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## Education

*Brandon University, Manitoba, Canada* (1987-1991): B.A., Major in Philosophy; Double Minors in Religion and Psychology. B.A., 4-year Specialist degree in Philosophy (upgraded BA degree to the Honours Level).

*University of St. Andrews, Scotland* (1990/1): Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Moral Philosophy).

*University of Glasgow, Scotland* (1991-6): Ph.D., in Philosophy: "The Metaphysics of the Intentionality of the Human Mind: A Study of Intentionality focused on Sartre's and Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Mind and Language"; Supervisor Ms. Mary Haight.

*Hellenic Open University, Patras, Greece* (2007): Master in Education (M.Ed.)

*Open University, UK* (2006-2008): Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PCAP) H812); (2010) Course: H807 (Innovation in e-Learning).

*University of Strathclyde*: Postgraduate Diploma in Education (RME-Secondary), 2016.

## Academic Appointments

1992-4: *University of Glasgow-Scotland*: Tutor and Internal Examiner in Ordinary Philosophy C: Individuals and Society, Department of Philosophy, University of Glasgow, October 1992-June 1994 (Course Convener: Dr. Jim Edwards).

1998-2016:

*University of Athens- Greece*:

Lecturer and Examiner in Environmental Ethics, Ethical Theory, Logic and Analytic Philosophy for the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Athens, (February 1998 till September 2004).

Lecturer, Examiner and Supervisor for final year Postgraduate MPhil theses (2002-3) on Philosophy of History and Philosophy of Culture.

*Hellenic Ministry of Defence, Greece*:

Lecturer and Examiner in Introduction to Philosophy, Greek Navy Cadet School, Greek Ministry of Defence, September 1998-January 1999.

Lecturer and Examiner in Introduction to Philosophy, Air Force Cadet School, Greek Ministry of Defence, April-July 1999.

*Hellenic Open University, Greece*:

Lecturer and Examiner in the modules "Introduction to the Sciences of Man and Nature" (EPO 31), and "Philosophy and Religion in Europe" (EPO 22) at the Programme of Studies: "European Culture and Civilisation", at the School of Humanities, Hellenic Open University, October 2001-July 2006.

*University of Piraeus- Greece*:

Lecturer and Examiner in Introduction to Philosophy of Science, Introduction to Educational Theory and Philosophy of Education, Departments of Business Administration and Technological Education, University of Piraeus February 1999-January 2000.

*University of Patras- Greece:*

Lecturer and Examiner of courses in Modern Ethical Theory (16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>c.); Philosophical Texts: *The Blue and Brown Books* of Wittgenstein; Philosophical Texts: *The Philosophical Investigations* of L. Wittgenstein; Introduction to Medieval Philosophy; Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, February 2000-June 2004. Supervisor for Final Year Undergraduate Theses (2002-3). The theses include topics from the areas of Ethical Theory and Applied Ethics, Wittgenstein studies and application of W.'s theory, Medieval and Byzantine Philosophy, Philosophy of Law.

*American College of Thessalonika- Greece:*

Adjunct Faculty Member, Lecturer and Examiner of Ethics (Ethics-203) and in Epistemology (Introduction to Epistemology and Metaphysics-204), American College of Thessaloniki, Greece, February 2001-June 2001.

*Free University of Bolzano- Italy:*

Adjunct Professor of Moral Philosophy, Department of Economics, Free University of Bolzano, Bolzano, Italy, February 2004-April 2004.

*University of Glasgow- Scotland:*

Tutor in the Department of Philosophy, University of Glasgow (2004-7); Courses: Philosophy 2M (2<sup>nd</sup> Year Moral Philosophy); Philosophy 1B (1<sup>st</sup> year Critical Reasoning and Theory of Knowledge course); Philosophy 1K: Knowledge and the World (1CVU); Philosophy 1M (Right and Wrong) (1CUU). For Jan.2005-June 2007, I taught also the courses 'Mind and the World' and 'Ancient Greek Philosophy and Psychology' at the Department of Adult and Continuing Education (DACE), University of Glasgow.

*Open University- Scotland:*

Associate Lecturer in the Open University (Scotland) –Course: *AA308-Thought and Experience (Philosophy of Mind)*.

*University of Dundee, Scotland:*

Tutor in the course Science and Creativity, Department of philosophy, University of Dundee (Sept-Dec. 2017)

**Present Employment:**

*Open University- UK:*

Associate Lecturer in the Open University (Scotland) –Course: *A333: Key Questions in Philosophy* and an Associate Lecturer in *A332: Why is Religion Controversial?* Here I present the course in Scotland and I examine around 20 students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of studies (contract started in 2013 and is on-going). Research Affiliate (Department of Philosophy, Open University).

