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## **Education**

- May 2014      **Certificate in Advanced Studies in Academic Practice**  
**Newcastle University, UK**
- Mar 2008      **PhD in Regional & Urban Planning**  
**University College Dublin, Ireland**  
'Rural Change and Spatial Planning: The Effects of Counterurbanisation in Ireland'
- Sep 2003      **MSc in Environmental Resource Management**  
**University College Dublin, Ireland (First Class Honours)**
- Mar 2002      **MAgrSc in Agricultural Economics & Rural Development**  
**Agricultural University of Athens, Greece**

## **Academic Employment**

- Oct 22 – to-date      **Professor of Planning**  
**Izmir Institute of Technology, Türkiye**  
Faculty of Architecture  
Department of City and Regional Planning
- Aug 20 – to date      **Personal Reader in Planning & Rural Development**  
**Newcastle University, UK**  
School of Natural & Environmental Sciences  
Centre for Rural Economy
- Jan 21 – Jan 22      **Visiting Associate Professor**  
**University of Tokyo, Japan**  
Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences  
Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics
- Aug 16 – July 20      **Senior Lecturer**  
**Newcastle University, UK**  
School of Natural & Environmental Sciences  
Centre for Rural Economy

- Sep 17 – Feb 18 **Visiting Associate Professor**  
**University of Tokyo, Japan**  
 Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences  
 Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics
- Sep 10 – July 16 **Lecturer**  
**Newcastle University, UK**  
 School of Agriculture, Food & Rural Development  
 Centre for Rural Economy
- Mar 09 – Apr 10 **Post-doctoral Researcher**  
**University College Dublin, Ireland**  
 School of Applied Social Science and Geary Institute  
 Project: ‘Property-Led Area Regeneration in Ireland: An Assessment’
- Feb 08 – Jan 09 **Post-doctoral Researcher**  
**University College Dublin, Ireland**  
 School of Geography, Planning & Environmental Policy  
 Project: ‘Migration and Social Change in Rural Settlements’

## List of Publications

### Books

- Gkartzios, M.**, Gallent, N. and Scott, M. (2022). *Rural Places and Planning: Stories from the Global Countryside*. Bristol: Policy Press.
- Scott, M., Gallent, N. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2019). *The Routledge Companion to Rural Planning*. London and New York: Routledge.

### International Peer Reviewed Journals

- Gkartzios, M.**, Gallent, N. and Scott, M. (2022). A capitals framework for rural areas: ‘place-planning’ the global countryside. *Habitat International*, 127, 102625.
- Tiwasing, O., Clark, B. and **Gkartzios M.** (2022). How can rural businesses thrive in the digital economy? A UK perspective. *Heliyon*, 8(10), e10745.
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- Merrell, I., Rowe, F., Cowie, P. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2021). ‘Honey Pot’ Rural Enterprise Hubs as Micro-Clusters: Exploring Their Role in Creativity-led Rural Development. *Local Economy*, 36 (7-8), pp. 589–605.
- Gkartzios, M.**, Toishi, N. and Woods, M. (2020). The language of rural: Reflections towards an inclusive rural social science. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 78, pp. 325-332.
- Sarale, A., Yagi, H., Ogawa, K. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2020). Outdoor art festivals and rural revitalization: Organizing the Oku Noto Triennale in Japan. *Journal of Asian Rural Studies*, 4 (1), pp. 23-36.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Crawshaw, J. (2019). Researching rural housing: with an artist in residence. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 59 (4), pp. 589-611.

