universität Hamburg-Harburg, Germany.
- 2008 **Graduate in Biology** (4-year diploma). National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece.

PROJECTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

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| 2019 | Lead Investigator as a partner at WEGO-ITN (Well-being, Ecology, Gender and cOmmunity – Innovative Training Network, EU-H2020), ICTA-UAB. | <i>371.809 Euros
(162.000
Institutional)</i> |
| 2014 | Marie Curie post-doctoral fellow , with the European Network of Political Ecology, ENTITLE-ITN (EU-FP7), ICTA-UAB. | <i>82.119 Euros</i> |
| 2014 | Best Doctoral Thesis Prize , from the Friends of ZEF -Centre for Development Research, University of Bonn. | <i>1.500 Euros</i> |
| 2011 | Fieldwork research grant of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), through the WISDOM project, University of Bonn. | <i>2.865 Euros</i> |
| 2010 | Doctoral Fellowship Award at the United Nations University – Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS). | <i>39.600 Euros</i> |
| 2008 | Scholarship Award for JEMES Master Studies. | <i>5.000 Euros</i> |

ACADEMIC RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2019 - date **Mentor/Lead Investigator, Research and project management.** WEGO -ITN (Well-being, Ecology, Gender and cOmmunity – Innovative Training Network), EU- H2020 Marie Skłodowska – Curie. Mentor in Feminist Political Ecology, at ICTA-UAB & Barcelona Laboratory for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability (BCNUEJ).
- 2019 - current **Post-doctoral researcher, Work Package lead, Research and project management.** UrbanA (Urban Arenas for Sustainable and Just Cities), EU-H2020 project, at ICTA-UAB & BCNUEJ. Meta-analysis of EU-funded research on urban justice and sustainability; co-creation of knowledge in cities.

- 2017 - **Post-doctoral researcher, Research and project management.** NATURVATION ((NATure-based URban innoVATION), H2020 project, at ICTA -UAB & BCNUEJ. Governance of Urban Nature-based solutions in Europe.
- 2014 - **Post-doctoral researcher, Research and communication support.** ENTITLE -European Network for Political Ecology (Marie-Curie ITN, EU-FP7) at ICTA-UAB. The nexus of immigration biopolitics and disease epidemics; Political ecology of malaria during crisis and austerity in Greece.
- 2010 - **Doctoral candidate,** Centre of Development Studies (ZEF), University of Bonn. Socio-political and cultural determinants of diarrheal disease in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam; Health knowledges, perceptions, and dispossessions; critical medical anthropology and political ecology of health.
- 2015 **Organizer** of the weekly seminars on Ecological Economics and Ethno-Ecology Integrated Assessment at ICTA, UAB.
- 2012 – **Organizer** of “Alternative Wednesdays”, documentary screening sessions at ZEF, University of Bonn
- 2010 **Master’s thesis,** ICTA-UAB & the Cyprus Institute (Cyl). History of water development and water management in Cyprus; Political ecology of water governance in water-scarce environments.
- 2010 **Project assistant** for CLICO (Climate Change, Hydro-conflicts and Human Security) project

TEACHING & SUPERVISION

Teaching

- 2020-21 Urban Environmental Justice (Master's Degree in Political Ecology. Degrowth and Environmental Justice (3ECTS)
- 2018-19 Political Ecology course (6 ECTS), for the MSc *Interdisciplinary Studies in Environmental, Economic and Social Sustainability and Ecological Economics*, ICTA-UAB
- 2015-16 Political Ecology course (6 ECTS), for the MSc *Interdisciplinary Studies in Environmental, Economic and Social Sustainability and Ecological Economics*, ICTA-UAB

Supervision of PhD theses

- 2017 - date Matthew Watts (ongoing) “Impacts of Climate Change on the spread of tropical vector-borne diseases in Europe, and the consequences for human health”. Part of Maria de Maetzu excellence award research.
- 2019 - date Ilenia Brenda Iengo (ongoing) “Commoning the city: the labors of social reproduction in environmental justice and feminist struggles for a post-growth urban life”. Part of WEGO-ITN research.

