

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

1999- 2004: *University of Portsmouth (UK)*, Centre for Forensic Psychology, Department of Psychology. **PhD in Forensic Psychology (*Investigative Interviewing of Suspects*)**

1998: *University of Portsmouth (UK)*, Department of Psychology, **Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Research Methods**

1997-1998: *University of Portsmouth (UK)*, Institute of Police and Criminological Studies, **MSc in Criminal Justice Studies**

1994-1997: *University of Sussex (UK)*, School Of Cognitive Sciences, **BA (Hons) in Psychology**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- *November 2017-present:* External Advisor to Cyprus Committee on Missing Persons
- *March 2016-present:* Board Member of Crime Prevention and Civil Protection Centre, Cyprus, Ministry of Justice and Public Order.

- *March 2016-present:* Registered Expert on CEPOL's database (European Police College)
- *September 2013 – present:* Program Coordinator MSc in Criminology, **University of Nicosia**, Cyprus.
- *September 2011 – present:* Associate Professor of Forensic Psychology, **University of Nicosia**, Cyprus.
- *September 2010 – 2015:* Visiting Academic, Investigative Interviewing trainer (CID), **Cyprus Police Academy**, Cyprus.
- *September 2009 – 2011:* Member of the Educational Council, **National Police Academy**, Greece.
- *October 2008 – 2011:* Forensic Psychology Visiting Professor, Investigative Interviewing trainer, **National Security School, Hellenic Police**, Greece.
- *September 2007 – 2011:* Forensic Psychology Professor, Investigative Interviewing trainer, and Postgraduate Thesis Supervisor & Examiner, **Hellenic Police Academy & National Security School**, Greece.
- *January 2006 – June 2011:* Forensic Psychology Professor for School of Continuing and Professional Studies, American College of Greece.
- *September 2003-July 2004:* Psychology Lecturer, Fareham College, Fareham, UK.
- *October 2002-June 2004:* Psychology Tutor, Department of Psychology, University of Portsmouth, UK.
- *October 2002-January 2003:* Forensic Psychology Tutor, Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Portsmouth, UK.

- *September 2001-June 2002: Psychology Tutor, Department of Psychology, University of Portsmouth, UK.*
- *September 2001-June 2002: Psychology Lecturer, Havant College, Havant, UK.*
- *September 2000-June 2001: Psychology Tutor, Department of Psychology, University of Portsmouth, UK.*
- *May 1999-May 2001: Research Assistant to Professor Aldert Vrij (University of Portsmouth, UK) for an **ESRC-funded project on Lie Detection** entitled, '**Will the truth come out? An investigation into the accuracy of Criteria-Based Content Analysis**'.*
- *January 1999-August 1999: Psychology Lecturer, Bishop Luffa College, Chichester, UK.*
- *September 1999-December 1999: Forensic Psychology Lecturer, South Downs College, Portsmouth, UK.*
- *December 1998-May 1999: Research Assistant to Professor Aldert Vrij (University of Portsmouth, UK) to a longitudinal study Examining Secrets' Keeping and Disclosure.*
- *September 1998-December 1998: Forensic Psychology Lecturer, South Downs College, Portsmouth, UK.*
- *October 1997-May 1998: Research Assistant to Reader Barry Loveday (University of Portsmouth, UK) on the **Effects of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV cameras) on improving local community safety and reducing crime.***

FUNDED PROJECTS

Funded project by ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) entitled, 'Will the truth come out? An investigation into the accuracy of Criteria-Based Content Analysis'. The project lasted from 1999-2001, and was of a competitive grant of £28,472.00. I was Research Assistant to Professor Aldert Vrij, and my role was to carry out all interviews/experiments with adult and children participants, as well as rate their responses.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Soukara, S.** (2017). "Investigative Interviewing of Suspects: the Way Forward". In C.D. Spinellis, N. Theodorakis, E. Billis and G. Papadimitrakopoulos (eds.) "Europe in Crisis: Crime, Criminal Justice and the Way Forward", **Ant. N. Sakkoulas Publications**, Vol.2, 920-920, Athens, Greece.
- **Soukara, S.** (2016). "Police Interrogation Methods for Pedophile Suspects". In D. Sorvatzioti (Eds.): "Crime, State and Criminal Justice". University of Nicosia Press, 349-357, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- **Soukara, S.** (2011). 'Confessions: The short-cut to justice?' In the Honorary Volume for Professor Jacob Farsedakis, "Contemporary Criminality, its Confrontation and Criminology", **Legal Library**, Vol.1, 1597-1608, Athens. Greece.
- Bull, R. & **Soukara, S.** (2010). 'A set of Studies of What Really Happens in Police Interviews'. In J. D.Lassiter and C. Meissner (Eds.): Police Interrogations and False Confessions: Current Research, Practice and Policy Recommendations. Washington, DC: **American Psychological Association**.

****The Book has received the 2011 American Psychology-Law Society Book Award as well as the 2010 PROSE Award by the Association of American Publishers.***

- **Soukara, S., Bull, R., Vrij, A., Cherryman, J.** (2009) 'What really happens in Police Interviews with Suspects? Tactics and Confessions'. **Psychology, Crime and Law Journal**, vol 15, no 6, 493-506.

The article was included in the **FBI Library Subject Bibliography for Interviewing & Interrogation in December 2010.*

- **Soukara, S.** "Mistakes of the Police in the Case of Alex Meshiesvilli" **Newspaper Aggelioforos**, Thessalonika, 25 June 2006, Greece.
- **Soukara, S.** (2004) 'Investigative Interviewing of Suspects'. Unpublished PhD thesis, University of Portsmouth, UK.
- **Soukara, S., Bull, R., Vrij, A.** (2002) 'Police detectives' aims regarding their interviews with suspects: Any change at the turn of the new millennium?' **International Journal of Police Science and Management**, 4, 2, 101-114.
- Vrij, A., Akehurst L., **Soukara, S., Bull, R.** (2004) 'Let me tell you how to tell a convincing story'. **Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science**, 36 (2), 113-126.
- Vrij, A., Akehurst, L., **Soukara, S.,** and Bull, R. (2004) Detecting deceit via analyses of verbal and nonverbal behaviour in children and adults. **Human communication research**, 30 (1), 8-41.
- Vrij, A., Nunkoosing, K., Paterson, B., Oosterwegel, A., **Soukara, S.** (2002) 'Characteristics of secrets and the frequency, reasons and effects of secrets keeping and disclosure'. **Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology**, 12, 56-70.
- Vrij, A., Akehurst, L., **Soukara, S., Bull, R.** (2002) 'Will the truth come out? The effect of deception, age, status, coaching and social skills on CBCA scores'. **Law and Human Behaviour**, 26, 261-283.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED LECTURES

- **Soukara, S.** (2017) “Domestic Violence Effects on Children”, Invited Speaker of SPAVO (Association for the Prevention and Handling of Domestic Violence in the Family), at an event at Cyprus Presidential Palace under the auspices of the First Lady, aiming to raise public awareness on issues of Gender-Based violence Against Women, November 24th, Nicosia.
- **Soukara, S.** (2017) “The Profile of Abused Women in Domestic Violence Situations”, Invited Speaker at a **Workshop on Violence Against Women**, organized by the Law School and by the Committee against Violence and Human Trafficking, University of Nicosia, October 26th, Nicosia.
- **Soukara, S.** (2017) “False Confessions and Appropriate Ways of Suspect Interviewing”. Invited Speaker at Panteion University, May 9th, Athens.
- **Soukara, S.** (2017) “Detecting Lies and Deceit via the CBCA Method”. **2nd Pancyprian Conference of Criminal Law and Criminality**, February 17-18, Nicosia. Cyprus.
- **Soukara, S.** (2015) ““Police Interrogation Methods for Pedophile Suspects”. **1st Pancyprian Conference of Criminal Law and Criminality**, March 6-7, Nicosia. Cyprus.
- **Soukara, S.** (2014) “The Cognitive Interview as a Tool to Elicit Information from Children Witnesses”, **2nd Conference Of Forensic Medicine And Related Sciences**, November 20-23, Athens, Greece.
- **Soukara, S.** (2014) “The Cognitive Interview”, **Conference on Forensic Mental Health Sciences**, University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus.

- **Soukara, S.** (2013) “Suspect Investigative Interviewing and Lie Detection Techniques”, **EUROMED POLICE III PROJECT, 3rd Conference of Police and Security Academies in Investigation Procedures and Techniques**, Nicosia, Cyprus. I was selected as one of the two external (non-police personnel) experts to give a presentation and take part in the organizing committee’s preliminary meeting.
- Participated to the **1st Conference Of Forensic Medicine And Related Sciences**, 22-24 November 2014, Athens, Greece.
- Participated to the **Geographical Offender Profiling And Investigative Psychology Workshop** by David Canter, November 6-7 2013, Rome, Italy.
- **Soukara, S.& Bull, R., Vrij, A.** (2008). ‘The Timing of Tactics and Confessions’ **3rd International Investigative Interviewing Conference**, Quebec Police Academy, Canada.
- **Soukara, S.** (2008). ‘Confessions: The short-cut to justice?’ **Congress: Contemporary Criminality, its Confrontation and Criminology**. Panteion University, Greece.
- **Soukara, S., Bull, R., Vrij, A.** (2007) The Relationship(s) Between Police Interviewers’ Skills and The Tactics They Use. **3rd International Congress of Psychology and Law**, Adelaide, Australia.
- **Soukara, S., Bull, R., Vrij, A.** (2006) ‘Investigative Interviewing of Suspect: Piecing the picture’. **2nd International Investigative Interviewing Conference**, Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Portsmouth, UK.
- **Soukara, S., Bull, R., Vrij, A.** (2002) ‘Police Interviewing of Suspects: The Real Picture’. **12th European Conference of Psychology and Law**, Leuven, September 2002.

- **Soukara, S., Bull, R., Vrij, A. (2000)** 'Investigative interviewing of suspects: myths and facts'. **10th European Conference of Psychology and Law**, Cyprus, April 2000.
- **Soukara, S., Bull, R., Vrij, A. (2000)** 'Identifying the best strategy to elicit valid information from uncooperative suspects'. **Biennial conference of American Psychology and Law Society**, New Orleans, March 2000.