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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences (PhD) 09/2011 – 02/2019
UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE, DEPT. OF HEALTH SCIENCES & MEDICINE, Switzerland

Master of Public Health & Healthcare Management (MPH) 10/2006 – 04/2009
UNIVERSITY OF CRETE, DEPT. OF SOCIAL MEDICINE, Greece

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Services Research 01/2008 – 08/2008
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, DEPT. OF EPIDEMIOLOGY & PUBLIC HEALTH, UK

Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy (BSc) 10/2000 – 06/2006
UNIVERSITY OF THESSALY, DEPT OF PHYSIOTHERAPY, Greece

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS – RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Neurorehabilitation/Physical Therapy 02/2025 - current
Dept. of Physiotherapy, University of Thessaly, Greece

Lead undergraduate courses on Neurophysiology, Rehabilitation Management, Health Economics and Scientific Writing. Develop instructional materials and educational resources to improve course consistency and quality. Contribute to postgraduate teaching (MSc in Advanced Physiotherapy) and mentoring. Lead national and international collaborative research and publications contributing actively to the agenda of the Health Assessment and Quality of Life Laboratory and enhancing the Department's scientific output. Provide personalized student support, fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow 12/2022 – 01/2025
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London, UK

Lead investigator on a participatory study informed by concepts of anticipatory policy formation, which combines systems thinking with foresight research to explore alternative futures of rehabilitation for people with chronic conditions by 2040. The study was funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow 03/2017 – 12/2021
Swiss Paraplegic Research, Nottwil, Switzerland

Co-organized and facilitated collaborative qualitative and quantitative research to assess gaps in the strategic planning and development of rehabilitation services in high- and middle-income countries. Oversaw the development and execution of work packages and studies assigned to research interns and coordinated their timely, effective and efficient implementation. Presented in technical meetings, scientific colloquia, congresses and academic events and reviewed manuscripts for publication in peer reviewed journals.

- Developed and published a policy action framework in partnership with the European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine to strengthen rehabilitation in health systems.
- Participated as a speaker or expert in a number of regional and global meetings and boards, including the European Commission's Annual Forum on the Implementation of the CRPD, the WHO Global Alliance for Care of the Injured (GACI), the International Society Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine-WHO Liaison Committee.

Guest Lecturer and Research Fellow (part-time)

09/2018 – 06/2021

University of Lucerne, Dept. of Health Science & Medicine, Lucerne, Switzerland

Lectured on topics relevant to Global Health and Health Systems at the MA in Health Sciences. Supervised two Master theses, established study objectives and time plans, provided mentoring and feedback, conducted performance appraisals and supported their publication in scientific journals.

- Provided specialist advice and supported the drafting of WHO's Fact sheet on "Rehabilitation and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".
- Coordinated the inaugural lecture series of the Center for Rehabilitation in Global Health Systems, University of Lucerne and served as a point of contact for invited speakers.
- Organized a "Meet with the Editor" session with the Editor of the most highly cited journal in the field of rehabilitation (Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) which was attended by nearly 30 young researchers.

Doctoral (Marie Curie) Research Fellow (full-time)

09/2011 – 02/2017

Swiss Paraplegic Research, Nottwil, Switzerland

Conducted research, published peer reviewed articles and study protocols. Prepared ethics applications, scientific presentations and technical reports to funders and research consortia. Attended advanced theoretical and methodological trainings on health policy evaluation, health and disability law, academic writing and research project management within the framework of the EU funded Doctoral Training Network DREAM.

- Developed and published a conceptual framework for understanding the relationship between legal, ethical, policy, and programmatic factors that influence equitable access to rehabilitation (53 citations)
- Designed, obtained additional funding and implemented a complexity aware, mixed method study for developing human rights-based indicators for rehabilitation (RESYST).
- Secured funding and organized a technical seminar at the University of Lucerne to update early career researchers on disability epidemiology and rehabilitation research methods.

