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PERSONAL PROFILE

Multilingual and career-minded Doctor of Philosophy, with in-depth knowledge in the field of Philosophy. Teaching experience spans 9 years and includes classroom instruction and private tutoring to undergraduate and postgraduate students of Philosophy (ancient-medieval-modern).

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Metaphysics of Love (existentialism & idealism), German Idealism, Russian Philosophy (19th century), Ancient Greek Philosophy (Neoplatonism), Philosophy of Religion (mysticism).

EDUCATION

PhD (<u>Date of award: 15th September 2025</u>): Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies (Radboud University – Nijmegen); Title: "On Solov'yëv's View of Love and its Affinities with Proclus and Maximus the Confessor."

Diploma (Bachelor) in Greek Philology (Classics, Ancient Greek and Latin): National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (U.O.A.), Greece (Sept 2001 – June 2006).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching History of Philosophy (MA): National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (March 2023 – now).

Teacher of undergraduate and post graduate students - Study help (school of higher education) - Psychiko, Athens (September 2006 - June 2015):

Taught academic courses and directed learning to achieve student engagement in Philosophy (Ancient Greek-Medieval-Modern)

- Served as pastor/advisor to students in a mentorship capacity, including challenging and motivating students to succeed.
- Created a participatory classroom environment that encouraged students to achieve their potential for higher learning, based on student-centered pedagogy.
- * Assisted research projects, edited and supervised 80+ diploma theses (English, French, Greek).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (COMPLETED & CERTIFIED)

Teaching and Training courses (completed):

Academic Writing: Technical University of Munich (TUM) (April – June 2019).

Contemporary Approaches to University Teaching (HE): Swinburne University (January – March 2019).

Academic Research/visit: Professor Jonathan Sutton at University of Leeds (UK) (May 2017).

Attendance certificate: Workshop *Democratic Culture(s)* as well as Debate "*The common good in modern philosophy and contemporary politics*", University of Groningen, The Netherlands (9-10 December 2016).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (UNDER PROCESS)

Teaching Critical Thinking through Art with the National Gallery of Art (Smithsonian Institution).

Unlocking the Power of Generative AI with ChatGPT for Higher Education (Universidad Galileo).

Academic English: How to Write a Thesis (University of Queensland).

Coaching Skills for Learner-Centred Conversations (Imperial College London).

How to Give and Receive Feedback (Davidson College).

Managing Conflicts on Projects with Cultural and Emotional Intelligence (University of Maryland).

How to Write an Essay (University of California, Berkeley).

Introduction to Transferable Skills (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

Teaching Teamwork & Communication Skills (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

Teaching and Learning in the Era of AI (University of Alaska Fairbanks).

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) (University of California, Riverside).

Leaders of Learning (Harvard University).

Blended Learning Toolkit (Columbia SIPA).

Research Ethics: a guide for responsible research with human subjects (KU Leuven).

Enhancing Catholic School Identity (KU Leuven).

Philosophy and Critical Thinking (University of Queensland).

Managing Study, Stress and Mental Health at University (Curtin University).

Storytelling in the Workplace (Rochester Institute of Technology).

FELLOWSHIPS

RESEARCH FELLOW:

Erasmus Collection Fellowship (Erasmus of Rotterdam Research Center) (October 2024 – November 2024). Give lecture under the title: 'Affinities between 'Deification' in St Jerome and Erasmus' *Philosophia Christi* - Works to be discussed: St Jerome's *Epistles, Tractates on the Psalms, Adversus Iovinianum* – Erasmus' *Adagia, Enchiridion, Paraphrases, Ciceronianus, Convivium religiosum.*'

Titus Brandsma Institute Nijmegen (December 2022- December 2025). **Give lecture under the title:** Rethinking the Power and Evil in Russian Philosophy and Literature (Dostoevsky and Solovyov)'

The Early Modern Greek Culture Program at The Medici Archive Project (December 2021 – Now).

Radboud Centre for Philosophy and Society (July 2021- Now).

Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) (December 2020 – Now).

Training and Academic Research on Philosophy (ERASMUS Mundus: Higher School of Economics (HSE) Moscow) (January 2018 – February 2018).

