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Professor Zoras’s teaching focuses on Italian and Comparative Literature. His research concerns mainly the interaction between Greek and Italian Literatures. He has supervised twelve completed PhD dissertations, and has been a committee member for numerous others at universities including the University of Thessaloniki, the University of the Peloponnese and “Tor Vergata” University of Rome.

He has published 15 books and more than 200 papers in Greek and Italian scientific journals. He directs the scientific journal *Rivista di Letteratura Comparata Italiana, Bizantina e Neoellenica*, Fabrizio Serra Editore, Pisa-Roma (three volumes have already been published, 2017, 2018, 2019), while he participates in the scientific committees of important Italian journals: *Linguistica e Letteratura. Rivista semestrale* (since 1997), *Letteratura Italiana Antica. Rivista annuale di testi e studi* (since 1999), *La parola del testo* (since 2017), *Rivista di Letteratura tardogotica e quattrocentesca* (since 2019), *Rivista Internazionale di Ricerche Dantesche* (since 2020). In 2019 the Deanship of the School of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens assigned him the direction of its Yearbook (*Επιστημονική Επετηρίς της Φιλοσοφικής Σχολής του Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνών*), the publication of which had been suspended for the last seven years.

He has been elected three times as President of the Department of Italian Language and Literature (2012-2014, 2014-2016, 2018-2020). He was Chairman of the State Committee for Literary Translation Awards of the Ministry of Culture (2013 and 2014). He is President of the National Society of Greek Writers, Vice President of the Parnassos Literary Society, Vice President of the Athens Conservatory of Music, Lifetime Member of the Board of Directors of the Kostis Palamas Foundation, Lifetime Member of the Archaeological Society at Athens and Honorary Member of the Società Dantesca Italiana in Florence. In recognition of his work, in 2002, he was awarded the Cavaliere Medal by the President of the Italian Republic Carlo Azeglio Ciampi.