Supervision of Master theses

- 2019 David Jacue Bretón (2019) “Stakeholders’ perspectives on urban Nature-based Solutions: results from two participatory processes in Barcelona”, ICTA-UAB.

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- 2017 Carla Giraldo Malca (2017) “Stakeholder participation and Ecosystem Services values in urban green infrastructure: the case of Passeig Sant Joan, Barcelona”, ICTA-UAB.
- 2015 Anna Rebekah Breeding (2015) “Vaccine hesitancy as an interface of biopolitics, immunity perceptions and beliefs of the natural: The case study of measles in California, USA”, ICTA-UAB.

Memberships

- 2014 - date Member and core editor in **Undisciplined Environments** (<http://undisciplinedenvironments.org/>), online blog platform for political ecology.
Member of **POLLEN** (Political Ecology Network), an umbrella organization of political ecology researchers, groups, projects, networks and nodes.
- 2019 Member of scientific committee of the “6th International Seminar: Migrations, Agriculture, Food and Sustainable Development: Africa and Europe (and beyond) facing the new challenges of globalization”, Agadir, Morocco.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Kotsila, P. (2014) “*Socio-political and Cultural Determinants of Diarrheal Disease in the Mekong Delta. From Discourse to Incidence*” (Vol. 28), Berlin, Münster, Wien, Zürich, London: Lit Verlag. ISBN 978-3-643-90562-8

Articles, peer-reviewed

Kotsila, P., Hörschelmann, K., Anguelovski, I., Sekulova, F., & Lazova, Y. (2020). Clashing temporalities of care and support as key determinants of transformatory and justice potentials in urban gardens. *Cities*, 106, 102865.

Cole, H., Anguelovski, I., Baro, F., Garcia Lamarka, M., Kotsila, P., et al. (2020) “The Covid-19 Pandemic: Power and privilege, gentrification, and urban environmental justice in the Global North”. *Cities and Health*, 1-5.

Watts, M., Kotsilla, P., Mortyn, G.P., Sarto i Monteys, V., Urzi Brancati, C. (2020 – under review) “Influence of Socio-Economic, Demographic and Climate Factors on the Regional Distribution of Dengue in the United States and Mexico” (Preprint: <https://www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-32123/v1>). *International Journal of Health Geographics*

Toxopeus, H., Kotsila P., Conde, M. Katona, A., van der Jagt, S., Polzin, F. (2020) How ‘just’ is hybrid governance of urban nature-based solutions? *Cities*. 105 102839

Anguelovski, I., Brand, A. L., Connolly, J. J., Corbera, E., Kotsila, P., Steil, J., ... & Langemeyer, J. (2020). Expanding the Boundaries of Justice in Urban Greening Scholarship: Toward an Emancipatory, Antisubordination, Intersectional, and Relational Approach. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 1-27.

Kotsila, P., Anguelovski, I., Baró, F., Langemeyer, J., Sekulova, F., Connolly, J. (2020) “Nature-based solutions as discursive tools and contested practices in urban nature’s neoliberalisation processes. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*.

Kotsila, P. & Kallis, G. (2019) Biopolitics of public health and immigration in times of crisis: The malaria epidemic in Greece (2009–2014). *Geoforum*, 106, pp. 223–233.

Anguelovski, I., Triguero-Mas, M., Connolly, J. J., Kotsila, P., Shokry, G., Pérez Del Pulgar, C., ... & Cole, H. (2019). Gentrification and health in two global cities: a call to identify impacts for socially-vulnerable residents. *Cities & Health*, 1-10.

Kotsila P. and V.S. Saravanan. (2017). Biopolitics gone to shit? State narratives versus everyday realities of water and sanitation in the Mekong Delta. *World Development*, 93: 374–388.

Kotsila P. (2017). Health dispossessions and the moralization of disease: the case of diarrhea in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam. *Journal of Political Ecology*, 24: 87-108.

Connolly C., Kotsila, P. D'Alisa G. (2017). Tracing Narratives and Perceptions in the Political Ecologies of Health and Disease. *Journal of Political Ecology*, 24: 1-10.

