

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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### CURRENT POSITION **since 1 July 2022:**

Assistant Professor of Moral Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Ioannina, Greece.

### EDUCATION

**2002 – 2011:** Ph.D. in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Paris-Sorbonne University.

**2000 – 2002:** M.A. in Political Science and Sociology, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

**1995 – 1999:** B.A. in Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology (specialization: Philosophy), Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Articles:

**2022:** With Gerasimos Karoulas, Yiannis Karayiannis and Fani Kountouri, “The Political Discourse of the Church of Greece during the Crisis: An Empirical Approach”, *Religions* 13(4): 273. <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/13/4/273>.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel13040273>.

**2022:** “Reconciling Kant with Darwin”: Habermas, Tomasello and the Evolutionary Origins of Morality”. Forthcoming in *Topika, Vol. 18: Eclipse and Return of the Subject*, Nisos Publications, Athens (in Greek).

**2022:** “Gilles Deleuze and Peter Sloterdijk: From the Desiring-Machine to Bioecological Immunity”. Forthcoming in *Topika, Vol. 16: Desire*, Nisos Publications, Athens (in Greek).

**2022:** “Gadamer, Schumpeter, and Habermas on the Classical Conception of Politics and its Relation to Modern Democracy”. Forthcoming in the *Proceedings of the First International Conference of Hellenic Studies: “Hellenic Political Philosophy and Contemporary Europe”*, Center for Hellenic Studies, Herceg Novi, Montenegro, 29 September – 4 October 2019.

**2021:** “The Dialectics of Conviction and Responsibility in Adorno’s Critique of Morality”, *Philosophia: Yearbook of the Centre for the Study of Hellenic Philosophy* 51, pp. 21-34.

**2021:** “The Dark Reflection of Monotheism”. Book Review: *In the Shadow of Mount Sinai* by Peter Sloterdijk (Greek translation by Antonios Kalatzis, Nisos Publications, Athens: 2000) (in Greek), *Synchrona Themata* 150-151-152, <https://www.synchronathemata.gr/to-skoteino-eidolo-toy-monotheismoy/>.

**2020:** “Public Sphere and Religious Argument in Post-Secular Society”, *Greek Political Science Review* 46, pp. 18-47 (in Greek).

<https://ejournals.epublishing.ekt.gr/index.php/hpsa/article/view/19427/19755>.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.12681/hpsa.19427>.

**2019:** “Habermas, Taylor, and Connolly on Secularism, Pluralism, and the Post-Secular Public Sphere”, *Religions* 10(8), 460, pp. 1-19.

<https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/10/8/460>.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel10080460>.

**2018:** «Practical Reason and Modernity: Habermas’s Critique of Neo-Aristotelian Ethics and the Problem of Moral Justification», *Proceedings of the World Congress of Philosophy: The Philosophy of Aristotle*, Vol. IV, edited by M. Adam and S. Boudouri, Ionia Publications, Athens 2018, pp. 94 – 107.

**2018:** “Raison pratique et responsabilité: La responsabilité comme *phronesis* et les limites de l’herméneutique philosophique», *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy*, Vol. 12, Ethics, Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie (FISP) – Greek Philosophical Society – Philosophy Documentation Center, pp. 361-367.

[https://www.pdcnet.org/wcp23/content/wcp23\\_2018\\_0012\\_0361\\_0367](https://www.pdcnet.org/wcp23/content/wcp23_2018_0012_0361_0367).

<https://doi.org/10.5840/wcp23201812382>.

**2017:** “Postmetaphysical Thinking and Religion: Practical Reason, Solidarity, and the Dialogue between Religion and Philosophy as a Political Task», *The Greek Review of Social Research* 148, pp. 75-103 (in Greek).

<https://ejournals.epublishing.ekt.gr/index.php/ekke/article/view/14710>.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.12681/grsr.14710>.

