

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Area of Specialization (AOS):

Ancient Greek Philosophy, esp. Neoplatonism

## Areas of Competence (AOC):

Byzantine and Modern Greek Philosophy

## Personal details

Born in 1986 in Athens.

Married; father of one daughter.

## Academic Career and Education

### National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

2020-2022 Adjunct Lecturer (Department of Philosophy: Teaching Fellow)

### Universität Erfurt

2020-2021 Initialisierungsstipendiat (Initialization Scholarship: Summer and Winter Semesters)

CV: D.A. VASILAKIS

LMU Munich

- [2018-2019] Parental leave]
- 2016-2017 Post-Doc/Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter of the DFG Project "Natur in politischen Ordnungsentwürfen: Antike – Mittelalter – Frühe Neuzeit" (FOR 1986) (Teilprojekt 2) (Winter and Summer Semester)
- 2015-2016 Werkvertrag for research assistance (Winter Semester)
- 2015 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (for teaching - Summer Semester)
- 2014-2015 Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft (for tutorials - Winter Semester)

King's College London

- 2011-2014 PhD in Philosophy
- PhD thesis: *Neoplatonic Love: The Metaphysics of Eros in Plotinus, Proclus and the Pseudo-Dionysius* (: Pass without corrections; [https://kcl-pure.kcl.ac.uk/portal/en/persons/dimitrios-vasilakis\(1cc3c059-afb7-4606-9e25-24fe6efd6eb1\)/theses.html](https://kcl-pure.kcl.ac.uk/portal/en/persons/dimitrios-vasilakis(1cc3c059-afb7-4606-9e25-24fe6efd6eb1)/theses.html) )
- Primary Supervisor: Prof. Peter Adamson
- Secondary Supervisors: Prof. M.M. McCabe
- Dr Raphael Woolf
- Dr Shaul Tor
- Examiners: Prof. John Dillon (Dublin)
- Prof. Pavlos Kalligas (Athens)
- 2013 Visitor for the Summer Semester at LMU, MuSAΦ: Munich School of Ancient Philosophy
- 2010-2011 Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Dissertation: *The ontological status of Eros in Plotinus' treatise III.5: "On love"*
- Supervisor: Prof. Peter Adamson
- Examiner: Dr Raphael Woolf
- 2010 June Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice: Introduction to Learning & Teaching in Higher Education. King's Learning Institute
- 2009-2010 Master of Arts, (MA) in the History of Philosophy

## CV: D.A. VASILAKIS

Dissertation: "Aspects of Nature and of its relation to Craft in Plotinus with specific reference to the Aristotelian background"

Primary Supervisor: Prof. Peter Adamson

[2008-2009 Compulsory military service]

### National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

2004-2008 BA (Ptychion) in the Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogy, Psychology (ΦΠΨ); School of Philosophy

## Publications

### *I. Book*

Vasilakis, Dimitrios A. 2021: *Eros in Neoplatonism and its Reception in Christian Philosophy: Exploring Love in Plotinus, Proclus and Dionysius the Areopagite*, Bloomsbury Academic, London, NY, Oxford, New Delhi, Sydney.

- A book review was published by S. Klitenic-Wear in *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition*, 15:1 (2021), 117-119.

### *II. Articles*

#### *Peer-reviewed*

Vasilakis, D.A. 2021: "Love as Descent: Comparing the Models of Proclus and Dionysius through Eriugena", *Religions*, 12:9 (2021): no.726 (pp.1-13: <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12090726>).

-, 2019a: "Neoplatonic Providence and Descent: a Test-Case from Proclus' *Alcibiades Commentary*", *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition*, 13:2 (2019), 153-171.

-, 2019b: "Hellenism and Christianity: Petros Vrailas-Armenis on the Constituents of Modern Greek Identity", *Akropolis*, 3 (2019), 88-108.

-, 2017: "Dionysius *versus* Proclus on Undeified Providence and its Byzantine Echoes in Nicholas of Methone", *Studia Patristica*, vol.XCVI/22 (2017), 407-418.

-, 2016: "Maximus as a Philosophical Interpreter of Dionysius: the Case of Christ as Manic Lover", *Θεολογία*, 87:2 (April-June 2016), 103-112.

-, 2015: "Love and myth in Plotinus' *Enneads* III.5", *Diotima. Review of Philosophical Research*, 43 (2015), 68-75.

-, 2014: "Platonic Hermeneutics from the Socratic View-point in Plato's *Meno*", *Πλάτων: Περιοδικό τῆς Ἐταιρείας Ἑλλήνων Φιλολόγων*, 59 (2013-2014), 156-166.