Scientific Assistant (remote, part-time)

06/2014 – 10/2014

Office of the Vice President, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

United Nations office at Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland

Extracted information from national databases and prepared analytical products, including advisory notes, reviews, and assessments to be utilized in Committee expert briefs for better decision making. Collected and organized daily feedback received from civil society organizations to support Vice Chair in prioritizing issues and scheduling appointments with NGO representatives. Provided feedback in areas of specific expertise, including healthcare policy.

- Conceived and supported the organization of a side event during the 13th session of the UNCRPD Committee with Key Opinion Leaders from WHO, UN and the Danish Institute for Human Rights to discuss challenges in the operationalization of disability human rights measurement.

Technical Consultant (Seconded, full-time)

03/2013 – 08/2013

World Health Organization, Disability & Rehabilitation Team, Geneva, Switzerland

Conducted research and managed initiatives related to WHO's Rehabilitation in Health System project. Drafted research contracts' terms of references (APW). Reviewed and assessed submissions for Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and analyzed policy documents for consistency with health policy best practices.

- Led project, Noncommunicable Disease and Disability, funded by the Australian Development Agency.
- Contributed technical content for briefing notes and publications, including an internationally significant document, the 'Global Action Plan on Disability 2014-2021'
- Assisted with preparations for and during events organized during the 66th World Health Assembly (Interprofessional Rehabilitation Organizations meeting, Technical Briefing on Disability & Development)

APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Title: 'Rehabilitation beyond 2030 – An innovative mixed methods study of alternative futures of rehabilitation services for people with chronic conditions in Europe'
Duration: 2022-2024 | Role: Lead Investigator
Funding Organization/Sponsor: Swiss National Science Foundation
Outputs: Work in progress

Title: Building the European Network on Osteoarthritis research (NetWOArk)
Duration: 2022-2026 | Role: Working Group Member
Funding Organization/Sponsor: European Cooperation in Science and Technology
Outputs: Work in progress

Title: PROMoting GeRiAtric Medicine IN countries where it is still eMerGing (PROGRAMMING)
Duration: 2022-2026 | Role: Working Group Member
Funding Organization/Sponsor: European Cooperation in Science and Technology
Outputs: Work in progress

Title: Network on evidence-based physical activity in old age (PhysAgeNet)
Duration: 2022-2026 | Role: Working Group Member
Funding Organization/Sponsor: European Cooperation in Science and Technology
Outputs: Work in progress

Title: European Burden of Disease Network (burden-eu)
Duration: 2019-2023 | Role: Working Group Member
Funding Organization/Sponsor: European Cooperation in Science and Technology
Outputs: <https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckab218>
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-022-13925-z>

Title: 'Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems in Europe: Building evidence for policy action'
Duration: 2018-2020 | Role: Lead Investigator
Funding Organization/Sponsor: European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine
Outputs: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2021.06.014>

Title: 'Health system strengthening and rehabilitation in the MENA Region'
Duration: 2019-2020 | Role: Technical Advisor
Funding Organization/Sponsor: Iranian National Institute for Medical Research Development
Outputs: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/21679169.2020.1849397>
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09593985.2021.1898705>
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0253001>

Title: 'Advances, Challenges, and Operationalization of Specialized Rehabilitation Centers in Brazil (CERBrasil)'
Duration: 2018-2022 | Role: Technical Advisor
Funding organization/Sponsor: Brazilian Ministry of Health
Outputs: <https://doi.org/10.11606/issn.2317-0190.v27i4a171383> [Work is in progress]

Title: 'Developing performance and accountability indicators in disability rehabilitation: A concept mapping study'
Duration: 2015 – 2016 | Role: Researcher, Project Manager
Funding Organization/Sponsor: Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences
Outputs: <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12992-018-0410-5>

