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Language Skills:

	<i>Comprehension</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing</i>
Maltese (Arabic dialect)	5	5	5	5
English	5	5	5	5
French	5	4	5	3
Italian	5	4	5	3

5 = mastery; 1 = basic skills

Key Areas of Expertise:

General:

Report writing – based on qualitative research & programme evaluation; transfer of good practice.

Comparative education – focus on the Euro-Mediterranean / MENA region and on the EU/ Eastern and Central European countries

Sociology of education – focus on equity issues

Specific:

School/work issues, including Career Guidance, School-to-Work transition, Vocational Education and Training and Lifelong Learning; Teacher and VET teacher education and training; Innovation.



Education Background:

Post-doctoral research: University of Stanford, 1990 (Fulbright Fellow)

Ph.D. in Education, University of Waikato (Hamilton, New Zealand), in 1988: Subject: School-to-Work Transition. [Main Examiner: Prof Michael Apple, Univ. of Wisconsin]

Diploma in Comparative Studies of Religions, Institute of Religious Studies (Malta), 1983.

Post-Graduate Diploma in Guidance & Counselling. Awarded *Distinction*, University of Reading (U.K.), 1983.

Post Graduate Certificate in Education (professional teacher's qualification), University of Malta, in 1979.

B.A. (Hons.) English. Graduated with *First Class Honours*, University of Malta, 1978.

Profession: Professor in Sociology of Education and Comparative Education

Positions: Director, Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Educational Research – EMCER (2003...)

Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Malta (1997-1999)

Head, Department of Educational Studies (1997 - 2001)

Co-Ordinator, Comparative Education Program in Euro-Mediterranean Studies (1994...)

Founding Editor, *Mediterranean Journal of Educational Studies* (1996...)

Director, UNESCO Chair in Mediterranean Education Studies and of the UNESCO

UniTwin Network of Mediterranean Education Scholars (2001...).

Research Funding:

European Commission: *CROSSLIFE—VET in Cross-Cultural Perspectives* (2005-2007)
European Commission: Joint Actions Research Project (Leonardo, Socrates & Youth Programmes)—*Developing National Career Guidance Forums* (2004-2006).
European Commission (DG Employment, Social Affairs & Equal Opportunities): *Career Guidance in the Public Employment Services*
EuroVE&T: *Lifelong Learning and the Learning Society in Europe: critical discourses*
European Commission (DG Education and Culture): *Lifelong Guidance in the Learning Society*
European Union Grant: *Education policy in an integrated Europe*
UNESCO Grant: *Educational Innovation in the Mediterranean Region*
University of Malta Grant: *Teacher Education for the new millennium*
European Cultural Foundation Grant: *Teacher Education in the Mediterranean Region.*
University of Malta Grant: *VET and human resource development in the Mediterranean.*
European Cultural Foundation Grant: *War, Conflict and Schooling in the Mediterranean.*

Recent Training Opportunities:

Training in Content Management Systems (March 3, 2008, University of Malta).
Training in the use of Open and Distance Learning tools to train VET teachers (February 25-28, 2007: Sestre Levanti, Italy-Giunti Labs).
Study visit to Careers Scotland, to observe the world's largest all-age guidance provider (September 17-23, 2006).
UNICEF Safety training distance learning Certificate for consultants: April 2005.
Training in the delivery of VET teacher training courses—a BTEC (Edexcel-London, UK) programme, delivered in Malta (May 2004).
Training in Training Needs Analysis—a Cedefop programme, delivered in Brussels (October 2004).
Training in the Recognition of informal and non-formal Learning—a Cedefop programme, delivered in Brussels (November 2004).
Training in carrying out peer reviews—a European Training Foundation programme, delivered in Belgrade (11-12 April 2003).
Training of Trainers training in a MedCampus initiative led by the French GRETA network (training given in France, Morocco, Turkey, 1997-1998).

Founder of the Movement for Humanistic Education (1989) - Malta

Founder of the national Association for School Councils (1996) - Malta

Courses taught in 2007-2008:**At undergraduate level:**

“Critical perspectives on Maltese education and society” [2 ECTS]

“Families, Schools and Communities” [2 ECTS]

At masters level:

“Key debates in Comparative Education” [5 ECTS]

“Qualitative Research Methods in Comparative Education” [5 ECTS]

“Education in the EU: Critical and Comparative Perspectives” [5 ECTS]

“Education and Development” [5 ECTS]

“Special topics in Comparative Education” [10 ECTS]

Research and academic support activities:

Research on educational innovation in the Mediterranean region: UNICEF projects in Albania, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia; UNRWA & UNESCO project in the Palestinian refugee camps; Commonwealth Secretariat in the Seychelles; UNESCO project in UAE.