Heras, María, Benedict Singleton, and Panagiota Kotsila. (2016). Reflecting on Emotional Political Ecologies. *Soft Power* 5(1).

Huber, A., Gorostiza, S., Kotsila, P., Beltrán, M. J., & Armiero, M. (2016). Beyond “Socially Constructed” Disasters: Re-politicizing the Debate on Large Dams through a Political Ecology of Risk. *Capitalism Nature Socialism*, 1–21.

Other, non peer-reviewed

Kiss, B., Sekulova, F. & Kotsila, P. (2019) International Comparison of Nature-Based Solutions. Naturvation Project Report. Available here:
https://naturvation.eu/sites/default/files/result/files/international_comparison_of_nbs.pdf

Rach, S., Silvestri, G., Avelino, F., Schipper, K., Henfrey, T., Anguelovski, I., Spaeth, P., Bach, M., de Maio, S., Cook, I. and **Kotsila**, P. (2019) . UrbanA Arena Design. Methodological guidelines for designing, co-creating and hosting a translocal arena for sustainable and just cities. Available:
https://urban-arena.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/D2.1_UrbanA_Arena-Design_website.pdf

Kotsila, P. (2016) *Small bugs, big issues: vector-borne disease in the age of mobility and climate change. Policy implications of findings on malaria and its socio-political drivers in Greece* (Policy Brief). Outcome of ENTITLE European Network of Political Ecology FP-7 project. Available:
<http://www.politicecology.eu/documents/courses/83-pb-kotsila-panagiota/file>

Kotsila, P. (2015) *Deconstructing public health, enabling health empowerment. A case from the Mekong Delta, Vietnam*, in “Political Ecology for Civil Society”, ENTITLE European Network of Political Ecology FP-7 project [Editor of *Democracy and Conclusions* chapters].

Kotsila, P. (2015) *Diarrhoea. More than medicine for fighting disease* (Action Brief). Outcome of ENTITLE European Network of Political Ecology FP-7 project. Available:
https://www.academia.edu/14283702/Action_Brief_on_Diarrhoea_More_than_medicine_for_fighting_disease

Kotsila, P. et al. (2014) *Water in Urban Regions: Building Future Knowledge to Integrate Land Use, Ecosystem Services and Human Health*, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Brazilian Academy of Sciences, German Young Academy (Publishers). Halle/Saale, Rio de Janeiro, Berlin.

Kotsila, P. (2012) “*Health is gold*”: *Institutional structures and the realities of health access in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam*, in University of Bonn Center for Development Research (ed.), ZEF Working Paper Series (105; Bonn: University of Bonn).

Turhan E. and Kotsila P. (2010) *“Up in Smoke”: Political Ecology of Tobacco Production; Environmental Degradation and Societal Crisis; The cases of Turkey and Malawi*, Essay and research proposal for the Summer School on Environmental Conflicts and Justice, ICTA-UAB.

Press, media, communication outputs

Anguelovski, I. Kotsila, P. and Cole, H., (2020) “COVID-19, Justice and Sustainability in Cities. The Lasting Impact of Covid-19 on Environmental Justice in Cities” @ bcnuej medium

Anguelovski, I. Kotsila, P. “(2020) Environmental inequities in fast-growing Dublin: Addressing the combined scarcity of green space and affordable housing for The Liberties” @ UrbanA medium.

Kotsila, P. (2020) Panelist at the Covid-19, justice, and sustainability in cities, UrbanA Open Webinar 5th June (online). Available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dx2B3R9jTc>

Kotsila et al., (2020) Online roundtable on “Covid has upended all the normal routines in our lives and work. How do you imagine you might be changed by it, both professionally, but also personally as you negotiate a new post-virus “normal”? *The Nature of Cities* – www.thenatureofcities.com

Kotsila, P. (2020) interview podcast “Nature Based Solutions” (2020) UrbanA Podcast Series - <https://urban-arena.eu/resources/>