Title: 'International Classification of Service Organizations in Rehabilitation (ICSO-R)'
Duration: 2013 – 2015 | Role: Researcher
Funding Organization/ Sponsor: International Society of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine
Outputs: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2340/16501977-1251> and <http://dx.doi.org/10.2340/16501977-2002>

Title: Disability Rights Expanding Accessible Markets (DREAM)
Duration: 2011 – 2014 | Role: Researcher (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow)
Funding Organization/Sponsor: European Research Executive Agency (REA) through SPF
Outputs: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/265057>

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2019: Organization and moderation of Lecture Series and seminars
2018 - 2021: Recruitment and mentoring of junior staff (scientific interns)
2016 - 2020: Moderation of scientific research colloquia (ad hoc)

SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR RESEARCHERS

2020 MA Thesis Title: Development of key performance indicators for physical rehabilitation in high-income countries: a scoping review, University of Lucerne (Mr. George Aspiotis, RN, MSc)
2019 MA Thesis Title: Narrative review of laws and policies on rehabilitation in five European countries, University of Lucerne (Ms. Aditi Garg, BSc)
2018 Co-supervision/mentoring of PhD Thesis: Issues and challenges in rehabilitation policy development and service provision in Switzerland, University of Lucerne (Mr. Adrian Spiess, BEcon, MA)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Guest Lecturer in the following master's degree courses

2024 Rehabilitation in Health Systems (BSc in Physiotherapy, University of Thessaly, Greece)
2023 Models of care in Spinal Cord Injury (MSc in Advanced Physiotherapy, University of Thessaly, Greece)
2021 Introduction to Systems Thinking in Implementation Research for Health (MA in Health Science, University of Lucerne, Switzerland)
2021 The role of information on human functioning for public health policy development (MSc in Advanced Physiotherapy, University of Thessaly, Greece)
2020 Introduction to Systems Thinking in Implementation Research for Health (MA in Health Science, University of Lucerne, Switzerland)
2019 Introduction in Global Health (MA in Health Science, University of Lucerne)
2019 Health Law and Health Services (MPH, University of Crete, Greece)
2017 Introduction in Global Health (MA in Health Sciences, University of Lucerne)
2017 Health Law and Health Services (MPH, University of Crete, Greece)

MEMBERSHIPS IN PANELS, BOARDS AND REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine: 1. Member of ISPRM-WHO Liaison Committee – Subcommittee on Strengthening Rehabilitation Services – Member from 2014 to 2021, 2. Member of Rehabilitation in Emergencies Committee 2014 - present

Peer reviewer activity

(1) Frontiers in Health Services; (3) Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences; (1) BMC Health Research Policy and Systems; (1) BMJ Open; (3) Disability and Rehabilitation; (3) Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine; (2) American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation; (2) International Journal for Equity in Health; (2) Journal of Interpersonal Violence; (1) International Journal of Emergency Mental Health; (1) International Journal of Health Policy and Management; (1) Occupational Therapy International; (1) Social Inclusion; (1) Societies

PRIZES, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024** Training Grant (1'342 Euros) awarded by the NetwOArk COST Action
- 2023** Microgrant/Travel grant (883 Euros) awarded by the Marie Curie Alumni Association
- 2023** Short Term Scientific Mission Grant (3'338 Swiss Francs) awarded by COST Action 21122
- 2021** Postdoctoral Mobility Fellowship (122'600 Swiss Francs) awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2020** Training grant awarded by the Implementation Research Network in Stroke Care Quality (IRENE Cost Action 18118) (cancelled due to COVID)
- 2018** Postdoctoral Fellowship awarded by the European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine (EARM)
- 2014** Scholarship awarded by the Association of Schools of Public Health in the EU (ASPHER)
- 2014** Travel grant awarded by the European Commission and the European Forum Gastein to attend the 17th European Health Forum Gastein
- 2012** Study Visit Grant awarded by the Stiftung für eidgenössische Zusammenarbeit to attend the 5-day course 'Promoting European Volunteering for Humanitarian and Development Issues' in France
- 2012** Travel grant awarded by the Association of Human Rights Institutions (AHRI) Cost Action Network (IS 0702) to present at the annual COST/AHRI conference
- 2011** 3-year Doctoral Fellowship (Marie Skłodowska-Curie) awarded by the European Research Executive Agency and the DREAM Initial Training Network
- 2008** Erasmus Postgraduate (study abroad) scholarship awarded by the Greek State Scholarship Foundation (6'800 Euros)
- 2006** MPH studies scholarship awarded by the University of Crete on the basis of academic performance (attained 2nd place among 92 applicants) (6'300 Euros)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Language Skills: Greek (Native Proficiency), English (Fluent), Italian (Basic Knowledge)