Research on career guidance in the new EU Member States of the EU (ETF); in the MEDA region (ETF); in the EU (CEDEFOP); in Public Employment Services in Europe (DG Employment); in the Western Balkans (ETF); in Palestine (UNESCO); in Egypt (ETF); in Jordan (ILO).

- Research baseline assessment of Moldova's basic education system from the perspective of the Child-Friendly School Framework (UNICEF).
- Research on Vocational Education and Training: policy implementation issues (comparative study in Albania, Kosovo and Turkey—ETF);
- Research and support on the Training of VET teachers and trainers: in the EU's new Member States (CEDEFOP); in the Arab States (GTZ); in Malta (MCAST and ITS).
- Research and support to the Ministry of Education in Malta: national VET reform; National Curriculum reform; Teacher Education reform.

Honours and Awards:

- 2008** Appointed member of the Scientific Board of the *Institut National de Recherche Pedagogique, Lyons, France.*
- 2006** Appointed International Fellow of the UK National Institute for Career Education and Counselling (NICEC).
- 2004** Appointed member of the Scientific Committee for Europe and North America, of the UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge.
- 2003** Visiting Professor, Centre for Educational Sociology, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2002** Visiting Fellow, Institute of Education, University of London.
Visiting Professor, Faculty of Education and Psychology, University of Porto, Portugal.
- 2001** UNESCO Chair in Mediterranean Education Studies, and Director of the Unitwin Network of Mediterranean Education Scholars.
- 1995** Salzburg Fellow, Salzburg, Austria.
- 1993** Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Victoria University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia.
- 1992** French Education Ministry Award (through French Embassy in Malta), to *Institut National de Recherche Pedagogique, Paris.* Research related to project on *Malta and Schooling in Modern Europe.*
- 1990** Fulbright Visiting Scholar Award to School of Education, Stanford University, California. Post-doctoral research under guidance of Professor Martin Carnoy.
- 1988** Caltex Industries' Award for article entitled 'Schooling tomorrow's worker', published in the *New Zealand Journal of Industrial Relations*, 13(1), pp.3-20.
- 1985** Commonwealth Scholarship to study for a D.Phil. in Education at the University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand.
- 1984** Prize for a short story entitled: 'Trilogy: Growing up in Malta'. Published In *Tomorrow* (July).
- 1982** Commonwealth Scholarship Award to study for a Diploma in Guidance and Counselling at the University of Reading (U.K.). Obtained a Distinction for my studies.
- 1979** British Council Award for gaining a First Class Honours in B.A.(Hons.) studies at the University of Malta.

Publications – a selection:

21 Volumes, of which:

- Sultana, R.G. (2008) *The Challenge of Policy Implementation: A Comparative Analysis of VET School Reforms in Albania, Kosovo and Turkey.* Turin: European Training Foundation [also available in Albanian, Serbian and Turkish].
- Sultana, R.G. (2008) *The Girls' Education Initiative in Egypt.* Amman: UNICEF [also published in Arabic].
- Sultana, R.G. (2008) *Europe and the Shift towards Lifelong Guidance.* Thessaloniki: CEDEFOP.
- Sultana, R.G. and Watts, A.G. (2007) *Career Guidance in the Mediterranean.* Turin: European Training Foundation.
- Sultana, R.G. (2006) *Facing the Hidden Drop-Out Challenge in Albania.* Tirana: UNICEF [also published in Albanian under the title *Perballimi I Sfides se Braktisjes se Fshehte ne Shqiperi*]
- Sultana, R.G. (2006) *Challenges for Career Guidance in Small States.* Malta: EMCER.