- Lowe, P., Phillipson, J., Proctor, A. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2019). Expertise in rural development: A conceptual and empirical analysis. *World Development*, 116, pp. 28-37.
- Apostolopoulos, N., Newbery, R. and **Gkartzios M.** (2019). Social enterprise and community resilience: Examining a Greek response to turbulent times. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 70, pp. 215-224.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Remoundou, K. (2018). Language struggles: Representations of the countryside and the city in an era of mobilities. *Geoforum*, 93, pp. 1-10.
- Saxby, H., **Gkartzios, M.** and Scott, K. (2018). 'Farming on the edge': Wellbeing and participation in agri-environmental schemes. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 58 (2), pp. 392-411.
- Gkartzios, M.**, Remoundou, K. and Garrod, G. (2017). Emerging geographies of mobility: The role of regional towns in Greece's 'counterurbanisation story'. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 55, pp. 22–32.
- Scott, M., Murphy, E. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2017). Placing 'home' and 'family' in rural residential mobilities. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 57 (S1), pp. 598-621.
- Crawshaw, J. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2016). Getting to know the island: artistic experiments in rural development. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 43, pp. 134-144.
- Remoundou, K., **Gkartzios, M.** and Garrod, G. (2016). Conceptualizing mobility in times of crisis: towards crisis-led counterurbanization? *Regional Studies*, 50 (10), pp. 1663-1674.
- Gkartzios M.** and Scott K. (2015). A cultural panic in the province? Counter-urban mobilities, creativity and crisis in Greece. *Population, Space and Place*, 21 (8), pp. 843–855.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Shucksmith, M. (2015). 'Spatial Anarchy' versus 'Spatial Apartheid': rural housing ironies in Ireland and England. *Town Planning Review*, 86 (1), pp. 53-72.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Scott, M. (2014). Placing housing in rural development: exogenous, endogenous and neo-endogenous approaches. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 54 (3), pp. 241-265.
- Donovan, K. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2014). Architecture and rural planning: claiming the vernacular. *Land Use Policy*, 41, pp. 334-343.
- Scott M. and **Gkartzios M.** (2014). Rural housing: questions of resilience. *Housing and Society*, 41 (2), pp. 247-276.
- Norris, M., **Gkartzios, M.** and Coates, D. (2014). Property-led urban, town and rural regeneration in Ireland: positive and perverse outcomes in different spatial and socio-economic contexts. *European Planning Studies*, 22 (9), pp. 1841-1861.
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- Gkartzios, M.** and Scott, M. (2012). Gentrifying the rural? Planning and market processes in rural Ireland. *International Planning Studies*, 17 (3), pp. 253-276.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Norris, M. (2011). 'If you build it, they will come': governing property-led rural regeneration in Ireland. *Land Use Policy*, 28 (3), pp. 447-638.
- Norris, M. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2011). Twenty years of property-led urban regeneration in Ireland: outputs, impacts, implications. *Public Money & Management*, 31 (4), pp. 257-264.
- Bullock, C., Scott, M. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2011). Rural residential preferences for house design and location: insights from a discrete choice experiment applied to Ireland. *Environmental Planning & Management*, 54 (5), pp. 685-706.

- Gkartzios, M.** and Scott, M. (2010). Residential mobilities and house-building in rural Ireland: evidence from three case studies. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 50 (1), pp. 64-84.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Scott, M. (2010). 'Countering counter-urbanisation': spatial planning challenges in a dispersed city region, the Greater Dublin Area. *Town Planning Review*, 81 (1), pp. 23-52.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Scott, M. (2009). Planning for rural housing in the Republic of Ireland: from national spatial strategies to development plans. *European Planning Studies*, 17 (12), pp. 1751-1780.

### **Editor of Special Issues in Academic Journals**

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- Li, X., Chi-man Hui, E., **Gkartzios, M.**, Chen, T. and Wei Lang, W. (2023) Settlement Construction for Rural Development: China in a global context. *Journal of Rural Studies*. (In preparation).
- Gkartzios, M.**, Crawshaw, J. and Mahon, M. (2019). Doing Art in the Country. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 59 (4), pp. 585-588.

