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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy
Moral Philosophy
Philosophical Anthropology
Theories of Modernity
Social Contract Theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Civilization
Narrative Theories

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, University of Ioannina
9 June 2003
Thesis: John Rawls. The Justification of the Principles of Justice: Consensus and Commitment»

Supervisor: Assistant Professor Dionysios Drossos.

Fellowship of Business Education and Initial Vocational Training Programme

1995: Department of Philosophy, Pedagogics and Psychology (Specialization Philosophy), School of Philosophy, University of Ioannina.

1991: School of Law and Economic Sciences, Aristotelian University of Salonica, Law Faculty.

PUBLICATIONS

A. BOOKS

I. BOOKS AS AUTHOR

Alasdair Macintyre. Moral Philosophy between Rules and Virtues. (Athens: Papazisis Publications, 2012).

John Rawls. Problems of a Contract Theory. (Athens: Institute Sakis Karagiorgas Publications, 2007).

II. BOOKS AS EDITOR

Reconsidering A Theory of Justice (Athens: Nissos, 2024).

Essays on Contemporary Political Philosophy. Justice, Freedom and Virtue (Athens: Papazisis, 2016).

III. INTRODUCTIONS/PREFACES

“Introduction” [with A. Boukouvala] to: *Reconsidering A Theory of Justice* (Athens: Nissos, 2024), pp. 13-52.

“Introduction” [with G. Molyvas] to: John Rawls, *Lectures on the History of Political Philosophy*. Trans. G. Molyvas & A. Mela (Athens: Kritiki, 2021), pp. 11-18.

“Liberalism and Its Critics”, Introduction to: *Essays on Contemporary Political Philosophy. Justice, Freedom and Virtue* (Athens: Papazisis, 2016), pp. 9-55.

IV. BOOKS TRANSLATED

John Rawls, *Lectures on the History of Political Philosophy*. Trans. G. Molyvas & A. Mela (Athens: Kritiki, 2021).

B. JOURNAL ARTICLES

A. ARTICLES

- «Life's Journeys: MacIntyre's Idea of Life as Enacted Narrative», *Ethics, Politics, Society* 7/2 (2024): 78-102.
- «After Virtue: A Reading Guide», *Anthropos* 8 (2022-2023): 5-21.
- «MacIntyre and Philosophy of Praxis», *Axiologika* 32 (2020): 163-181.
- «MacIntyre's Practice-based Morality and the Aim of Social Change», *Philosophia* 49 (2019): 298-312.
- «Refuges, Identities, Borders: The Limits of European Humanism», *dia-Logos* 9 (2019): 150-162.
- «MacIntyre on Personal Identity», *Public Reason* 3:1 (June 2011): 103-113.
- "Moral Relativism, Truth and Rational Justification in MacIntyre", *Deucalion*, 27/1-2 (Dec., 2010): 192-223.
- "On Multiculturalism. The Dialogue between Charles Taylor and Jürgen Habermas", *Axiologika* 23 (May, 2010): 57-71.
- "Moral Tradition and Critique of Modernity in the Work of Alasdair MacIntyre", *Axiologika* 21 (May, 2009): 41-54.

B. BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Philosophy and Medicine on the Big Screen: Tracing Cinematic Imprints of a Relationship", in: *Asclepeion of the Humanities*. Eds. A. Batistatou, M. Sirou, Th. Tseliga, M. Zoumbouli (forthcoming).
- "Philosophy and Literature: Life as Enacted Narrative", in: *Modes of Philosophizing*. Eds. V. Kindi & Ph. Peonidis (Athens: Ekkremes, 2024), pp. 415-427.
- "Is Rousseau a Forerunner of Liberalism?", in: *Reconsidering A Theory of Justice*. L. Mela & A. Boukouvala eds. (Athens: Nissos, 2024), pp. 99-124.

C. CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- "The Crisis of Modernity: History, Tradition and Virtues", in: G. Maggini, V. Solomou-Papanikolaou, H. Karabatzaki, K. Koskeridis (eds.), *Philosophy and Crisis. Responding to Challenges to Ways of Life in the Contemporary World*. Vol. 2 (Washington D.C.: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2017), pp. 225-233.

