

# Profile of Professors

## □ Alexis LYRAS, PhD

### ➤ Academic Career

- BA in Physical Education and Coaching, University of Athens, Greece, 1995
- MA in Sport Management and Sociology, University of Connecticut, USA, 2004
- Ph.D. in Applied Olympic Education, University of Connecticut, USA, 2007
- Adjunct Professor, University of Nicosia, Cyprus, 2004-2012
- Assistant Professor, University of Louisville, USA, 2007-2012
- Lecturer and Adjunct Professor, University of Trinidad and Tobago, 2009
- Program Advisor, Int. University of Monaco, Peace & Sport, UN Peace University, Monaco, 2011-12
- Adjunct Professor, UNESCO Chair for Peace Studies at the University of Innsbruck, Austria 2013-
- Lecturer and Program Advisor, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain, 2013-2014
- Applied Olympism, Sport and Peacebuilding Research Fellow, Georgetown University, 2012-14
- Conflict Resolution Senior Fellow, Department of Government, Georgetown University, USA, 2014-
- Associate Professor, TIAS and Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences, University of Tsukuba, 2016-



### ➤ Research Theme

I have specialized in **Applied Olympic Education Program (Intersection of Cultural, Educational, Evaluation, Organizational and Sport Components of Olympic Education)**. I have been initiating global initiatives that integrate **Olympic Education, Sport, Peacebuilding, International Development and Olympism programming and evaluation**. Over the last 17 years I have established the first **Olympism in Action Theory** (known as **Sport for Development Theory, SFD Theory**). Since 2005, SFD Theory has been used for programs and teaching related to (a) conflict resolution, (b) gender inclusivity, (c) refugees and homeless integration, (d) Health and HIV education, (e) sustainable development, (f) academic reform and student engagement, (g) practitioners professional training, summits and conferences, and (h) academic scholarship and evaluation. I am currently working on establishing a **Humanitarian Academic Ecosystem** committed in institutionalizing **Applied Olympic Education Programs across the globe**