### **Book Chapters**

- Gkartzios, M.** (2023). Rurality. In P. Cloke, K. Dombroski, M. Goodwin, J. Qian and A. William (Eds.), *Introducing Human Geographies*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, London and New York: Routledge. (In Press).
- Gkartzios M.** (2021). Visual Arts in the Global Countryside. In M. Collier and H. Pailing (Eds.), *ENTWINED: Rural. Land. Lives. Art* (pp. 114-118). Manchester: Art Editions North (Cornerhouse Publications).
- Bjarnason, T., Thorarinsdottir, B., and **Gkartzios, M.** (2021). Dystopia as Authenticity: Changing Ruralities in Icelandic Cinema. In E. Figueiredo, E.M. Fuglestad and P. Pospech (Eds.), *Policy and Politics of Rural Authenticity* (pp. 141-154). London and New York: Routledge.
- Crawshaw, J. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2020). Transactions of an Artist's Placement: Planning Berwick-upon-Tweed with Sander Van Raemdonck. In N. Cass, G. Park and A. Powell (Eds.), *Contemporary Art in Heritage Spaces*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Scott, M., Gallent, N. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2019). New horizons in rural planning. In M. Scott, N. Gallent and M. Gkartzios (Eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Rural Planning* (pp.1-11). London and New York: Routledge.
- Gallent, N. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2019). Defining rurality and the scope of rural planning. In M. Scott, N. Gallent and M. Gkartzios (Eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Rural Planning* (pp. 17-27). London and New York: Routledge.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Lowe, P. (2019). Revisiting neo-endogenous rural development. In M. Scott, N. Gallent and M. Gkartzios (Eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Rural Planning* (pp. 159-169). London and New York: Routledge.
- Satsangi, M. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2019). Social inclusion, identities and planning practice. In M. Scott, N. Gallent and M. Gkartzios (Eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Rural Planning* (pp. 317-326). London and New York: Routledge.
- Scott, M., Gallent, M. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2019). Planning rural futures. In M. Scott, N. Gallent and M. Gkartzios (Eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Rural Planning* (pp. 633-644). London and New York: Routledge.
- Gkartzios, M.** (2018). Mobilities beyond counterurbanisation: Questions of context. In S. Kordel and T. Weidinger (Eds.), *Processes of Immigration in Rural Europe: The Status Quo, Implications and Development Strategies* (pp. 2-23). Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

- Crawshaw, J. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2018). The way art works: Insights for community development. In S. Kenny, B. McGrath and R. Phillips (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Community Development* (pp. 177-192). London and New York: Routledge.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Ziebarth, A. (2016). Housing: A lens to rural inequalities. In M. Shucksmith and D. Brown (Eds.), *The Routledge International Handbook of Rural Studies* (pp. 495-508). London and New York: Routledge.
- Brereton, F., Clinch, P., **Gkartzios, M.** and Scott, M. (2012). Counterurbanisation and subjective well-being. In R. Piro, and R. Ganser (Eds.), *Urban fringe and rural development patterns of growth and decline* (pp. 185-206). London: Ashgate.
- Scott, M., Moore, N., Redmond, D. and **Gkartzios, M.** (2006). Housing growth, land delivery and sustainable urban management. In J. Yarwood (Ed.), *The Dublin-Belfast corridor: Ireland's mega-city region* (pp. 163-192). Aldershot: Ashgate.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Scott, M. (2005). Urban-generated rural housing and evidence of counterurbanisation in the Dublin city-region. In N. Moore & M. Scott (Eds.), *Renewing urban communities: Environment, citizenship and sustainability in Ireland* (pp. 132-156). Aldershot: Ashgate.

### Encyclopaedia Entries

- Gkartzios, M.**, Scott, M. and Gallent, N. (2020). Rural Housing. In A. Kobayashi (Ed.) *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (pp. 35-41). Elsevier.

### Policy/Research reports

- Atterton, J., Dilley, L., Fukushima, C., Shinzato, S., **Gkartzios, M.** and Lamont, K. (2022). Japan island depopulation: lessons for Scotland. Scottish Government.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Crawshaw, J. (2016). The role of artistic activity in rural communities. CRE Policy Brief No 24. Centre for Rural Economy, Newcastle University.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Shucksmith, M. (2015). What can Ireland and England learn from one another's rural planning policies? CRE Policy Brief No 21. Centre for Rural Economy, Newcastle University.
- Gkartzios, M.**, Garrod G. and Remoundou K. (2013) 'Going rural': Counterurbanisation in times of crisis. Athens, Greece: Latsis Public Benefit Foundation.
- Gkartzios, M.** (2013). Moving to the countryside: why counterurbanisation matters. Newcastle upon Tyne: CRE Policy Brief No 9. Centre for Rural Economy, Newcastle University.
- Phillipson, J., Shucksmith, M., Turner, R., Garrod, G., Lowe, P., Harvey, D., Talbot, H., Scott, K., Carroll, T., **Gkartzios, M.**, Hubbard, C., Ruto E., and Woods, A. (2011). *Rural Economies: Incubators and Catalysts for Sustainable Growth* (Submission to UK Government's Growth Review). Centre for Rural Economy, Newcastle University.
- Gkartzios, M.** (2010). Rural settlement trends and patterns: Emerging rural geographies (Part I). In Scott, M. (Ed.), *Sustainable Rural Development-Managing Housing in the Countryside* (pp. 26-56). Wexford, Ireland: Environmental Protection Agency.
- Gkartzios, M.** and Scott, M. (2010). Residential mobility and rural migration. In Scott, M. (Ed.), *Sustainable Rural Development-Managing Housing in the Countryside* (pp. 83-102). Wexford, Ireland: Environmental Protection Agency.