**2017:** “Theatricality and Subjectivity in Rousseau’s ‘Lettre à d’Alembert’”, in D. Karydas and S. Stavridis, (eds.), *Theatricality and Theory*, Society for the Study of Human Sciences/Nisos Publications, Athens: 2017, pp. 207-220 (in Greek).

**2015:** “Derrida and Kant: The Aporetical Aspect of the ‘As If’ and Fiction as Responsibility”, in G. Kakoliris, (ed.), *The Political and Ethical Thought of Jacques Derrida*, Plethron, Athens: 2015, pp. 300-311 (in Greek).

**2015:** Book Review: J. Butler - J. Habermas - C. Taylor - C. West, *The Power of Religion in the Public Sphere* by E. Mendieta - J. Vanantwerpen, (eds.), with a forward from C. Calhoun, Columbia University Press/SSRC, New York 2011, *Greek Political Science Review* 43, pp. 167-173 (in Greek).

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.12681/hpsa.14412>.

**2009:** “Theatricality and Subjectivity in Rousseau’s ‘Lettre à d’Alembert’”, in D. Karydas and S. Stavridis, (eds.), *Theatricality and Theory*, Society for the Study of Human Sciences, Athens: 2009, pp. 125-144 (in Greek).

**Work in Progress:** Book Manuscript: *Society and Morality in the Neopragmatism of Richard Rorty* (in Greek).

## FELLOWSHIPS AWARDS

**February 2020 – April 2021:** Research Fellowship: “Supporting Research with an Emphasis on Young Researchers – Second Cycle”. Project: “Religion and Politics in Greece: The Political Discourse of the Church of Greece during Crisis Period” (MIS 5049003), with Gerasimos Karoulas (researcher), Yiannis Karayiannis (Academic Supervisor), Fani Kountouri (second Academic Supervisor), Department of Political Science, University of Crete.

**March 2017 – March 2019:** Postdoctoral Research Fellowship of the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY, <https://www.iky.gr/en/>): “Reinforcement of Postdoctoral Researchers” (MIS-5001552) co-financed by the European Union (European Social Fund-ESF) and Greek national funds through the Operational Programme “Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning” with priority axis 6, 8, 9 of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) 2014–2020. Project: “Religion, Pluralism, and the Political in Post-Secular Society”, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, with Professor Gerasimos Kouzelis (Academic Supervisor).

**October 2004 – March 2008:** Doctoral Fellowship of the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY).

**2000 – 2001:** Award for Academic Excellence of the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), MA in Political Science and Sociology, Second Academic Year.

## CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS INVITED TALKS

**2024:** ‘The Multiple Experiences of Post-Secularity.’ International Conference ‘The Dynamics of Secularism, (Anti)Clericalism, Theology, and Science in Southeastern and Central Europe.’ September 28 & 29, 2024,

University of Montenegro, Institute for Advanced Studies, Petrovac, Montenegro.

**2022:** “Charles Taylor and the Post-Secular Condition”. International Conference (online): Explicating the Post-Secular Condition, Vilnius University, Lithuania, 26 March 2022.

**2021:** With Gerasimos Karoulas, Yiannis Karayiannis and Fani Kountouri. “Religion and Politics in Greece: An Empirical Study of the Political Discourse of the Church of Greece during Crisis, 2015-2019”, ECPR Virtual General Conference, 30 August – 3 September 2021. Panel: The Politics of Religious Freedom, Code: S54, Panel Number: P43830, Section: Religious Freedom in Europe in the 2020s.

**2021:** “Hope and the Future in the Neo-Pragmatism of Richard Rorty”, “The Future as a Present Concern” Online International Conference, National University of Ireland, Galway – The Irish Philosophical Society –British Society of Phenomenology, 1 – 3 September 2021.

**2021:** “Cynicism, Irony, and Solidarity: Moral Responsibility and Social Engagement in the Philosophy of Richard Rorty”, XI Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy (Online Event), University of Minho, Braga, Portugal, 9 – 11 June 2021.

**2021:** “The Post-Secular and the Political”. International Conference (online): Defining the Post-Secular Condition, Vilnius University, Lithuania, 25 – 26 February 2021.

