

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF



# MARIA CHALARI

A DEDICATED RESEARCHER IMPROVING EDUCATION  
AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S LIVES

**NOV 1978**

Brought earthside in Athens, Greece

**1996**

Graduated from school in Athens, Greece while all summers in Anafi, Cyclades, her motherland

**1998**

Started studying at the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Education, Department of Early Childhood Education

**2002**

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

**2003**

Postgraduate studies at the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Early Childhood Education & University of London, Institute of Education

**2004**

Studying at the Institute of Education, University of London, London, UK

**2005**

Started working with NGOs and travelling around the world (Hungary, Turkey, Bulgaria, Nigeria, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Cyprus, Russia, Egypt, Jordan etc.)

**2006**

Master of Arts in Education and Human Rights, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Education, Department of Early Childhood Education & University of London, Institute of Education

**SUMMER OF 2006**

Working & travelling in Japan Tokyo, Yokohama, Yamanashi, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Nara, Kobe, Himeji, Osaka etc.

**2007**

Worked as a research assistant, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

**2010**

Beginning of doctoral studies, University College London, Institute of Education, London, UK

**SUMMER OF 2011**

Worked as Assistant Intern, University of Nizwa, Oman



## WINTER 2011

Visited with the 'International Doctoral Student Exchange Support Program' Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan

## SUMMER 2012

Worked as Senior Mentor at the Challenge Network Charity in the UK (Brighton, London, Weston Super Mare etc.)

## AUTUMN 2012

Visited with scholarship Beijing Normal University in Beijing, China

## 2013

Became mother of Fotis

## 2016

Awarded as Doctor in Education in the field of Sociology of Education University College London, Institute of Education in London, UK

## 2016-2017

Research assistant in various research programmes, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

## 2017 - 2019

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

## 2019 - NOW

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow, European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus