

Michaelis Lefantzis is an architect (1993, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece),
PhD in History of Architecture and Cultural Heritage (2000, University of Athens, Greece, Supervisor Prof. G. Lavvas, Member of the Academy of Athens).
As an architect, works as the Head of the Department of Studies, Directorate for the Restoration of Ancient Monuments, Hellenic Ministry of Culture.
He worked as the Head of the Department of Archaeological Works and Studies, Ephorate of Antiquities of Athens, Hellenic Ministry of Culture (2021-2023).
As the main Assistant of the Academician, Architect and Archaeologist G. Lavvas (Academy of Athens), the period 1996-2000 he worked for the architectural documentation and surveying project of the Temple of Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre & Golgotha) of Jerusalem, Israel, published by the Academy of Athens, 2010. He was also
at the scientific team which discovered the early Christian Octagonal Church of “Kathisma” of the Holy Virgin near Jerusalem.
The period 2000-2015, he worked at the Slopes of the Acropolis of Athens for the Greek
Ministry of Culture, as lead architect for the architectural study and restoration of:

- the Altar and the precinct wall of the Early Asclepieion, 2000-2001,
- ancient monuments at Kalydon, Thermos and Plevrona in Aetoloacarnania 2002-2005
- the Stoa of Eumenes and Herod Atticus Odeon at the South Slope, 2002-2013
- the Klepsydra Spring with its environments at the North Slope, 2013-2015
- the digital archaeological and architectural masterplan of the Acropolis area 2013-
- 2015

The period 2004-2005 he became an expert of the Council of Europe for the restoration
of the damaged monuments at Kosovo.
From 2011, he started the architectural study of the Gymnasium of Amphipolis, in collaboration with the archaeologist Kalliopi Lazarides and the 2012 (until now) he became the Lead Architect of the Tumulus Kasta and Tomb Excavation at Amphipolis, being the second of the initial scientific team which discovered the Monument, after the archaeologist Katerina Peristeri. In 2019, he has integrated the complete architectural study for the restoration of the Monument and from 2018, he is the
supervisor of the Kasta Tumulus Restoration Project.
In 2017, he studied blocks belonging to the superconstruction of the Ptolemaic Tomb No
8 at the Tombs of the Kings site, Paphos, Cyprus, in collaboration with the Prof. Theodoros Mavroyiannis, of the Department of Archaeology at the Cyprus University. Also, he discovered the parts of the first functional steam war ship in the world (who took part in the naval battles of the Greek Revolution, 1826-1829), the famous “KARTERIA”. The cast iron parts of the steamship’s engine and the oldest saved

marine steamboiler, were reused as structural members at the 19 th century buildings of the Salamis Naval Station.

Academic Activity

- General Secretary of the Greek Association of Urban Historians (2001-2006)
- Member of the Architectural History Research Center of the Academy of Athens (2003-2006).
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Cultural Heritage at the University of Athens, Department of Communication and Media. (2004-2005).
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Urban History, University of Thessaly, Department of Urban & Regional Engineering, Volos (2005-2014).
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of History of Architecture & Urban History, Hellenic Open University (ΕΛΠ12) (2014-2016)
- Visiting Full Professor of Ancient History & Architecture, University of Cyprus, Department of History & Archeology (2021)
- Academic Lectures at the Architectural School of Milano Italy (2012) and the Archaeological Schools of Florence, Italy (2012) and Aarhus, Denmark (2004), Danish Institute at Athens (2004, 2008), Friends of the Acropolis Museum / 1 st Ephorate of Antiquities (Acropolis) (2005), Cycladic Museum, Athens (2014), Hermitage Museum / Lomonosov & Saint Petersburg Universities, Saint Petersburg, Russia (2016), Saxo Institute / University of Copenhagen, Denmark (2017), Museum of the City of Athens (2017), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2013, 2014, 2016, 2017), University of Cyprus (2017), «Κύκλος» for the Study of the Greek and Roman Architecture (2019). Archaeological Institute of Munich, Germany (2024).

He got 3 awards in Greek Architectural Competitions and a Prize in an International Competition of the “Union International d’ Architectes” (2002) for Urban Design Projects and the “Anassilaos Prize Magna Grecia 2023” for his life work. He published more than 80 articles in scientific editions and volumes of conference proceedings, about Architectural and Urban History, Restoration of Ancient Monuments and Classical Archaeology.