Kotsila P. (2020) weekly podcasts on Allegra Lab Corona Diaries series - <https://allegralaboratory.net/the-corona-diaries/>

Kotsila P. (2020) Què es l’ecofeminisme? (in Spanish). Interview for Diari de Barcelona <https://www.diaridebarcelona.cat/w/que-es-l-ecofeminisme-?redirect=%2F>

Kotsila, P. (2019) “Proyecto europeo UrbanA Conocimiento y acción para la ciudad sostenible y justa”, article in the Spanish magazine *Ciudad Sostenible*, available online: <https://www.ciudadesostenible.eu/numeros-antteriores/ciudad-sostenible-38/>

Anguelovski I., Kotsila P. (2019) “The Dichotomous Challenge of Greening and Housing Access in The Liberties” blog piece in BCNUEJ blog. <http://www.bcnuej.org/2019/10/09/the-dichotomous-challenge-of-greening-and-housing-access-in-the-liberties-dublin/>

Kotsila, P. (2019) invited participant in panel on “City Visions”, betevé (Barcelona-based news and communication channel operating in a transmedia environment). <https://beteve.cat/societat/visions-de-ciutat-nit-tematica/>.

Baró, F., Kotsila, P., Sekulova F. (2018). Solucions basades en natura: un nou concepte per assolir ciutats més verdes, resilents i habitables? (in Spanish) *Sostenible: Revista de la xarxa de ciutats i pobles cap a la sostenibilitat* (Diputacio de Barcelona). <http://sostenible.cat/reportatge/solucions-basades-en-natura-un-nou-concepte-per-assolir-ciutats-mes-verdes-resilents-i>

Isabelle Anguelovski, Panagiota Kotsila, et. al. (2018) “Global Cities Like Barcelona and Boston Reveal Health Risks of Gentrification” - BCNUEJ blog. An edited, Spanish version of this article was published on November 4th 2018 in *ElPeriodico*.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

Kotsila P. (2019, April). *"Nature-based solutions" as discursive tools and contested practices in urban nature's neoliberalisation processes*. 8TH International Conference of Critical Geography (ICCG 2019): In Permanent Crisis? Uneven Development, Everywhere War and Radical Praxis. Athens, Greece.

Kotsila, P. (2018, June). *The green neoliberalism of urban Nature-based Solutions: challenges of multi-functionality versus just sustainability transformations in Barcelona*. Second Biennial Conference of the Political Ecology Network, POLLEN18: Political Ecology, the Green Economy, and Alternative Sustainabilities. Oslo, Norway.

Kotsila, P. (2016, March). *Socio-political drivers of malaria and the biopolitical shift of the state's gaze towards migrant workers in Greece*. Presentation at the 'Undisciplined Environments' International Conference of the European Network of Political Ecology (ENTITLE), Stockholm, Sweden

Kotsila, P. (2015, February) *Moralizing disease, disempowered health behaviours. The case of diarrhoea in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam*. Presentation at the DOPE (Dimensions of Political Ecology) Conference, University of Kentucky, USA

Kotsila, P. (2015, July) *Health narratives and the urban-rural divide: discursive practices versus contaminated realities of water and diarrhoea*. Presentation at "Transformations", the 11th International Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE), at the University of Leeds, UK

Kotsila P. (2014, May) *Socialising medicine and breaking the myths in water and sanitation: Future needs for research in water and health*. Presentation at the Joint Symposium "Water Issues and Ecological Sustainability in Areas of Urbanization", of Leopoldina, Brazilian Academy of Sciences and Jungen Akademie, held in Sao Carlos/ Brasil

Kotsila P. (2013, May) *Healthy spaces and the urban-rural divide: the case of diarrheal disease in Can Tho City*. Presentation at the conference: 'Water in the Anthropocene: Challenges for Science & Governance' of the Global Water System Project, Bonn, Germany

Kotsila P. (2013, March) *Existing and assumed boundaries of healthy spaces on the basis of urban-rural limits in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta: the case of diarrheal disease*. Presentation at the 2nd Annual 'Southeast Asian Studies Symposium' of the Southeast Asia Project, at the University of Oxford, UK

