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peer-reviewed journal *European History Quarterly* and series editor of the *Anthem Impact in Mediterranean History* series. Findings of his research projects have been presented in international conferences and seminars and his research has often received external funding, including his current research project *Transitional Justice in Post-Second World War Greece*, which Dr Katsikas is conducting along with Professor Kristin Fabbe, European University Institute, and is funded by the EU Horizon funding scheme. Finally, Dr Katsikas is the sole editor of the *Handbook of Modern Greek History*, which was published electronically by Oxford University Press (OUP) in May 2025 and its print version is expected to be published by OUP in 2025.