EDITING

Associate Editor: *Conatus – Journal of Philosophy* (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) (December 2020 – Now):

- ✓ Editing and proofreading content (mainly submitted philosophical papers) for the Journal Conatus of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in three source/target languages (English, French and Greek).
- ✓ Collaborating with a small team in order to organize and deliver on time the editing and publishing process of various philosophical texts.
- ✓ Participating monthly meetings with the Chief Editor.

LANGUAGES

- Greek (native).
- Ancient Greek and Latin (excellent command).
- English (C1).
- Dutch (B2, reading C1).
- French (B2, reading C1)
- Russian (B2, reading C1).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- ❖ The Concept of Godmanhood (bogochelovechestvo) by Vladimir Soloviev (1853-1900) as a Part of Christian Politics and Social Activism. MTN (Mystical Theology Network) [March 19th-21st 2024], St. John College, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- ❖ Vladimir Soloviev's idea of Christian politics. Utopian or Realistic Approach against the Russian autocracy of the 19th century?, Comparative Political Theory Workshop 2022, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens − the Medici Archive Project, 13th-14th April 2022, Athens, Greece.
- ❖ Guest Lecturer in Radboud University (Nijmegen). Title: The Edges of Europe: The Greek War of Independence (1821) and The Treaty of Lausanne (1923) as benchmarks for the Greek National Identity, 10th of March 2022.
- Russian mysticism and Philokalia: towards an 'integral life' by Vladimir Soloviev (1853-1900), International Conference for Philosophy and Theology of St. Gregory of Palamas, 2nd-4th July 2021, Veroia, Greece.
- ❖ Proclean Love: Towards a human perfection, 18th International Conference of ISNS (International Society for Neoplatonic Studies), American College of Athens, 10-12th June 2021, Athens.
- ❖ Sophia's (Wisdom) Aspects in Vladimir Soloviev's Smysl' Ljubvi (The Meaning of Love), Sophia in Changing Times, Expozicia IKONY in cooperation with Teologická fakulta Trnavskej university, 11th-12th October, 2019, Žilina.
- * Respondent to Women and Power in Hellenistic Poetry, University of Groningen, 14th Groningen Workshop on Hellenistic Poetry, 21st-23rd August 2019.
- Neoplatonic findings in Vl. Soloviev's The Meaning of Love, International Conference: Vladimir Soloviev: The Metaphysics of Love, Faculty of Philosophy of the Pontifical University of John

- Paul II (Krakow), Institute of Philosophy "Edith Stein" (Granada), International Center for the Study of the Christian Orient (Granada), 2nd-5th June 2019.
- ❖ Neoplatonic Conceptions in Theophilos Kairis' Philosophy, 12th Pan-Hellenic Conference of Philosophy, Greek Philosophy from 15th century till now, University of Ioannina 11th-13th May 2018.
- ❖ Guest Lecturer for Seminar "Randen van Europa − Identiteit, Burgerschap, Religie" (Griekenland), Radboud University, 12th April 2017.
- ❖ The October Revolution in Nikos Kazantzakis' "Traveling: Russia" (Ταξιδεύοντας Ρουσία), in the Conference "The Russian Revolution and the History of Ideas", Archiwum Warszawskiej Szkoly Historii Ideii, Warsaw, Poland 8th-10th November 2017.
- Guest Lecturer in Radboud University (Nijmegen). Title: Political thoughts in Neoplatonism The case of Olympiodorus: Commentary with the Grace of God on Plato's Gorgias (Σχόλια συν θεῷ εἰς τον Γοργίαν), 08th July 2016.
- ❖ First Philo-Sophia Colloquium − Comparing Sophia in Solovyov-Bulgakov-Florenskij. Radboud University, 10th June 2016.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

On Solov'yëv's View of Love and its Affinities with Proclus and Maximus the Confessor. Academische Uitgeverij Eburon: Utrecht, 2025.