### *In collective volumes*

Vasilakis, Dimitrios A. 2021a: "A Neo-Platonic Dialogue on the Ethics of Love", in K. Grødum, H.F. Hägg, J. Kaufman & T.T. Tollefsen (eds), *Love – Ancient Perspectives. The Metochi Seminar*, Cappelen Damm Akademisk, NOASP (Nordic Open Access Scholarly Publishing), Oslo, pp.81-99.

Βασιλάκης, Δ.Α. 2021b: «Θεανθρωπισμός χριστιανικός και παγανιστικός: συγκριτική εξέταση δύο αντιπροσωπευτικών παραδειγμάτων» ("Christian and Pagan God-manhood: comparison of two representative examples"), in Κ.Χ. Καραγκούνης, π. Δ. Κουτσούρης, Σ.Γ. Κωσταρά, Μ.Κ. Μαντζανάς (επιμ.), *1ο Διεπιστημονικό Συνέδριο Α.Ε.Α.Α. «Χριστιανισμός και Ανθρωπισμός»*, 6-8 Νοεμβρίου 2019, *Πρακτικά (Proceedings)*, εκδ. Παπαζήση, Athens, pp.39-52.

Vasilakis, D.A. 2019: "On the Meaning of Hierarchy in Dionysius the Areopagite", in P.G. Pavlos, L.F. Janby, E.K. Emilsson and T.T. Tollefsen (ed.), *Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity*, Routledge, London and New York, pp.181-200.

-, 2017: "Platonic Eros, Moral Egoism, and Proclus", in D.D. Butorac and D.A. Layne (ed.), *Proclus and his Legacy*, De Gruyter ('Millennium Studies' series, vol.65), Berlin-Boston, pp.45-52.

### *III. Book-Reviews*

Vasilakis, Dimitrios A. forthcoming: "Plotinus, Love and Metaphysics": Review of Bertozzi (A.) *Plotinus on Love. An Introduction to his Metaphysics through the Concept of Eros*, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2021, *The Classical Review*.

-, 2019: Review of S. Mitralaxis et al. (ed.), *Maximus the Confessor as a European Philosopher*, Cascade, Eugene, Oregon, 2017. *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 93:3 (2019), 579a-583b.

Βασιλάκης Α. Δημήτρης: (Βιβλιοκρισία του:) George Karamanolis: *The Philosophy of Early Christianity* (Durham: Acumen 2013). *Κριτικά* 2014-13, <<http://www.philosophica.gr/critica/2014-13.html>>.

### **Scholarships, Awards and Prizes**

## CV: D.A. VASILAKIS

- 2020-2021 Initialisierungsstipendium (Initialization Scholarship) of the University of Erfurt, Germany.
- 2010-2013 AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council) scholarship for PhD study
- 2011-2012 Holder of KCL Graduate School Conference Grants, Arts & Humanities Small Grants for Research Students, Philosophy Department Bursary (for Conferences)
- 2010-2013 "A.G. Leventis Foundation" annual Grants
- 2009-2014 Academy of Athens Scholarship and Scholarship by the Foundation "Lilian Voudouris" for Postgraduate studies.
- 2013 "Honourable mention for a GTA excellence in teaching award" (KCL Philosophy Dept.; see below)
- 2012 King's (KCL)-AHRC Research & Training Support Grant
- 2011 "Honourable mention for an excellence in teaching award" (KCL Philosophy Dept.; see below)
- 2009 "Andreadis Prize" by the University of Athens (for graduation with the highest mark in the faculty: "Excellent"-09.70/10.00-grade A+)
- 2004-2008 Annual Scholarships and Prizes by the I.K.Y. (State Scholarship Foundation) due to excellent marks (9.40; 9.90; 9.60; 9.90)

### Conferences/Seminars/Workshops

#### As participant

#### *Abstract peer-reviewed*

- June 2021 "Dionysius' Christ versus Proclus' Socrates: how to provide (or polemicize) in an unmixed way", 18th Annual International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS) Conference 2021 (Panel on "Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity and Byzantium: Rivals, alliances, or merely a continuum?"), online (via Zoom)
- June 2021 "Love and Platonic Descent: some consequences in Proclus and Dionysius", in the online Conference "The Reception of Plato from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages", Macquarie University, Sydney and National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