**2019:** “Post-Secular Politics? The Political and the Turn to Religion in Contemporary Political Theory”, Engaging the Contemporary 2019: The Philosophical Turn towards Religion (online event), University of Malta, Valletta, 7 – 8 November 2019.

**2019:** “Gadamer, Schumpeter, and Habermas on the Classical Conception of Politics and its Relation to Modern Democracy”, First International Conference of Hellenic Studies: “Hellenic Political Philosophy and Contemporary Europe”, Center for Hellenic Studies, Herceg Novi, Montenegro, 29 September – 4 October 2019.

**2019:** “The concept of Secularization in Post-Secular Society”, “Dialectics Seminar”, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, 7 May 2019.

**2019:** “Religion and State Neutrality in Post-Secular Society”, European Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Bologna, Italy, 4 – 7 March 2019.

**2018:** “Care of the Self and Practical Life in Gadamer and Taylor”, Panhellenic Conference of the Philosophy Department of the University of Patras, “Philosophy, Self-Knowledge and Care of the Soul/the Self», Central Library of the University of Patras, 5 – 7 December 2018.

**2018:** Rational Reconstruction and Evolutionary Theory in the Theory of Communicative Action”, 5th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 29 November – 1 December 2018.

**2018:** “Religion, Society, and Politics in Post-Secular Society”, 24th Panhellenic Postgraduate Seminar – Conference “Issues in the Research Methodology of Social Sciences”, Subject Group: Modern and Contemporary Social Theory, Coordination: Angelos Mouzakitis, Assistant Professor of Social Theory, Department of Sociology, University of Crete, Rethymno, Crete, 2 – 4, November 2018.

**2018:** «Habermas on Europe: Aspects, Contradictions, and Prospects of the European Integration”, 11th Conference of the Hellenic Political Science Association, “European and Green Politics during the Eight Years of Crisis: Trends and Prospects”, Athens, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, 19 – 20 April.

**2018:** “The Concept of the Political in Post-Secular Society”, Psychopedis Seminar on the Theory and Epistemology of the Social Sciences, Department of Economics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 22 March.

**2018:** “Pluralism and the Public Sphere in Post-Secular Society”, European Academy of Religion, First Annual Conference, 5 – 8 March 2018, Bologna, Italy.

**2017:** “Human Sociality and Morality in Michael Tomasello», Research Seminar of the Division of Philosophy and Theory of Science and Technology, Department of Methodology, History and Theory of Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 20 March.

**2016:** “Habermas, Tomasello and the Evolutionary Origins of the Theory of Communicative Action”, 4th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, Department of Methodology, History and Theory of Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 1 – 3 December.

**2016:** “Practical Reason and Responsibility in the Theory of Communicative Action”, Psychopedis Seminar on the Theory and Epistemology of the Social Sciences, Department of Economics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 10 November.

**2016:** “Practical Reason and Modernity: Habermas’s Critique of Neo-Aristotelian Ethics and the Problem of Moral Justification», World Congress of Philosophy: “The Philosophy of Aristotle”, International Association of Greek Philosophy – Greek Philosophical Society – Cyprus Philosophical Society, Department of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 9 – 15 July.

**2016:** “Habermas, Darwin, and the Morality of the Species». “Research Seminar”, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 1 June.

**2015:** “Gilles Deleuze et Peter Sloterdijk: De la machine désirante à l’immunité bioécologique”, “Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari: Refrains of Freedom” International Conference, Department of Social Anthropology & Department of Political Studies and History, Panteion University, Institut Français d’Athènes (IfA), 24 – 26 April.

**2014:** With Georgia Papadopoulou, “Greek Democracy and Cynicism”, 10<sup>th</sup> Hellenic Political Science Association Conference, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 18 – 20 December (in Greek).

**2014:** “Fabricating the Human Being: Nature, Technique and the Internal Dynamics of Anthropogenesis in Jürgen Habermas and Peter Sloterdijk”, 3rd Hellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, Department of Methodology, History, and Theory of Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 27 – 29 November (in Greek).