Kotsila P. (2012, May) *Waterborne Diarrheal Disease in the Mekong Delta: determinant perceptions and strategies*. Presentation at the 3rd International Workshop on "Comparative Water Studies" of the International Consortium for Comparative Water and Development Studies (ICCWaDS), at Wageningen University, Netherlands

Posters

Kotsila P. (2012, February) *What shapes disease? A cultural and socio-political enquiry on the case of diarrhea*. Poster presentation for the '6th WISDOM PhD Scientific Seminar', held in the United Nations University-EHS, Bonn

Kotsila P. (2010, July) *Development of water resources: a socio-political analysis of visions and decisions on water management*. Poster presentation for the Summer School on Environmental Conflicts and Justice at ICTA, UAB

Public lectures / events

Kotsila P. (2020) Panelist in “Degrowth Talks – No Back to Normal: Growth, degrowth and health”, University of Manchester, June 10th 2020. Available online [here](#).

Kotsila, P. (2020) Panelist in “UrbanA Open Webinar: COVID-19, Justice and Sustainability in Cities” 5th June 2020, Available online [here](#).

Kotsila, P. (2019) “*Nature-based solutions*” as discursive tools and contested practices in urban nature’s neoliberalisation processes”. Presentation at the ICTA weekly seminar series, ICTA-UAB. Barcelona, Spain

Kotsila, P. (2019) “CRIANZA - La crianza compartida en el barrio global: experimentos desde las márgenes y periférias (Shared children raring in global neighborhoods: experiments from the margins and peripheries)”, organized through the HETEROPOLITICS (EU-ERC) project. Invited speaker at roundtable discussion event. Barcelona, Spain

Kotsila, P. (2018) “El proyecto NATURVATION: 100 soluciones para renaturalizar las ciudades”, chairing the conference and public event ‘Activate+’: Soluciones innovadoras para renaturalizar la ciudad, reducir su contribución al cambio climático y mejorar la calidad de vida. Bilbao, Spain.

Kotsila, P., (2017, March) *Tracing narratives and perceptions in the political ecologies of health and disease*. Presentation at the Healthy Cities and Environmental Justice lab of the Epidemiology and Public Health Program, at IMIM Research Institute of the Hospital del Mar, Barcelona, Spain.

Kotsila P., (2015, April) *A political ecology of disease. The case of vector-borne epidemics in Greece*. Presentation at the Ecological economics, Ethno-ecology and integrated assessment seminars at ICTA, UAB.

Kotsila P. (2013, May) *Challenges and opportunities in studying health from a social science perspective; Evidence from Vietnam*. Public lecture during the ‘Dies Academicus’ at the University of Bonn

Kotsila P. (2012, May) *Five years of water management research in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam* Presentation of the WISDOM project to the UNESCO-IHE student group, at ZEF, University of Bonn

ADDITIONAL SPECIALISATION COURSES

June 2015	ENTITLE Summer-School on Institutions, Justice and Democracy , at Bogazici University, Istanbul
June 2015	Special Intensive Course on “ Navigating Job Opportunities as Political Ecologists ” at Humbolt-Universität, Berlin
Jan 2015	Special Intensive Course on “ Project Management and Contribution to Policy ” organized by ENT, Environment and Management, Barcelona
Dec 2015	Special Intensive Course on “ Research for Civil Society ”, organized by Centro di Documentazione sui Conflitti Ambientale, Rome
Jun - Jul 2014	Special Intensive Course on “ Effective Communication Strategies ” at ICTA, UAB, Barcelona
June 2013	Public speaking training at the UNU-EHS, Bonn
May 2012	Qualitative Comparative Analysis for Water Studies training at Wageningen University
Jun-Jul 2010	Environmental Conflicts and Justice Summer School at ICTA, UAB

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

English	Excellent	(Proficiency, University of Cambridge)
Spanish	Fluent	(Diploma Basico B2, Instituto Cervantes)
Italian	Very good	(CELI 5, Università per Stranieri di Perugia)
Portuguese	Conversational	
French	Basic	

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