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- Gkartzios, M.** and Redmond, D. (2009). Occupancy conditions in rural housing: Republic of Ireland [Annex]. In M. Satsangi and J. Crawford (Eds.), *An Investigation of occupancy conditions in rural housing* (pp. 49-79). Edinburgh: Scottish Government Social Research.
- Scott, M., **Gkartzios, M.**, Redmond, D., Williams B. and Clinch, P. (2005). *Emerging settlement trends and implementing the National Spatial Strategy*. Unpublished report submitted to the Irish Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Dublin: Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy, University College Dublin.

## **Research Funding**

### **Principal Investigator**

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| Jan 2019 – Jan 2020  | <p><b>£46,330</b> from the <b>Economic &amp; Social Research Council</b> and <b>Arts &amp; Humanities Research Council, UK</b></p> <p>Project: “Contemporary Arts in Rural Development: Lessons from Japan and the UK”. International comparative project with the University of Tokyo.</p>               |
| May 2019             | <p><b>£1,000</b> from <b>National University of Ireland, Galway (Moore Institute)</b></p> <p>Visiting Research Fellowship for 2 weeks</p> <p>Project: “Art and rural sustainability”</p>  |
| Jun 2016 – Jun 2017  | <p><b>£5,000</b> from the <b>Newcastle Institute for Sustainability, UK</b></p> <p>Project: “The art of milk”</p> <p>This project explored sustainable milk production in Northumberland through engaged art practice and interviews with dairy farmers</p>   |
| Jan 2016 – Jan 2017  | <p><b>£5,000</b> from <b>Newcastle University</b> (Strategic Fund for Innovation), UK</p> <p>Project: “The aesthetics of conflict: the vernacular in rural development”</p> <p>This project explored uses and misuses of the vernacular in rural housing development.</p>                                 |
| Jan 2016 – Jan 2017  | <p><b>£5,000</b> from the <b>Newcastle Institute for Social Renewal, UK</b></p> <p>Project: “Researching Rural Housing: with an artist in residence”</p> <p>Through a series of collaborative workshops, this project explored how an art residency in rural housing mediates social renewal goals.</p>   |
| Mar 2015 – Sep 2016  | <p><b>£87,816</b> from the <b>British Council – Institutional Links, UK</b></p> <p>Project: “Rural Landscape Assessment in Chile”</p> <p>The project concerned the development of a methodology for assessing rural landscapes in Chile, in collaboration with the Catholic University of Valparaíso.</p> |
| Jun 2014 – June 2015 | <p><b>£10,000</b> from <b>Newcastle University</b> (Strategic Fund for Innovation), UK</p> <p>Project: “Emergent mobilities in times of crisis”</p>   |

This project explored the mobility of rural residents, through quantitative research in two rural case studies in Greece.

Jun 2013 – June 2014 **£5,000** from **Newcastle University** (School Strategic Fund), UK  
Project: “Internationalisation fund”  
This funding supported a series of internationalisation activities as part of the Trans-Atlantic Rural Research Network

Jan 2013 – Dec 2013 **€11,000** from the **Latsis Public Benefit Foundation**, Greece  
Project: ““Going Rural’: Counter-urbanisation in Times of Crisis”  
This project explored the potential of a counter-urbanisation trend in the context of the current economic recession in Greece.

Mar 2012 – Aug 2013 **£5,000** from **Newcastle University** (School Strategic Fund), UK  
Project: “Placing the ‘Rural’ in Architecture: Creativity and Regulation”  
This project investigated the positionality of architects regarding rural housing policy in Ireland through qualitative in-depth interviews.

