

# PANAGIOTIS BELIAS

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## EDUCATION

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**BSc Economics and Business Economics, University of Amsterdam** Sept 2017-Present

Major in Economics

*GPA*: 9.14/10 (as of 25 courses completed until February 2020)

Part of the Honours Program where I have taken four additional interdisciplinary courses.

On track for cum laude which requires having no resits and a GPA over 8.0.

Expected graduation: June 2020

**Byron College, British International School in Athens** Sept 2013-June 2017

*A-levels*: Mathematics (A\*), Information and Communication Technology (A), French (C)

*AS-levels*: Further Mathematics (A)

*IGCSEs*: 5 subjects with grade A\*, 3 subjects with grade A and 1 subject with grade C

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Faculty Manager at Athena Studies, Amsterdam** Dec 2019-Present

Athena Studies is a company hiring the best students with the highest capability of transferring information in order to offer lessons to other university students.

I am the Faculty Manager for Economics and Business Economics for the University of Amsterdam. My responsibilities include:

- Finding tutors who can offer courses to first and second-year Economics and Business Economics students from the University of Amsterdam.
- Interviewing potential tutors and training them on how to become better tutors.
- Organizing the time-schedule for the classes
- Checking the PowerPoint slides of the tutors to make sure that all material needed for the exam is covered.

**Tutor at Athena Studies, Amsterdam** Oct 2019-Present

·Taught Microeconomics 1 to groups of 1<sup>st</sup> year students from the University of Amsterdam by going over the entire syllabus and having practise question sessions. Average evaluation: 8.7/10 with more than 45 students.

·I have been selected to teach Game Theory to groups of 2<sup>nd</sup> year students from the University of Amsterdam in April 2020.

**Consultant at Sefa Social Consulting Group, Amsterdam** Sept 2019-Present

Sefa is the student association for Economics and Business in the University of Amsterdam

- Offering high quality consulting advice to non-profit organizations, and low-budget social enterprises.
- Currently working on a project for *Dick Moby* (a company producing eyewear out of recyclable material) which aims to increase the efficiency of their supply chain management.
- Undergone professional consulting training by prominent consulting firms such as *Innopay*.
- Received *mentorship* and training from *Monitor Deloitte*

## Research Associate at RIEAS, Athens

July 2019-Aug 2019

*Research Institute for European and American Studies (www.rieas.gr)*

- Completed two literature review assignments within the specified deadlines which were published on the website of the institute.

## VOLUNTEERING

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### Active member at Nlcares, Amsterdam

Jan 2019-Oct 2019

*Nlcares is an organisation that offers several voluntary work opportunities throughout the Netherlands*

- Participated on weekly voluntary activities mainly focused on helping elderly with dementia.
- Initiated efforts to promote Nlcares to students of the University of Amsterdam.

## LANGUAGES & IT SKILLS

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**Languages:** English (Fluent), Greek (Native), French (Moderate)

**IT Skills:** Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Access (Proficient), Stata (Very Good), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (Very Good), Matlab (Basic)

## INTERESTS

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### Sailing:

- Achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Dutch National student team sailing championship in 2019.
- Obtained a license in the summer of 2018 which allows me to sail large sailing yachts.
- Achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Greek National Team Race in 2014 where I was the *team leader*.

**Fitness** - Attending the gym or going for a run, usually five times per week.

**Reading** - Exploring research in different fields through reading non-fiction books and on average dedicating seven hours per week on either reading or listening to audiobooks.

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. *Details matter: Institutional quality and the case for Greece.* Sept 2019  
This paper argues that the improvement of institutions should be amongst Greece's top priorities. The various paths through which institutional quality affects growth are analysed and special attention is given on the link between institutions and the underground economy, the size of which is particularly acute in Greece. The paper asserts that *immediate* reform in the Greek legal system and audit services would be beneficial and proposes several such potential changes. It also contends that the government would benefit from properly signaling its commitment on the improvement of the institutional quality and from paying more attention to details as far as law enforcement is concerned. *Read more.*
2. *Austerity in perpetuity: Giving Greece some breathing space* July 2019  
This literature review evaluates the efficacy of some of the economic policies promised by the newly elected Greek prime-minister (Kyriakos Mitsotakis) and how realistic their implementation is, given the state of the economy. By analysing the current state of the Greek economy and taking into consideration the commitment made by the previous Greek government to its creditors about keeping a primary budget surplus of 3.5% of GDP, this essay contends that many of the promised policies are not realistic. Alternative policy recommendations are given and areas where the promised policies might have unintended adverse effects are highlighted. *Read more.*