

Getting to know better our MIM Faculty Members



MIM Faculty Member

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Interview

1. What inspired you to go into teaching?

Being the daughter of a passionate teacher didn't leave me too much choice! For more than 10 years now, I honestly enjoy every single lecture I give. The communication with young adults, the contribution to shaping their future, and the mentoring involved along with all other aspects of teaching, always motivate me to keep going.

2. Why have you chosen to work at the Mediterranean Institute of Management?

Throughout the years, I have collaborated with several Tertiary Institutions in Cyprus. For the past 5 years, I am collaborating with the Mediterranean Institute of Management. I am amazed by the quality of work by the personnel at MIM, the fellow lecturers, and the students. Every group is a small-scale representation of our society with people of various ages, from different backgrounds, and a versatile way of thinking. All of them are eager for knowledge and most of them have to go beyond their limits and accommodate their responsibilities to complete the required activities of the MBA programs offered. At the end of each semester, I end up enriching my knowledge as well, creating bonds with new people, and accommodating all these in my lectures for the future semesters.

3. What's the best thing about your teaching job?

Get to know new people every semester, exchange ideas, share my passion for Information Technology sector, and contribute to the students' road to evolution and success.

4. What has kept you going during your time with MIM?

I am constantly amazed by the high quality of education offered by MIM. Both administrative personnel and faculty members are always there to help, the courses are constantly updated to fit the current and future needs of the students, and students are encouraged to learn in a supportive and collaborative environment.

5. What achievement are you most proud of?

I am proud to have succeeded in combining Consulting and Teaching in my everyday life. Throughout the years I have transitioned from a full-Academia career to a combination of Industry Consulting and Part-Time teaching. This has allowed me to apply my scientific knowledge in my field of expertise, while at the same time I get to transfer industry insights to students through our lectures, preparing them for what's ahead after they acquire their degrees.

6. When you were younger, which teachers did you learn the most from?

Looking back, I learned the most from the teachers that were pushing me to be the best version of myself. From those teachers that were more supportive than judgmental and those that were more human and understanding. I really hope that my students can see a bit of these characteristics in me as well.

7. What book or film has inspired you the most?

I love reading and I also enjoy a good movie every now and then. A life-changing film/book for me was "Eat-Pray-Love", as it demonstrates that in life there must be a balance across all areas to find true happiness, that eventually is found within oneself. A series of books I highly recommend is "Hojas de Ruta" (Roadmaps) by Jorge Bucay. In

this series of 5 amazing books, one can discover precious concepts regarding Self-Dependance, Interactions with other people, Happiness, and Spirituality.

8. What word of wisdom would you give to your younger self?

“Do not worry so much”. I am an eager individual, always trying to be ahead of everything, always trying to control my surroundings and most of the time I worry too much about things that most of the time do not even happen. I have learned throughout my life to trust the turn of events and I strongly believe that everything happens for a reason and everything is revealed when the time is right. As a younger me, I would love to never have doubted my instinct as it appears to be a magic force that always proves me right and has several times showed me the right path.