- Sultana, R.G. and Watts, A.G. (2006) *Career Guidance in Europe's Public Employment Services: Trends and Challenges*. Brussels: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities.
- Sultana, R.G. and Kuhn, M. (eds)(2006) *Homo Sapiens Europaeus? Creating the European Learning Citizen*. New York: Peter Lang.
- Sultana, R.G. and Watts, A.G. (2004) *Career Guidance: A Policy Handbook*. OECD and European Commission Publication.
- Sultana, R.G. (2004) *Guidance Policies in the Learning Society: Trends, Challenges and Responses across Europe*. Thessaloniki: CEDEFOP.
- Sultana, R.G. (2003) *Lifelong Guidance and the European Challenge: Issues for Malta*. Malta: Euroguidance.
- Sultana, R.G. (2003) *Review of Career Guidance Policies in 11 Acceding and Candidate Countries*. Turin: European Training Foundation.
- Sultana, R.G. (ed. With M'hammed Sabour) (2003) *Education and Power in Mediterranean Societies*. Special issue *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology*, Vol.40(1).
- Sultana, R.G. (ed. with C. Bezzina, A. Camilleri-Grima & D. Purchase) (2002) *Inside Secondary Schools: A Maltese Reader*. Malta: Indigo Publishers.
- Sultana, R.G. (ed.)(2002) *Teacher Education in the Euro-Mediterranean Region*. New York: Peter Lang.
- Sultana, R.G. (ed., with A. Akkari & J.-L. Gurtner) (2001) *Politiques et Stratégies Éducatives: Termes de l'Échange et Nouveaux Enjeux Nord-Sud*. Berne: Peter Lang.
- Sultana, R.G. (ed.) (2001) *Yesterday's Schools: Readings in Maltese Educational History*. Malta: PEG.
- Sultana, R.G. (ed.) (2001) *Challenge and Change in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: Case Studies in Educational Innovation*. New York: Peter Lang.
- Sultana, R.G. & S. Guri-Rosenblit (eds) (1999) *Higher Education in the Mediterranean*. Special issue of the *Mediterranean Journal of Educational Studies*, Vol. 4(2).
- Heikkinen, A. & Sultana, R.G. (eds)(1997) *Apprenticeship and Vocational Education - Changing Policy and Practice in Europe*. Finland: University of Tampere Press.
- Sultana, R.G. (ed.)(1997) *Inside/Outside Schools: Towards a Critical Sociology of Education in Malta*. Malta: PEG.
- Sultana, R.G. & Sammut, J.M (eds) (1997) *Careers Education and Guidance in Malta: Issues and Challenges*. Malta: PEG.
- Sultana, R.G. & Baldacchino, G. (eds) (1994) *Maltese Society: A Sociological Inquiry*. Msida: Mireva.
- Sultana, R.G. (1992) *Education and National Development: Historical and Critical Perspectives on Vocational Schooling in Malta*. Msida: Mireva.

13 Monographs / Reports, of which:

- Career Guidance in the MEDA Region* (with A.G. Watts). Turin: ETF (2006)
- Educating Students for Labour Market Needs: A Guidebook for Vocational School Directors*. Warsaw. (2006)
- Palestinian refugee children's opportunity to quality education*. Paris: UNESCO. (2004)
- Core Competencies: Ensuring Quality Education in Tunisia*. Amman: UNICEF (2004).
- The Situation of Career Guidance in 11 Candidate Countries: A Synthesis Report*. Luxembourg: EC Publications (2004)
- Education...Against the Odds: The Distance Remedial Education Project in Hebron*. Amman: UNICEF (2003).
- Policies for Information, Guidance and Counselling Services in Malta*. Turin: An ETF monograph (2002).
- Vocational Education and Training and Employment Services in Malta*. Turin: An ETF monograph (2002).

- The Educational Management and Information System of the United Arab Emirates: The Way Forward*. Unesco Regional Office Report, Beirut (2001)
- The Secondary Education Certificate and Matriculation Examinations in Malta: A Case Study*. INNODATA Monograph 1, published by UNESCO's International Bureau of Education, Switzerland, (1999).
- Tomorrow's Schools: Developing Effective Learning Cultures*, a Ministerial Consultative Committee of Education monograph: Rapporteur (Floriana, Ministry of Education and Human Resources) (1995).