“Universality of Values and the Pluralism of Forms of Life in John Rawls’s Work”, in: K. Boudouris (ed.), *Values and Justice in the Global Era*, vol. I. (Athens: Ionia Publications, 2007), pp. 138-147.

“The “Kantian interpretation” of John Rawls’s *Theory of Justice*”, Conference Proceedings, *For Immanuel Kant 200 year after*. (Athens: Nisos, 2006), pp. 353-370.

D. BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Kostantinos Koukouzelis, *War and Peace. Classical Thinkers from Thucydides to Mill*. Dodoni (forthcoming).

Review of Jeffery Nicholas, *Reason, Tradition and the Good. MacIntyre’s Tradition-Constituted Reason and Frankfurt School Critical Theory*. *Philosophy Study* 5/6 (June, 2015): 314-325.

Review of Golfo Maggini, *Habermas and Neoaristotelianism. The Ethics of Dialogue in Jürgen Habermas and the Challenge of Neoaristotelianism*, Athens, Patakis, in *Ypomnima* 7 (May, 2008): 275-284 (in Greek).

E. SHORT TRANSLATIONS

John Greville Agard Pocock, “The Machiavellian Moment Revisited. A Study in History and Ideology”, submitted to *Isopolia*.

John Rawls, “Kantian Constructivism in Moral Theory”, in: Andreas Michalakis (ed.), *Social Justice and Kantian ethics*. Trans. Andreas Michalakis & Lia Mela. (Athens: Liberal Books, 2016), pp. 55-154.

Alessandro Ferrara, “Authenticity and the Project of Modernity”, *Dia-Logos* 5 (2015): 60-114.

J.B. Schneewind, “Modern Moral Philosophy”, *Dodoni* 35 (2008-10): 251-268.

CONFERENCES/LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

A. ORGANIZATION

Conference: “1971-2021: Reconsidering John Rawls’s Theory of Justice
Department of Philosophy, University of Ioannina
10-12 December 2021

Workshop: Philosophy and Cinema

Department of Philosophy & Municipality of Ioannina

1st cycle: Philosophers on Cinema, November 2021 - May 2022

2nd cycle: Artificial Intelligence, October 2022 – May 2023

3rd cycle: History, Trauma, Narrative, October 2023 – May 2024

4th cycle: Contemporary Greek Cinema, December 2024 – April 2025

B. PARTICIPATION

Social and Political Theory Lab in Epirus

Paper Title: «Post-politics, Post-democracy, Post-parties»

Book presentation: Giorgos Siakantaris, *What Democracies Will Exist in 2050?*

(Athens: Alexandria, 2024)

22 May 2025

Reply to Stelios Virvidakis

Paper Title: “Philosophy Meets Cinema: Dimensions and Layers of Interaction”

Rizari Brothers Lecture Series

14 Φεβρουαρίου 2025.

Seminar on Theory and Epistemology of Social Sciences “K. Psychopedis”

University of Athens

Paper Title: “MacIntyre on Narrative”

30 January 2025

Seminar on Political Philosophy

Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Athens.

Paper Title: “Life’s Journeys: The Idea of Life as a Enacted Narrative in MacIntyre”

7th Seminar, 12 July 2024

Coference: “1971-2021: Reconsidering John Rawls’s Theory of Justice

Department of Philosophy, University of Ioannina

Paper Title: “Is Rousseau a Forerunner of Political Liberalism?”

10-12 December 2021

Seminar on Theory and Epistemology of Social Sciences “K. Psychopedis”

University of Athens

Paper Title: "Person and Community"

14 January 2021

Conference: "Karl Marx as Philosopher of Freedom"

Department of Philosophy, University of Patras

Paper Title: "MacIntyre and Philosophy of Praxis"

8-9 December 2018

Institute of Applied Ethics

School of Law and Politics, University of Hull

Paper Title: "MacIntyre on Subjective Individualism: Tradition vs. Emotivism"

17 May 2018

Conference: "Democracy, Rights, Multiculturalism, Exclusion, Racism"

Department of Social Administration and Political Science, Democritus University of
Thrace

Paper Title: "Emigrants, Identities, and Borders: the Limits of European Humanism"

22 November 2016

Conference: "Political Theory: Which should the Dominant Authority of the State Be?"

