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Architecture in the Department of Architecture at the University of Cyprus. Her main research interests lie on the field of Conservation and Vernacular Architecture. More specifically she is interested in architectural conservation, preservation and promotion of the built environment, the vernacular architecture of Cyprus, the environmental features of vernacular architecture, traditional architectural technology, analysis of traditional building materials and methods of construction and the design of new materials “friendly” to man and the environment. She has been the principle investigator and coordinator in research programs financed by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation and the University of Cyprus and she has recently established the VernArch Lab (Research Laboratory in the Vernacular Architecture of Cyprus). In the past, during her private practice as an architect, she carried out projects regarding historic buildings, one of which – the Monastery of Panagia tou Sindi – received a Europa Nostra award in 1999. She was employed as a postgraduate research assistant in the Archaeological Research Unit at the University of Cyprus and as a planning officer in the Conservation Sector of the Architectural Heritage at the Town and Planning Department (2001-2010). She has presented her research work in numerous local and international conferences and has published articles in local and international journals and conference proceedings.