Jul 2013 **£1,100** from the **Newcastle Institute for Social Renewal**, UK  
Visiting Research Fellowship at the School of Geography, Planning & Environmental Policy, University College Dublin

#### **Co-Investigator**

Mar 2022 – Mar 2023 **£9,996** from the **Scottish Government**, UK  
Project: “Island Depopulation in Japan”  
This is a research project exploring policies and their impact addressing rural depopulation in Japanese islands, and their lessons for Scotland.

Feb 2022 – Feb 2023 **£24,600** from the **Economic and Social Research Council**, UK  
Project: “Transnational Theory Building for Researching the Global Countryside: Perspectives from Taiwan and the UK”  
This international project examines migration, food systems, and rural governance in the context of the UK and Taiwan. The activities include webinars, mutual visits, and working groups in these topics.

Mar 2016 – Mar 2020 **£172,791** from **European Regional Development Fund (Interreg)**, EU  
Project: “Increasing competitiveness in the rural visitor economy sector”  
With 6 non-academic partners in European countries, this project aims to improve local policies related to the visitor economy.

Jan 2013 – Dec 2013 **£201,174** from the **Arts & Humanities Research Council**, UK  
Project: “Northumberland Exchanges: Creative Community Engagement in Rural Northumberland”  
This project investigated the contribution of the creative sector to rural development, through a series of knowledge exchange events.

Dec 2008 – Sep 2010    **€98,868** from the **Irish Research Council**, Ireland

Project: “Property-Led Area Regeneration in Ireland: An Assessment”

This project investigated the intended and unintended impacts of public policy aiming at regenerating urban and rural areas in Ireland.

## Esteem Indicators

- **Associate Editor** of *Habitat International* (2020 – to date)
- Member of the **Editorial Board** of *Progress in Planning* (2019 – to date)
- Member of the **Editorial Board** of the *Journal of Rural Studies* (2019 – to date)
- Member of the **Editorial Board** of *Rural Society* (2021 – to date)
- Member of the **Editorial Board** of *Sociologia Ruralis* (2016 – 2021) and Social Media Editor
- Appointed to the **Expert Review Panel** of the **Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development Formas** (‘Urban and Rural Areas’ panel, 2018-2021; ‘Rural Areas and Regional Development’ panel, 2021; ‘Research schools for sustainable planning and built environment’ panel, 2022)
- Appointed to the **Scientific Committee**: *XXX European Society for Rural Sociology*, Rennes, France (2023); *XV World Congress of Rural Sociology*, Cairns, Australia (2022); *IV International Congress of Architecture and Planning*, Konya, Turkey (2020)
- Research proposal **Reviewer** for: Economic and Social Research Council; Arts and Humanities Research Council; Natural Environment Research Council; British Council; British Academy; Czech Science Foundation; Teagasc - Agriculture and Food Development Authority (Ireland); NHS National Institute for Health Research (UK); Research Council of the Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain, Belgium); Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia
- **Reviewer** for over 30 international academic journals (see also *publons* profile) including all major journals in my field: *Land Use Policy*, *Regional Studies*, *Geoforum*, *Population*, *Space & Place*, *European Planning Studies*, *Planning Theory & Practice*, *Landscape Research*, *Social & Cultural Geography*, *Review of Political Economy*, *Cities*, *Rural Sociology*, etc.
- Book proposal **Reviewer** for: Routledge; Palgrave Macmillan; Rowman & Littlefield; Emerald
- **External Examiner**: University of Melbourne (2020); University of Toronto (2019); University of York (2018); Humboldt University of Berlin (2015)
- **Visiting Associate Professor**: University of Tokyo (twice)
- **Visiting Research Fellow**: National University of Ireland, Galway; University of Akureyri
- **Advisor** to research project ‘Socio-Economic Analysis of Counterurbanisation’ awarded at Meiji University (Prof Tokumi Odagiri), funded by JSPS (2019-2021)

## Professional Memberships

- Academy of Urbanism (Academician)
- UK Royal Society of Arts (Fellow)
- UK Higher Education Academy (Fellow)
- European Society for Rural Sociology (Member)