Articles:

- "Parallels between Maximus the Confessor and Vladimir Soloviev (1853-1900)," Dia-noesis 14 (2023): 105-146. Issue 14 The Byzantine world and its cultural surroundings Dia-noesis: A Journal of Philosophy (dianoesis-journal.com).
- * "De vermommingen van de Antichrist in 19de-eeuws Rusland", *Filosofie-Tijdschrift* 33 (2) (2023): 9-13. https://filosofie-tijdschrift.nl/nummer/jrg-33-nr-2-russische-filosofie/.
- * "The concept of freedom in the work of Vladimir Soloviev (1853-1900)" [Η έννοια της ελευθερίας στο έργο του Βλαδίμηρου Σολοβιόφ (1853-1900)], Theology 93, vol. 3 (2022), 239-260. Η ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ: Περιοδικές Εκδόσεις της Εκκλησίας της Ελλάδος ΘΕΟΛΟΓΙΑ (ecclesiagreece.gr)
- * "The theology of St. Francis of Assisi in the light of Russian theologians and intellectuals of the late 19th and early 20th century" [Ἡ θεολογία τοῦ ἀγίου Φραγκίσκου τῆς Ἀσίζης ὑπὸ τὸ πρίσμα τῶν Ρώσων θεολόγων καὶ διανοητῶν τοῦ τέλους τοῦ 19ου καὶ τῶν ἀρχῶν τοῦ 20οῦ αἰώνα], Theological Interventions 6, Monasticism- Historical and theological approaches [Μοναχισμός Ιστορικές και θεολογικές προσεγγίσεις], Ιερά Μητρόπολη Τριμυθούντος, Ιδάλιο: Κύπρος 2022, 257-273.

- * "Parallels between Proclean Philosophy and Vladimir Soloviev's La Sophia and Smysl Lyubvi," Solovyov Studies 2(74) (2022): 6-25. DOI: 10.17588/2076-9210.2022.2.006-025. http://solovyov-studies.ispu.ru/files/published/str.6-25_si_274.pdf.
- ❖ "Discussion with Boethius's De consolatione philosophiae (The Consolation of Philosophy)," Dia-noesis 11 (2021): 223-241. Issue 11 (2021) − Dia-noesis: A Journal of Philosophy (dianoesis-journal.com).
- * "Commentary on Alcibiades I: Towards an Explanation of the Human Perfection," Czech and Slovak Journal of Humanities II (2020): 20-25.
- ❖ Text Linguistics with Emphasis in Discoursal Text, March 2006, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2006) (rating: 80/100).
- ❖ The Comedian Discourse of Aristophanes' "Acharnians" (Ἀχαρνῆς) under the supervision of Associate Professor, Mrs. Xristopoulou-Mikrogiannaki, Th. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2006) (rating:90/100).

TRANSLATIONS

* Η ΕΠΙΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΙΘΟΥΣΑ ΔΙΔΑΣΚΑΛΙΑΣ - Χρήση της Συναισθηματικής Νοημοσύνης και της μη Λεκτικής Επικοινωνίας στην Εκπαίδευση της Ηθικής στις Ιατρικές Σχολές [Classroom Communication Use of Emotional Intelligence and Non-Verbal Communication in Ethics Education at Medical Schools], Dr. Daniella Keidar, The International Center for Health, Law and Ethics Faculty of Law, University of Haifa, Israel The UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, The NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Lab, Athens 2022.

BOOK REVIEWS AND EDITING

- * Editing of the book Η φιλοσοφία στη Ρωσία: από τον Σολοβιόφ στην περεστρόικα και μετά [Philosophy in Russia: from Soloviev to Perestroika and after], Evert van der Zweerde, Athens: Zitros, 2022.
- * Review of the book *Medieval Islamic political thought and Modern Leadership*, Vasileios Syros. Contemporary issues 150-152.

PROJECTS UNDER PROCESS

❖ Publication of article "Sophia's Aspects in Vladimir Soloviev (1853–1900): The case of Smysl' Ljubvi (The Meaning of Love)", Volume *Sophia*, Brepols.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Associated member of OIKOS.

- * Member of ISNS (International Society for Neoplatonic Studies).
- Student Membership of IOTA (International Orthodox Theological Association).
- Member of Mystical Theology Network (MTN).