**2014:** With Georgia Papadopoulou, «The Dialectics of Cynicism and Democracy”, “Dialectics Seminar”, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 1 July.

**2014:** With Angelos Mouzakis. “The Critique of Instrumental Reason in Adorno and Levinas”, “Factory of Ideas: Meetings on Contemporary Philosophy”, Athens, 8 April.

**2013:** “Raison pratique et responsabilité: la responsabilité comme *phronesis* et les limites de l’herméneutique philosophique”, 23rd World Congress of Philosophy: “Philosophy as Inquiry and Way of Life”, International Federation of Philosophical Societies/Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie (FISP) – Hellenic Philosophical Society, School of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 4 – 10 August.

**2013:** “Social Constitution and Dialectical Change of Freedom in Theodor Adorno”, “Dialectics Seminar”, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, 14 May.

**2013:** “Derrida and Kant: The Aporetical Aspect of the ‘As If’ and the Conditions of Possibility of Responsibility”, “Jacques Derrida’s Political and Moral Thought” Conference, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, French Institute of Athens/Institut français d’Athènes, (IfA), 24 – 26 January.

**2012:** “The Subject of Responsibility and the Question of Cynicism”, “Dialectics Seminar”, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 10 January.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**2007:** Theatricality and Subjectivity in Rousseau's 'Lettre à d'Alembert', Topika 12, Society for the Study of Human Sciences, Kythera, 8 – 11 September.

**2017 – 2022: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Adjunct Lecturer**

- "History of Sociological Theory II"
- "Epistemology"
- "Critical Theory"
- "Special Issues in Methodology"
- "Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy"

**2021 – 2022 (Fall): School of Pedagogical and Technological Education (ASPETE), Adjunct Lecturer**

- "Pedagogy and Philosophy of Education"

**2016 – 2018 (Fall): University of Thessaly, Adjunct Lecturer**

- "History of Philosophy and Philosophy of Education"

**2016 – 2017 (Spring): Ionian University, Adjunct Lecturer**

- "European Modernity II: Readings in Twentieth Century European Philosophy, Art, and Politics"

**2013 – 2015:** National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Lifelong Learning Programme "Plato's Academy".

- Philosophy and Social Theory

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**March 2022 – May 2023 (under contract):** Member of the Research Group: "Economy, Administration and Social Science" for the production of the educational and the evaluation process material for the project "Second Degree Information and Communication Technology in Education, Second Cycle", Computer Technology Institute and Press (CTI – DIOPHANTUS) and Institute of Educational Policy (IEP), Co-ordinator: Ioannis Tsirmpas, Assistant Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

**February 2020 – April 2021:** Research Fellow in: "Religion and Politics in Greece: The Political Discourse of the Church of Greece during Crisis Period" (MIS 5049003), with Gerasimos Karoulas (researcher), Yiannis Karayiannis (Academic Supervisor), Fani Kountouri (second Academic Supervisor), Department of Political Science, University of Crete.

**September 2018 – January 2020:** Member of the Research Group: "Economy, Administration and Social Science" for the production of the educational and the evaluation process material for the project "Second Degree Information and Communication Technology in Education", Computer Technology Institute and Press (CTI – DIOPHANTUS) and Institute

of Educational Policy (IEP). Co-ordinator: Ioannis Tsirmpas, Assistant Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

**d) June 2000 – July 2000:** Civic Education Study (CIVIC) – Researcher – IEA Hellenic Coordinating Centre.

**ACADEMIC SERVICE** Referee for English-speaking Philosophy Journals: *Social Compass, The European Legacy, Politics, Religion & Ideology, Philosophies, Religions.*

**LANGUAGES**  
French (excellent speaking, reading and writing)  
English (excellent reading, good speaking and writing)  
German (fair reading, basic speaking and writing)  
Ancient Greek (excellent reading)  
Latin (basic reading)