Technical Skills: Various software and applications for information management (MS Suite, Mindjet 14), bibliographic management (Endnote® 20), data collection and analysis (Concept Systems®, SPSS®, N-Vivo), data visualization (Tableau®), systematic reviews (Covidence) and remote communication and collaboration.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed articles

1. Charalampous P, Pallari E, Gorasso V, von der Lippe E, Devleeschauwer B, Pires SM, Plass D, Idavain J, Ngwa CH, Nogueir I, Padron-Monedero A, Sarmiento R, Majdan M, Ádám B, AlKerwi A, Cilovic-Lagarija S, Clarsen B, Corso B, Cuschieri S, Dopelt K, Economou M, Fischer F, Freitas A, García-González JM, Gazzelloni F, Gkitakou A, Gulmez H, Hynds P, Isola G, Jakobsen LS, Kabir Z, Kissimova-Skarbek K, Knudsen AK, Konar NM, Ladeira C, Lassen B, Liew A, Majer M, Mechili EA, Mereke A, Monasta L, Mondello S, Morgado JN, Nena E, Ng ESW, Niranjana V, Nola IA, O'Caomh R, Petrou P, Pinheiro V, Ortiz MR, Riva S, Samouda H, Santos JV, Santoso CMA, Milicevic MS, **Skempes D**, Sousa AC, Speybroeck N, Tozija F, Unim B, Uysal HB, Vaccaro FG, Varga O, Vasic M, Violante FS, Wyper GMA, Polinder S, Haagsma JA. Methodological considerations in injury burden of disease studies across Europe: a systematic literature review. *BMC Public Health*. 2022 Aug 17;22(1):1564. doi: 10.1186/s12889-022-13925-z
2. Periklis Charalampous, Vanessa Gorasso, Dietrich Plass, Sara M Pires, Elena von der Lippe, Alibek Mereke, Jane Idavain, Katarzyna Kissimova-Skarbek, Joana Nazaré Morgado, Che Henry Ngwa, Isabel Nogueir, Alicia Padron-Monedero, María José Santi-Cano, Rodrigo Sarmiento, Brecht Devleeschauwer, Juanita A Haagsma, **The COST Action CA18218 Participants**, Burden of non-communicable disease studies in Europe: a systematic review of data sources and methodological choices, *European Journal of Public Health* 2022, 32(2):289–296, <https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckab218>