**Publications (Books Published):**

In Greek:

*Philosophy in Europe, Vol. I: Philosophy in Europe from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century*, Patras: Hellenic Open University, 2001, pp.203 (ISBN: 960-538-286-5) (now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). (Book Web Presentation Page: [www.eap.gr/books/epo22a.PDF](http://www.eap.gr/books/epo22a.PDF)). I prepared a 2<sup>nd</sup> enlarged edition of this book (pp.280), and it was published by the Hellenic Open University in 2008 (ISBN: 978-960-538-787-7).

*Europe East and West: Byzantine Civilization*, Patras: Hellenic Open University, 2001, pp.168 (ISBN: 960-538-277-6). (Book Web Presentation Page: [www.eap.gr/books/epo30a.PDF](http://www.eap.gr/books/epo30a.PDF)).

*The Nature, Value and Freedom of the Ethical Life of the Person: Ideas and perspectives in Modern Ethics (16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Century)*, Athens: Typothito (Gutenberg), 2002, pp.235 (ISBN: 960-402-044-7).

*Ancillae Theologiae: Philosophy and Theology in the Medieval and Byzantine Times*, Athens: Parousia, 2004, pp.368 (ISBN: 960-7956-94-X).

#### In English

*Divine Essence and Divine Energies: Ecumenical Reflections on the Presence of God in Eastern Orthodoxy*, edited by C. Athanasopoulos and C. Schneider, James Clarke & Co, 2013, ISBN: 9780227173862. Web page at the Publisher's Webpage: [http://www.jamesclarke.co/product\\_info.php/products\\_id/1848?osCsid=fead91afbed90ea81214c9d345a6560e](http://www.jamesclarke.co/product_info.php/products_id/1848?osCsid=fead91afbed90ea81214c9d345a6560e)

*Triune God: Incomprehensible but Knowable— The Philosophical and Theological Significance of St Gregory Palamas for Contemporary Philosophy and Theology*, edited by Constantinos Athanasopoulos, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015 (in English), ISBN (10): 1-4438-8055-8; ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-8055-8. Webpage: <http://www.cambridgescholars.com/triune-god>

### Publications (Articles and Papers):

#### 1994

"Pyrrhonism and Paul Feyerabend: A Study of Ancient and Modern Scepticism" (in English), in *Hellenistic Philosophy*, 2nd Vol., ed. by K.Boudouris, International Center for Greek Philosophy and Culture, Athens, 1994, pp.11-29.

"Anti-Thomism in Byzantine Philosophy: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, and Moral Ontology in the Theological Opposition to Thomism and Scholasticism" (in English), in *Philosophy and Orthodoxy*, ed. by K.Boudouris, International Center for Greek Philosophy and Culture, Athens, 1994, pp.41-93.

#### 1996

"Stoics and Modern Philosophy on Sentiments, Emotions, and Passions" (in Greek), *The Moral Philosophy of the Greeks* (in Greek), ICGPC, Athens, 1996, pp.147-66.

"Aristotle's Akrasia and J.-P.Sartre's Bad Faith" (in English), D.N. Koutras, ed., *The Aristotelian Ethics and its Influence*, Society for Aristotelian Studies "The Lyceum", Athens, 1996, pp.24-32.

#### 1997

Articles on "Thomas Brown" and "Philosophical Radicalists" ("Jeremy Bentham and the Benthamites") (in English) in *Britain in the Hanoverian Age, 1714-1837: An Encyclopaedia*, Garland Publishing, 1997, pp.79-80, pp.50-1.

#### 1998

"The Role of Faith in Platonic and Modern Scepticism" (in English), in *Skepsis: A Journal for Philosophy and Inter-disciplinary Research*, International Center of Philosophy and Inter-disciplinary Research, Athens-Olympia, Vol. IX, 1998, pp.155-68.

#### 1999

"Nature as *telos* in St. Gregory Palamas" (in Greek), in K. Boudouris, ed., *Ecology and Philosophy* (in Greek), Ionia Publications, Athens, 1999, pp.19-25.

#### 2000

"Good and Evil in Human Nature", (in English) in *Philosophical Inquiry: International Quarterly*, Vol.22, Summer, 2000, No.3, pp.104-15.

"Natural Law in Ancient Greek and Modern Philosophy: The Case for Ontology" (in English), in *Skepsis: A Journal for Philosophy and Inter-disciplinary Research*, 2000, Vol. XI, pp. 153-158.