55 Articles in Refereed Journals and 35 Chapters in Books, of which:

- Sultana, R.G. (2008) 'Looking back before moving forwards: building on 15 years of comparative education research in the Mediterranean.' (submitted).
- Sultana, R.G. (2008) "'Competence' and 'competence frameworks' in career guidance: complex and contested concepts.' *International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance* (submitted).
- Sultana, R.G. (2008) 'Peer policy learning: promises and pitfalls.' In B. Chakroun and P. Sahlberg (eds) *Policy Learning in Action*. ETF Yearbook, Turin: ETF.*
- Sultana, R.G. & Klaus, K. (2008) 'Issues and challenges concerning cross-cultural interactions.' *Mediterranean Journal of Educational Studies*, Vol.13(1).
- Sultana, R.G. & Watts, A.G. (2008) 'Career guidance in the Middle East and North Africa'. *International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance*, Vol.8(1), 19-34
- Sultana, R.G. (2007) 'Guiding learners in the Learning Society: the situation in nine Central and Eastern European countries'. In O. Strietska-Ilina (Ed.) *A Clash of Transitions: Towards the Learning Society*. New York: Peter Lang (pp.205-242).*
- Sultana, R.G. (2007) 'Palestinian refugee children and education: Challenges for UNRWA'. *World Studies in Education*, Vol. 8(2), pp.5-32.
- Sultana, R.G. (2006) 'Concepts of knowledge and learning in findings of FRP 4 and 5 Projects.' In Michael Kuhn, Massimo Tomassini & Robert-Jan Simons (eds) *Towards a Knowledge Based Society? Knowledge and Learning in European Educational Research* (Eds). New York: Peter Lang. (pp.53-70).*
- Watts, AG. & Sultana, R.G. (2006) 'Career guidance within public employment services: a review of services in Finland within a European Perspective.' In the Finnish Yearbook *Ammatillisen ohjauksen vuosikirja. Årsbok för yrkesinriktad vägledning*. Helsinki: Työministeriö (pp.110-120).*
- Sultana, R.G. (2006) 'Education in conflict situations: Palestinian children and distance education in Hebron.' *Mediterranean Journal of Educational Studies*, Vol.11(1), pp.49-81.
- Sultana, R.G. & Watts, A.G. (2006) 'Career guidance in Public Employment Services across Europe.' *International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance*, Vol.6(1), pp.29-46.
- Sultana, R.G. & Kuhn, M. (2006) 'Creating the European learning citizen—which citizen for which Europe?' In M.Kuhn & R.G. Sultana *Homo Sapiens Europæus?—Creating the European Learning* (New York: Peter Lang), pp.1-20.*
- Sultana, R.G. (2005) 'The competency approach and Tunisia's quest for educational quality.' *World Studies in Education*, Vol.6(1), pp.45-72.
- Sultana, R.G. (2005) 'The initial education of high school teachers: a critical review of major issues and trends.' *Studying Teacher Education*, Vol.1(2), pp.225-244.
- Sultana, R.G. & Watts, A.G. (2004) 'Career guidance policies in 37 countries: contrasts and common themes.' *International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance*, Vol.4, pp.105-122.
- Sultana, R.G., Zelloth, H. & Gligorijevic, D. (2003) 'Review of career guidance in acceding and candidate countries.' *Lithuanian Vocational Education and Training Journal*, Vol.7, pp.36-47.
- Sultana, R.G. (2002) 'Quality education and training for tomorrow's Europe: a contrapuntal reading of European Commission documents.' In A. Nóvoa & M.

- Lawn (eds) *Fabricating Europe: The Formation of an Education Space*. Dordrecht: Kluwer, pp.109-130.*
- Sultana, R.G. (2002) 'An EMIS for Palestine: The Education Management Information System in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.' *Mediterranean Journal of Educational Studies*, Vol.7(2), pp.61-92.
- Sultana, R.G. (2001) 'Les défis de l'enseignement supérieur dans les pays méditerranéens,' *Monde Arabe Maghreb-Machrek*, no.171-172 (janvier-juin), pp.26-41.
- Sultana, R.G. (2001) 'Vocational curricula, globalisation and the new economy in a North-South perspective.' In J. Akkari, R.G. Sultana & J.-L. Gurtner (eds) *Politiques et Stratégies Éducatives: Termes de l'Échange et Nouveaux Enjeux Nord-Sud*. Berne: Peter Lang.
- Sultana, R.G. (2001) 'Educational innovation in the context of challenge and change: a Euro-Mediterranean perspective.' In R.G. Sultana (ed.) *Challenge and Change in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: Case Studies in Educational Innovation*. New York: Peter Lang.
- Sultana, R.G. (2001) 'Syria's global education initiative.' In R.G. Sultana (ed.) *Challenge and Change in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: Case Studies in Educational Innovation*. New York: New York.
- Sultana, R.G. (1999) 'The Euro-Mediterranean region and its universities: trends, prospects and challenges'. *Mediterranean Journal of Educational Studies*, 4(2), 7-53.
- Sultana, R.G. (1998) 'Career guidance in Malta: A Mediterranean microstate in transition.' *International Journal for the Advancement of Counselling*, 20(1), 3-15.
- Sultana, R.G. (1997) 'Educational development in post-colonial Malta.' *International Journal of Educational Development*, 17(3), 335-351.
- Sultana, R.G. (1997) 'Employers and education in a Mediterranean micro-state: the case of Malta.' *Journal of Education and Work*, 10(1), 37-58.
- Sultana, R.G. (1997) 'Education, work, and vocationalism: a historical and comparative review of the major issues.' In A. Heikkinen and R. Sultana (eds) *Vocational Education and Apprenticeships in Europe - Challenges for Practice and Research*. Finland: University of Tampere Press, 11-70.
- Sultana, R.G. (1997) 'The restructuring of the Maltese economy and its impact on vocational guidance.' In R.G. Sultana and J.M. Sammut (eds) *Careers Education and Guidance in Malta: Issues and Challenges*. Malta: PEG, 57-72.
- Sultana, R.G. (1997) 'Personal and social education: opportunities for work education.' In R.G. Sultana and J.M. Sammut (eds) *Careers Education and Guidance in Malta: Issues and Challenges*. Malta: PEG, 243-270.
- Sultana, R.G. (1995) 'A uniting Europe, a dividing education? Supranationalism, Euro-centrism and the curriculum.' *International Studies in Sociology of Education*, 5(2), 115-144.
- Sultana, R.G. (1995) 'Education and social transition: vocationalism, ideology and the problems of development.' *International Review of Education*, 41(3), 199-221.
- Sultana, R.G. (1995) 'Vocational secondary schools in Malta: quality of education and the reproduction of inequality.' *The Vocational Aspect of Education*, 47(1), 51-67.
- Sultana, R.G. (1995) 'Developing a vision for teacher education programmes: a values-based approach'. *European Journal of Teacher Education*, 18(2/3), 215-229.
- Sultana, R.G. (1995) 'From critical education to a critical practice of teaching.' In J. Smyth (ed.) *Critical Discourses on Teacher Development* (London, Cassell), 131-145.
- Sultana, R.G. (1994) 'Vocational schooling and economic development: a Maltese case study.' *International Journal of Educational Development*, 14(1), 75-87.
- Sultana, R.G. (1994) 'Conceptualising teachers' work in a uniting Europe.' *Compare*, 24(2), 171-182.
- Sultana, R.G. (1992) 'Ethnography and the politics of absence.' *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, 5(1), 19-28.