## CV: D.A. VASILAKIS

- Febr. 2021 Presentation of my book on *Eros in Neoplatonism and Its Reception in Christian Philosophy* at the 1st Online Edinburgh Byzantine Book Festival (<https://www.ed.ac.uk/history-classics-archaeology/news-events/events-archive/2020/1st-online-edinburgh-byzantine-book-festival>)
- Dec. 2016 “Neoplatonic Descent: A Proclean Example with a Dionysian Counterpart” in the Workshop “Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity”, Oslo
- August 2015 “Dionysius versus Proclus on Undefined Providence” in the XVII. International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford
- August 2013 “Aspects of the erotic way of life in Proclus” in the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy, Athens
- June 2013 “Petros Brailas-Armenis and the constituents of Modern-Greek identity” in the Conference: “Reflections on Identity”, Berlin
- Dec. 2012 “The Platonic question of egoism and the Proclean ideal lover”, in the Conference “Arxai: Proclus Diadochus of Constantinople and his Abrahamic Interpreters”, Istanbul
- Oct. 2012 “Platonic Eros, moral egoism and Proclus” in the International Plato Society first regional Meeting, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- June 2012 “Love and Myth in Plotinus *Enneads*, III.5” in the X Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS), Cagliari, Sardinia
- January 2012 “Love and Myth in Plotinus *Enneads*, III.5” in Master-Class KNAW/OIKOS “Expanding the Canon of Ancient Philosophy”, Amsterdam

### *Invited*

- Dec. 2021 Two Guest Lectures (on Plotinus and Dionysius the Areopagite) in the context of Prof. G. Steiris’ Postgraduate Module on Renaissance Philosophy (M.A. in Philosophy course of the Dept. of Philosophy at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens).
- Dec. 2020 One Guest Lecture on Plotinus in the context of Prof. G. Steiris’ Postgraduate Module on Renaissance Philosophy (MA in Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy, NKUA).

## CV: D.A. VASILAKIS

- June 2020 Presentation of the intended Research Project: "Dionysius the Areopagite's Reception among Key Thinkers of the 20th century Orthodox World (V. Lossky, Fr. Sophrony, Chr. Yannaras, J. Zizioulas)" at the Online Graduiertenkolloquium zur Kulturgeschichte des Orthodoxen Christentums (Universität Erfurt).
- Oct. 2019 "Two Themes from the Work of Prof. Mark Edwards", IV Colloquium Adamantianum, The Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism, University of Cambridge
- May 2015 "Platonic Eros, Moral Egoism and Proclus", Metochi Study Centre (University of Agder), in Mytilini/Lesvos
- August 2013 Selected by KCL to participate in the Cornell Reading Group on Aristotle's *Eudemian Ethics*, book IV, held at the University of Cornell, Ithaca, NY
- June 2012 "Modern Greek identity and philosophy in the work of Petros Brailas-Armenis (1812-1884)" in the workshop "An Immortal Debate: Philosophy", KCL, Centre for Hellenic Studies, London
- July 2011 Translation and comments in collaboration with Adam Crager (of *Parva Naturalia*, 458b25-459a22) at the Princeton University-University of Crete Summer Workshop in Ancient Philosophy

### **As (co-)organizer and convener of**

- Oct. 2017 Conference on "Philosophy in Byzantium: The Order of Nature and Order of Humankind" (Oct. 5-6, MuSAΦ, LMU, Munich; co-organized with Peter Adamson and Jonathan Greig)
- May 2012 talk by D. Vasilakis "Neoplatonic Love and Plotinus", Goodenough College London
- March 2012 talk by R. Woolf, "Platonic Love and the Individual", Goodenough College London
- Dec. 2011 talk by P. Adamson, "The Reception of Greek Philosophy in the Islamic World," Goodenough College London

### **Previous Teaching Experience**

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

## CV: D.A. VASILAKIS

2021 Spring Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy (66ΦΣ20)

2020-'21 Winter Two modules on the History of Greek Philosophy: Philosophy of Nature (73ΦΣ124) & Greek Philosophy of the Diaspora (73ΦΣ125, both focusing on Plotinus)

### Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

2015 Spring Seminar und Lektürekurs on Plato's *Symposium* (in German).

2014-'15 Fall Tutorials for Essaykurs on Freedom and Determinism (in German)

### King's College London

2013 Fall Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) for Greek Philosophy (Introductory level: Plato's *Meno* and selected chapters from Aristotle)

2013 Spring Neoplatonism (GTA)

2012 Fall Greek Philosophy: themes from Plato (GTA)

2012 Spring Greek Philosophy: themes from Aristotle (Teaching Tutor)

2011 Fall Greek Philosophy Revision Sessions (for the federal system)

2011 Spring Various topics of Ancient Greek Philosophy (Plato and Aristotle, metaphysics and ethics. Tutor)

### **Other Academic Activities**

I have served as

- Examiner of a D.Phil. thesis on Dionysius the Areopagite at the University of Oxford. (The online viva took place on 17 March 2021.)
- Reviewer of the Journals *Religions*, *Phasis* and of an ISNS publication.

### **Languages**

*English* (fluent)

*German* (advanced)

*French* (reading)

*Latin* (reading)

*Ancient and Medieval Greek* (proficiency)

*Modern Greek* (mother tongue)