3. Shahabi S, **Skempes D**, Behzadifar M. et al. Recommendations to improve insurance coverage for physiotherapy services in Iran: a multi criteria decision-making approach. *Cost Eff Resour Alloc* 19, 80 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12962-021-00333-0>
4. **Skempes D**, Kiekens C, Malmivaara A, Michail X, Bickenbach J, Stucki G. Supporting government policies to embed and expand rehabilitation in health systems in Europe: A framework for action. *Health Policy*. 2022; 126(3):158-172, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2021.06.014>
5. Shahabi S, Pardhan S, Ahmadi Teymurlouy A, **Skempes D**, Shahali S, Mojgani P, et al. Prioritizing solutions to incorporate Prosthetics and Orthotics services into Iranian health benefits package: Using an analytic hierarchy process. *PLoS One*. 2021;16(6):e0253001.
6. Shahabi S, **Skempes D**, Jalali M, Lankarani KB. Nine years of war and internal conflicts in Syria: a call for physical rehabilitation services. *Disability & Society*. 2021;36(3):508-12. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09687599.2021.1888283>
7. Shahabi S, **Skempes D**, Mojgani P, Lankarani KB, Heydari ST. Stewardship of physiotherapy services in Iran: common pitfalls and policy solutions. *Physioth Theory Pract*. 2021:1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09593985.2021.1898705>
8. Garg A, **Skempes D**, Bickenbach J. Legal and regulatory approaches to rehabilitation planning: A concise overview of current laws and policies addressing access to rehabilitation in five European countries. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2020;17(12):4363. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17124363>
9. Bertschy S, Ehrmann C, Stute P, **Skempes D**, Maurer-Marti F, Gemperli A: Improving reproductive health care services for women with a physical disability: Insights from a community survey of women with spinal cord injury in Switzerland. *Clin Obstet Gynecol Reprod Med*, 2020, Vol 6:1-7, <https://www.oatext.com/pdf/COGRM-6-313.pdf>
10. Shahabi S, **Skempes D**, Shabaninejad H, Ahmadi Teymurlouy A, Behzadifar M, Bagheri Lankarani K. Corruption in the physiotherapy sector in Iran: common drivers and potential combating strategies. *European Journal of Physiotherapy*. 2020:1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21679169.2020.1849397>
11. **Skempes D**, Melvin J, von Groote P, Stucki G, Bickenbach J. Using concept mapping to develop a human rights-based indicator framework to assess country efforts to strengthen rehabilitation provision and policy: The Rehabilitation System Diagnosis and Dialogue framework (RESYST). *Globalization and Health*. 2018;14(1):96. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12992-018-0410-5>
12. vonGroote P. M., **Skempes D**. and Bickenbach J. E. “Evaluation of an implementation strategy for a World Health Organization (WHO) public health report: The implementation of the International Perspectives on Spinal Cord Injury (IPSCI) in Romania”, *South Eastern European Journal of Public Health (SEEJPH)*. 2017. <https://doi.org/10.4119/seejph-1855>
13. **Skempes D**, Stucki G, Bickenbach J. Health-related rehabilitation and human rights: analysing states' obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil*. 2015;96(1):163-173. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2014.07.410>
14. **Skempes D**, Bickenbach J. Strengthening Rehabilitation for People with Disabilities: A Human Rights Approach as the Essential Next Step to Accelerating Global Progress. *Am J Phys Med Rehabil*. 2015;94(10):823-828. <https://doi.org/10.1097/PHM.0000000000000326>
15. **Skempes D**, and Bickenbach J. Developing human rights-based indicators to support country monitoring of rehabilitation services and programmes for people with disabilities: a study protocol. *BMC Int Health Hum Rights*. 2015;15(1):25. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12914-015-0063-x>

16. Meyer, T, Gutenbrunner C, Kiekens C, **Skempes D**, Melvin J.L, Schedler K, Imamura M, and Stucki G. ISPRM discussion paper: proposing dimensions for an International Classification System for Service Organization in Health-related Rehabilitation. *Journal of rehabilitation medicine*. 2015;47(9):809-815. <https://doi.org/10.2340/16501977-2002>
17. Gutenbrunner, C, Bickenbach J, Kiekens C, Meyer T, **Skempes D**, Nugraha B, Bethge M and Stucki G. ISPRM discussion paper: Proposing a conceptual description of health-related rehabilitation services. *Journal of rehabilitation medicine*.2014;46(1):1-6. <https://doi.org/10.2340/16501977-1251>
18. Guzelkucuk U, **Skempes D**, Kummerddee W. Common peroneal nerve palsy caused by compression stockings after surgery. *Am J Phys Med Rehabil*. 2014;93(7):609-611. <https://doi.org/10.1097/PHM.0000000000000086>

Peer-reviewed books/monographs (incl. published doctoral theses)

19. **Skempes D**. Health related rehabilitation and human rights: Turning fine aspirations into measurable progress [Doctoral Thesis]. Lucerne: Health Sciences and Health Policy, University of Lucerne; 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09687599.2020.1744324>
20. **Skempes D**. Barriers in adherence to clinical guidelines in primary care: A meta-synthesis of qualitative studies [Master Thesis]. Heraklion. Department of Social Medicine. School of Medicine, University of Crete; 2009.