- Sultana, R.G. (1992) 'Teacher power and the struggle for democracy: an educational movement in Malta.' *International Studies in Sociology of Education*, 2(1), 3-22.
- Sultana, R.G. (1989) 'Transition education, student contestation and the production of meaning.' *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, 10(3), 287-309.

Contribution to Conferences and Professional forums in the following countries: Albania, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kosovo, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, UK, USA.

Membership of Associations, Institutes, Networks, etc.

- ❖ Member of the International Association of Vocational and Educational Guidance (IAEVG), 2006 to present.
- ❖ Member of the Executive Committee, Mediterranean Comparative Education Society, 2004 to present.
- ❖ Member of the Globalization and Europeanisation Network in Education, 2002 to 2006.
- ❖ Member of the Executive Committee of the *European Educational Research Association* (EERA), 1996 to 1998.
- ❖ Member of the *Association de Chercheurs en Sciences de l'Education*, 1988 to 1992.
- ❖ Member of the *British Sociological Association*, 1988 to present.
- ❖ Member of the *British Comparative and International Education Society*, 1992 to present.
- ❖ Member of the *Comparative Education Society of Europe* (CESE), 1994 to present.
- ❖ Member of *Association for Teacher Education in Europe* (ATEE), 1994 to present.

Member of Editorial Boards (past and present)

- ❖ Editor of Education (Malta), journal of the Faculty of Education, University of Malta
- ❖ Chairperson of Faculty of Education's Editorial Board
- ❖ Member of University Publications Board
- ❖ Member of editorial board of consultants, McGill Journal of Education
- ❖ Member of international board of editors representing Southern Europe and Mediterranean region, International Journal of Educational Development.
- ❖ Member of international board of editors, Teaching in Higher Education: An International Journal
- ❖ Member of international board of editors representing Mediterranean region, International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education
- ❖ Founding Editor-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Journal of Educational Studies
- ❖ Member of international board of editors, Pedagogica Historica.
- ❖ Member of international board of editors, European Journal of Teacher Education
- ❖ Member of international board of editors, Journal of Education and Work
- ❖ Member of international board of editors, Prospects
- ❖ Member of international board of editors, Staff and Educational Development International
- ❖ Member of the international board of editors, Turkish Online Journal of Distance Education
- ❖ Member of international board of editors, World Studies in Education
- ❖ Member of the international board of editors, New Zealand Journal of Educational Studies
- ❖ Member of the international board of editors, Il Nodo Scuole in Rete
- ❖ Member of the International Board of Editors of Globalisation, Education and Societies
- ❖ Member of the International Board of Editors of the British Journal of Sociology of Education
- ❖ Member of the International Board of Editors of the British Journal of Guidance and Counselling