"Faith, Knowledge and Law in the work of E. P. Papanoutsos" (in Greek), in K. Boudouris (ed.), *Νεοελληνική Φιλοσοφία (Modern Greek Philosophy)*, Ελληνικά Γράμματα (Ellinika Grammata Publ.), Athens 2000, pp.17-22.

"Philosophers discuss in their Natural Environment about the Values in Nature and the Ecological Problems", (in Greek) in *Ελληνική Φιλοσοφική Επιθεώρηση (Greek Philosophical Review)*, Vol.17, Issue 51, September 2000, pp. 252-57.

"The Ontological Relation of Value, Virtue and Justice" (in English), in *Phronimon: Journal of the South African Society for Greek Philosophy and the Humanities*, Volume 2, 2000, pp.15-22.

"The Concept of Harmony and its Timeless Aesthetic Value" (in Greek), in K. Boudouris, ed., *Greek Philosophy and the Fine Arts* (in Greek), Athens: Ionia Publications, 2000, pp.11-21.

## 2001

"The Ethics of Politics: How not to do things with words", (in English), in *Skepsis: A Journal for Philosophy and Inter-disciplinary Research*, Vol.XII, Athens-Olympia, 2001, pp.157-163.

"Knowledge, Faith and Method: The Opposition of St. Gregory Palamas to the Agnosticism and the Relativism of Later Byzantine Philosophy", (in Greek) in K. Boudouris, ed., *Greek Epistemology*, Athens: Ionia Publications, 2001, pp.11-26.

"Moral and State Controlled and Financed Education in the Contemporary Greek State" (in Greek), *University of Piraeus: Volume of Essays in Honour of the Late Professor D. Kodosakis*, Vol. 2, Piraeus: University of Piraeus Publications, 2001, pp.65-74.

## 2002

"Scholastic and Byzantine Realism: Absolutism in the Metaphysics and Ethics of Aquinas, Duns Scotus, Ockham and the critique of St. Gregory Palamas", (in English), in the international philosophy journal *Verbum* (the official Journal of the Institute of Medieval Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of St. Petersburg, Russia), Vol. 6, Volume Topic: Aristotle in Medieval Metaphysics, January 2002, pp.154-165.

## 2004

"Ecology, Ethics and the Independent Value of Nature" (in Greek), in *Filosofias Agonisma: Studies in Honour of Professor K. Boudouris*, ed. by Professor E. Maragagianou, Athens: Ionia Publications, 2004, pp.17-40.

"The Ethical Problems of Sensus Communis Philosophicus: Reflections on McKeon", *Societas Ethica, Jahresbericht/Annual 2004*, pp.350-361.

"The influence of Ps.Dionysius the Areopagite on Johannes Scotus Eriugena and St. Gregory Palamas: Goodness as Transcendence of Metaphysics" (in English), in Agnieszka Kijewska, ed., *Being or Good? Metamorphoses of Neoplatonism*, Lublin: Catholic University of Lublin Press (KUL), 2004, pp.319-341.

## 2006

"The Ethical Problems of Sensus Communis Philosophicus: Reflections on McKeon" in Stephan Heuser, Hans G. Ulrich, eds., *Pluralism in Europe- One Law, One Market, One Culture?* Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2006, pp.278-289.

Dictionary Entry on "Social Darwinism" in FOLDOP (Free On Line Dictionary of Philosophy) (<http://www.swif.it/foldop/dizionario.php?find=social%20Darwinism>), 12-10-2006.

Encyclopedia Entries in A. C. Grayling, A. Pyle and N. Goulder, eds., *The Continuum Encyclopedia of British Philosophy*, London: Continuum International Publ., 2006. "Communitarianism", in Vol. 1, pp. 692-693; "Culture and Civilization", in Vol. 1, pp. 767-769; "Fact-Value Distinction", Vol. 2, pp. 1047-1048; "War and Peace", Vol. 4, pp. 3304-3307.

2007

'E.P. Papanoutsos and David Hume: The Influence of Scottish Enlightenment on the Moral, Religious, Scientific and Aesthetical Views of a Contemporary Greek Philosopher' (in English), in *Philotheos: International Journal for Philosophy and Theology*, Vol. 7 (2007), pp.463-469.