Peer-reviewed conference proceedings

21. Karadimitri D, Pentas OK, Parissopoulos S, **Skempes D**, Tsekoura M, Spanos S, Vagena E, Rapidi CA, Sakellari V. P0727 Experiences of people with spinal cord injury living in the community in Greece. A phenomenological study on rehabilitation needs. Abstracts of the 20th Congress of the European Geriatric Medicine Society. *Eur Geriatr Med* 15 (Suppl 1), 1–419 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41999-024-01090-y>
22. **Skempes D**, Bickenbach J, Michail X, Stucki G. Supporting government policies to embed and expand rehabilitation in health systems in Europe: A framework for action. 15th Congress of the European Forum for Research in Rehabilitation (EFRR). Berlin, 15.-17.04.2019. Düsseldorf: German Medical Science GMS Publishing House; 2019. Doc092. Available from: <https://dx.doi.org/10.3205/19efrr092>
23. **Skempes D** and Bickenbach J. Developing a human rights-based indicator framework to assess country efforts to strengthen rehabilitation in health systems: a concept mapping study. 23rd Canadian Congress of Global Health, Canadian Society for International Health, 27-30 Oct 2017, Ottawa. Available from: http://www.csih.org/sites/default/files/uploads/ccgh_2017_oral_abstracts.pdf
24. **Skempes D**, Bickenbach J, von Groote P, Melvin J, Stucki G. Monitoring essential legal, policy and programmatic aspects of rehabilitation: Towards a shared framework with indicators [194] [Work in Progress]. 14th Congress of the European Forum for Research in Rehabilitation (EFRR). Glasgow, 24.-25.05.2017. Available from: https://www.efrr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/EFRR_CONFERENCE_BROCHURE_FINAL_170517.pdf
25. Sherlaw W, Cuenot M, **Skempes D**. Exploring participatory leadership through designing training for leaders of Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs). *The European Journal of Public Health*. 2016;26(suppl_1): ckw166. 019. Available from: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckw166.019>
26. **Skempes D**, Reinhardt JD, Fellinghauer B, Bickenbach JE. Unmet needs, denial of and satisfaction with healthcare among persons with physical and mental impairments: Results from the World Health Survey. *European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine* 2012;48(2):91

Contributions to books

27. Bickenbach J, **Skempes D**. Article 26: Habilitation and rehabilitation. In: Bantekas I, Stein MA, Anastasiou D, eds. *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: A Commentary*. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2018:734 -763.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/law/9780198810667.001.0001>

Oral contributions to conferences (selected oral presentation or poster)