Paper Title: "Charles Taylor's Civic Humanism".

18-20 November 2016

Conference: "Critique, Interpretation and Action"

Department of Philosophy, University of Patras

Paper Title: "The Ethics of Authenticity – Charles Taylor"

22-24 January 2015

International Conference: "Tradition, Modernity and Beyond"

International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry (ISME)

Paper Title: "Modernity, Postmodernity and Beyond"

9-12 July 2014

International Conference: "Philosophy and Crisis: Responding to Challenges to Ways of
Life in the Contemporary World"

Department of Philosophy, Pedagogics and Psychology, University of Ioannina

Paper Title: "The Crisis of Modernity: History, Tradition and Virtues"

28-30 July 2013

Seminar on the Theory and Epistemology of Social Sciences "K. Psychopedis"

University of Athens

Paper Title: "MacIntyre and Critique of Modernity".

10 July 2010

Conference: "Secondary Education in the light of Developments in Science Education",
Ioannina.

School of Pedagogical and Technological Education

Paper Title: "Toleration and Recognition: Education in Multicultural Society"

8-9 May 2009

11th Panhellenic Philosophy Conference: "The Concept of the Subject and Its Transformations"

Department of Philosophy, University of Patras

Paper Title: "Human Life as a Quest of the Good: Questions about Personal Identity in MacIntyre.

17-19 October 2008

Faculty Seminar of the Department of Philosophy of the University of Patras

Paper Title: "Problems of Moral Justification in John Rawls's Philosophy"

20 December 2007

18th International Philosophical Conference: "Values and Justice in the Global Era"

Paper Title: "Universality of Values and the Pluralism of Forms of Life in John Rawls's Work"

20-27 July 2006

Seminar on the Theory and Epistemology of Social Sciences "K. Psychopedis"

University of Athens

Paper Title: "Political Liberalism"

10 November 2005

Panhellenic Scientific Conference: "Immanuel Kant: 200 Years After"

Department of Philosophy, Pedagogics and Psychology, University of Ioannina

Paper Title: “The “kantian interpretation” of John Rawls’s *Theory of Justice*”

18-19 December 2004

ACADEMIC TRACK

2021-

Assistant Professor

University of Ioannina

Philosophical School

Department of Philosophy

2013-2021

Assistant Professor

Democritus University of Thrace

School of Social, Political and Economic Sciences

Department of Political Science

2011-2012

Teaching Fellow

Democritus University of Thrace

School of Social, Political and Economic Sciences

Department of Political Sciences

2005-2010

Teaching Fellow

University of Patras

School of Humanitarian and Social Science

Department of Philosophy

2008-2019

Teacher-adviser

Hellenic Open University

European Culture

European Political Ideologies in 20th Century

2007-2011

Teaching Fellow

School of Pedagogical and Technological Education (ASPETE)

Department of Education

2004-2010

Teaching Fellow

Technological Educational Institute of Epirus

Faculty of Health & Welfare Professions

Department of Speech & Language Therapy

Department of Nursing

MEMBERSHIPS AND REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Interdepartmental Program “Greek Philosophy – Philosophy of the Sciences”
- Member of the Laboratory for the Documentation and Study of the History of Social and Political Ideas, Department of Philosophy, University of Ioannina
- Founding member of the “Hellenic Association for the Philosophy of Law”
- Member of the Hellenic Philosophical Society
- Member of the Laboratory for Social and Political Theory in Epirus
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the philosophical journal *Dodoni*

External referee for: *Deucalion*, *Greek Political Science Review*, *New Blackfriars*, *Public Realm*, *Philosophy*.

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Erasmus-Staff Mobility for Training

University La Sapienza

Department of Philosophy

Rome, Italy

18/4 - 24/4/2023

Scholarship Program: Bilateral Exchange of Academics

Universität Leipzig

Institute für Philosophie

Leipzig, Germany

December, 2020

Visiting Research Scholar

University of Hull

School of Law and Politics

Hull, UK

Spring Semester, 2017