2008

'e-Learning Innovations and Innovative Practice: A Philosophical and Educational Critical Reflection on the JISC Good Practice Guide', (in English), in *Discourse*, Vol. 7, No. 2, Spring 2008, pp.221-234 (on line version: [http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/resources/detail/subjects/prs/e-Learning\\_Innovations\\_and\\_Innovative\\_Practice-\\_A\\_Philosophical\\_and](http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/resources/detail/subjects/prs/e-Learning_Innovations_and_Innovative_Practice-_A_Philosophical_and) ).

"Report on the International e-Learning Conference for Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, York, UK, May 14th-15th 2008", in *American Philosophical Association (APA) Newsletter*, Vol. 8, No. 1, Fall 2008 (on line version: [http://www.apaonline.org/publications/newsletters/v08n1\\_Computers\\_18.aspx](http://www.apaonline.org/publications/newsletters/v08n1_Computers_18.aspx) ).

2009

"e-Learning Survey Report" (in English), in *Discourse*, Vol. 8, No. 3, on line version: [http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/resources/detail/subjects/prs/e-Learning\\_survey\\_report](http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/resources/detail/subjects/prs/e-Learning_survey_report) .

"Food and Drink as Spiritual Nourishment in Orthodox Mysticism ((Ps) Dionysius the Areopagite, St. Symeon the New Theologian and Nicholaos Cabasilas)"; the paper was translated into Russian and published in *Verbum*, 2009, Vol. 11, pp.45-68.

2010

"Ousia in Aristotle's Categories", *Logique et Analyse*, 53 (210), June 2010, pp. 211-243, (ISSN 0024-5836). Original title: The Importance of Aristotle's views on *Ousia* in the *Categories* for the understanding of Aristotle's dictum: "τὸ ὄν πολλαχῶς λέγεται" in *Metaphysics: The road to Rhetoric* and its use in Logic and Metaphysics or Against Some of the Essentialist and Rationalist Readings of Aristotle.

2012

'Towards a conceptual and methodological renaissance in Philosophical Practice or Socrates, Aristotle, Augustine and Carl Rogers: Elenchos, Balance, Truth and Love as an antidote to the Fear of Freedom. Some thoughts on the possibilities of improvements in current Philosophical Practice', *Proceedings of the XI-ICPP and HT2012 (The 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Philosophical Practice and the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Humanities Therapy)*, Korean Humanities Institute, Kangwon National University and HK Research Team for Humanities Therapy, Vol. 1, pp.217-239. The paper is also published at the peer-reviewed journal: *Philosophical Practice* (Journal of the APPA), Volume 7, Number 3, November 2012, pp.1030-1044.

'St. Gregory Palamas, (Neo-)Platonist and Aristotelian Metaphysics: the response of Orthodox Mystical Theology to the Western impasse of intellectualism and essentialism' in *Divine Essence and Divine Energies: Ecumenical Reflections on the Presence of God in Eastern Orthodoxy*, edited by C. Athanasopoulos and C. Schneider, James Clarke & Co, April 2013. ISBN: 9780227173862, pp.50-67.

'What Nicholas D. Smith has got wrong about Homeric Ethics', in *Teaching and Research in the Arts: Papers from the Arts Faculty Conference held at the New Lanark Mill Hotel, October 2010 and October 2011*, The Open University, 2012, pp.3-14.

2013

"C. Athanasopoulos: Introduction to the Volume", in C. Athanasopoulos, Guest Editor, *Philosophical Practice, Journal of the APPA*, Volume 8, Number 3, November 2013, Special



Issue on the 12th ICPP in conjunction with the 23rd World Congress of Philosophy, pp.1239-1241. Link to Cover: <http://www.appa.edu/vol%208.3%20cov.jpg> Link to the Table of Contents for the Journal Issue here: <http://www.appa.edu/vol%208.3%20toc.pdf> "The Validity and Distinctness of the Orthodox Mystical Approach in Philosophy and Theology and Its Opposition to *Esse ipsum subsistens*", *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*, Vol. 68, Number 4, 2012, pp.695-714. Abstract at the Journal's site: [http://www.rpf.pt/images/sobipro/entriesabstract/2012/4/2012\\_68\\_4\\_695.pdf](http://www.rpf.pt/images/sobipro/entriesabstract/2012/4/2012_68_4_695.pdf)

## 2014

"Mystical Ecology: Food and drink as spiritual nourishment in the Mystical Orthodox Tradition", in Luc Andrian, Jan-Willem Sneep, Guillermo Kerberand and Robin Attfield, eds., *Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Eco-Justice*, Vol.1, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014, pp.79-96 (ISBN (10): 1-4438-6689-X, ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-6689-7).