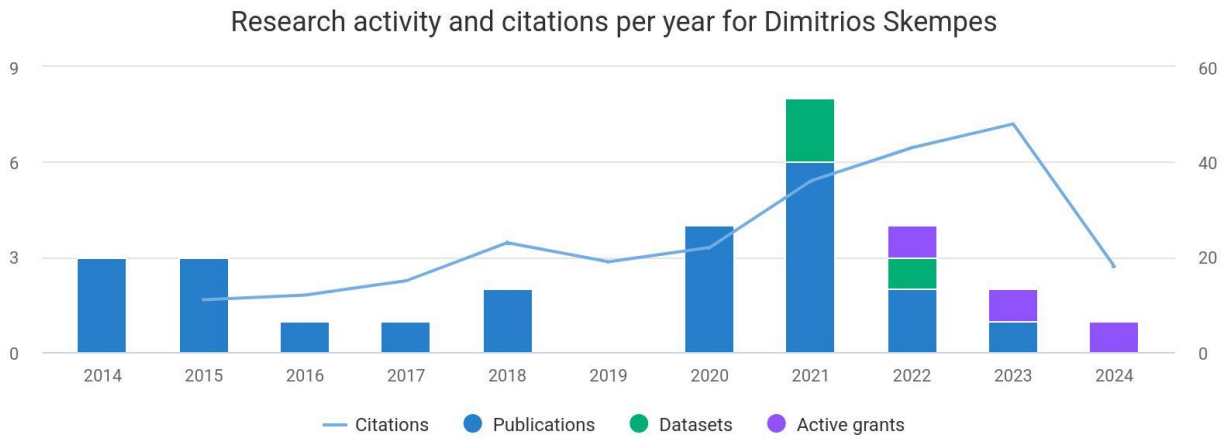
1. **Skempes D**, Kontaxakis A, Manthos P, et al. Disease burden, health service utilization and social inclusion aspects of adults with spinal cord injury in Greece: results of the InSCI survey. 63rd ISCOS Annual Scientific Meeting. 2024. Antwerp, Belgium
2. **Skempes D**. Supporting government policies to embed and expand rehabilitation in health systems in Europe: A framework for action. 6th Baltic and North Sea Conference on Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. 2019. Oslo, Norway [oral presentation]
3. **Skempes D**. Learning for and from persons with disability: Conceptualizing indicators for tracking progress with the implementation of human rights in rehabilitation care and policy. ASPHER Young Researchers' Forum, 9th European Public Health Conference. 2016. Vienna, Austria
4. **Skempes D**. Developing human rights-based indicators to support country monitoring of rehabilitation services and programmes for people with disabilities: a study protocol. 4th Symposium on Health Services Research «Less is more». 2015. Bern, Switzerland
5. **Skempes D**. Electing human rights in EU Disability policy: strengthening rehabilitation for people with disabilities. European Health Forum Gastein 2014 "Electing Health: The Europe we Want", Gastein, Austria
6. **Skempes D**. Health related rehabilitation and human rights: Analyzing States obligations under the CRPD. European Health Law Conference "Access to healthcare: Looking for a legal roadmap", European Health Law Association. 2014 Riga, Latvia. [oral presentation]
7. **Skempes D**. Conceptual framework to classify rehabilitation services: A systematic approach. 7th World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. 2013, Beijing, China. [oral presentation]
8. **Skempes D**. Monitoring the right to health of persons with disabilities in Europe: Frameworks for indicators development. Conference of the Doctoral College "Empowerment through Human Rights" 2012. University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. [oral presentation]

Outreach activities (e.g., public engagement in science, technology and knowledge transfer activities)

9. **Skempes D**. I am Public Health. 50th Anniversary Deans' and Directors' Retreat of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) "Taking Stock, Moving Forward", 2016 Athens, Greece [invited panel presentation]
10. **Skempes D**. The role of civil society in disability data collection: Challenges at EU and national level. EU Work Forum on the Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. 2015 European Commission, Brussels, Belgium. Available from: <https://dx.doi.org/10.15200/winn.146710.05675> [invited panel presentation]
11. **Skempes D**. Non-communicable diseases and the private sector: Breaking the impasse. In. European Health Forum Gastein: "Electing Health - The Europe we want" Conference Report 2014. Bad

Hofgastein: International Forum Gastein; 2015:82-84. Available at: <https://tinyurl.com/yyogzw72> [conference report]

12. **Skempes D.** How to attract excellent researchers. Swiss Rectors' Conference and Euraxess CH "In competition for the best: How do Swiss universities win excellent researchers?", Luzern, Switzerland, 2013, <https://tinyurl.com/y3lnc9ez> [invited panel presentation]



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