"Christian Mysticism and Food" in *Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics*, edited by Paul B. Thompson and David M. Kaplan (Springer Publ.), 2014 (ISBN: 978-94-007-6167-4 (Online)). Link to the live Encyclopedia entry here: [http://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-94-007-6167-4\\_436-6](http://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-94-007-6167-4_436-6)

"The Shield of Achilles: A use for Philosophical Practice" in *Philosophical Practice, Journal of the APPA*, Volume 9, Number 2, July 2014, pp.1381-1387.

## 2015

"The Cloud of Unknowing in Eckhart and Palamas: Discussion of Areopagitic Ineffability and its significance for Western and Eastern Christian Mysticism", (translated in Russian with the following title: Мрак неведения у Экхарта и Паламы: дискуссия об ареопагитской невыразимости и ее значении для Западной и Восточной христианской мистики), in *Verbum*, Vol. 17, pp. 17-24.

"Aristotle in Practice", in Michael Noah Weiss (ed.), *The Socratic Handbook*, Reihe: Schriftenreihe der Initiative Weltethos Österreich, Band 9, 2015, broschiert, 440 Seiten, ISBN: 978-3-643-90659-5, pp.83-87.

"Demonstration (Απόδειξις) and its problems for St Gregory Palamas: Some neglected Aristotelian aspects of St Gregory Palamas' Philosophy and Theology" in *The Ways of Byzantine Philosophy*, ed. by Mikonja Knezevic, Sebastian Press, USA, 2015, pp.361-374.

"The Spiritual Challenge of Being European Today for an Orthodox: The New Atheist Attack on Traditional European Values and Orthodox Christian Identity", in *Annals of the University of Bucharest: Philosophy Series*, 2015, Number 2, pp.13-26.

## Member of Philosophical Societies and Associations

Aristotelian Society; Philosophical Society of England; Societe Internationale Pour l' Etude de la Philosophie Medievale; International Association for Greek Philosophy; International Society for Philosophers; Greek Philosophical Society; Societas Ethica; British Wittgenstein Society; International Conference on Philosophical Practice; President of the Hellenic Society for Philosophical Practice: (<http://hellenicsocietyphilosophicalpractice.blogspot.co.uk/>)

## Member in Editorial Boards of International Philosophical Journals and Societies

-Referee and Member of the Advisory Board for *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia* ([http://www.rpf.pt/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=23&lang=en](http://www.rpf.pt/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=23&lang=en) )

-Member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Philosophical Practice* (IJPP) (<http://www.ijpp.net/Editors.asp> ).

-Associate Editor in the *Journal of Humanities Therapy*, Humanities Institute, Kangwon National University, South Korea, <http://www.ht21c.org/page/page.php/7>

-Associate Editor in the *Human Nature Review* (<http://human-nature.com/> ).

-Editorial Advisor and Referee in *Philosophical Frontiers: A Journal of Emerging Philosophical Thought* (<http://www.philosophicalfrontiers.com/editors.html> ).

- Referee and Member of the Editorial Board for *Analogia: The Pemptousia Journal for Theological Studies* (<https://analogiajournal.com/editorial-board/> )
- British Wittgenstein Society: I have created, organized and run the Comprehensive Annotated Wittgenstein Bibliography for BWS (<http://wittgensteinbibliography.wikidot.com/start> ).

### **Organisation of International Conferences**

International e-Learning Conference for Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, York, UK, May 14th-15th 2008 (read here some of the papers presented at the Conference : <http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/assets/documents/subjects/prs/PrsDocuments/438.pdf> a report about the Conference was presented at the APA Journal: [http://www.apaonline.org/publications/newsletters/v08n1\\_Computers\\_18.aspx](http://www.apaonline.org/publications/newsletters/v08n1_Computers_18.aspx) )

International Conference on the Philosophy and Theology of St Gregory Palamas, Thessaloniki and Holy Mountain Athos, March 7-15, 2012 (see the website of the Conference here: <http://www.athanasopouleion.gr/en/node/8>

Organisation of a Round Table on Wittgenstein and Therapy at the World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, August 5, 2013.

Organisation of a Round Table on The Philosophy of St Gregory Palamas at the World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, 6 August 2013.

Organisation of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Philosophical Practice in conjunction to the WCP in Athens, 2013; organisation of four Round Tables on Philosophical Practice. Website for the 12<sup>th</sup> ICPP (4-12 August 2013): <http://www.icpp-athens2013.org/notice1.html>

Organisation of the International Conference on St Gregory Palamas' Philosophy and Theology for the Palamas Seminar (Veroia, 19-22 June 2015).