

**Dr. George Zografidis**

Associate Professor

## I. CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal details

Current appointment: Associate Professor

Department of Philosophy

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### Education

- Ph.D. in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), Greece, 1988-1992 (10/10)
- M.A. in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, AUTH, 1986-1988 (10/10)
- B.A. (Ptychion) in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology, AUTH, 1982-1986 (four years degree; modules: philosophy, classics, literature) (8.3/10)

### Appointments

2012– *Associate Professor* of Byzantine Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, AUTH

2012– *Tutor* in the Unit “Greek Philosophy and Science”, Hellenic Open University

2006-2012 *Assistant Professor* of Byzantine Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, AUTH (tenured, 04/02/2010)

2001-2006 *Assistant Professor* of Byzantine Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Social Studies, University of Crete, Greece (tenured, 23/06/2005)

2001-2005 *Ordinator* and *Tutor* in the Unit “Greek Philosophy and Science”, Hellenic Open University

1998-2001 *Lecturer*, Department of Philosophy and Social Studies, University of Crete, Greece

### Research and Teaching Interests

- Patristic and Byzantine Philosophy
- Philosophy of Late Antiquity
- Epicureanism
- Reception of Greek Philosophy
- Aesthetics
- Philosophy of Religion

## Teaching Experience

### Undergraduate courses

#### *Patristic and Byzantine Philosophy*

- Medieval Philosophy - Platonism in Medieval Philosophy - Medieval Political Thought
- Byzantine Philosophy - Aristotelianism in Byzantium - Byzantine Aesthetics

#### *Byzantine and Greek Philosophy*

- Greek Philosophy and Christian Thought - Ancient and Medieval Philosophy of Art
- Image, Art, and Philosophy (Antiquity, Byzantium)

#### *Greek Philosophy*

- Hellenistic & Late Antique Philosophy) - Philosophy as a Way of Life
- Political Thought in Ancient Greece - Hellenistic Ethics: Epicureanism and Stoicism
- Epicurus and Epicureanism / Epicurean Ethics - Alcinous, *Handbook of Platonism*

#### *Other topics*

- Introduction to Philosophy - The Teaching of Philosophy
- Arguments concerning the Existence of God - The Problem of Evil
- Philosophy and Art: convergences and divergences - Iconoclasm and Iconolatry

### Graduate courses

- The Soul-Body Problem in Late Antique and Medieval Philosophy
- The Problem of Evil - The Problem of Free Will
- Aesthetics and Metaphysics: image, sign, symbol
- Byzantine Philosophy: Problems of Interpretation and Method
- Ontology and Aesthetics in Medieval Philosophy
- Platonism and Aristotelianism in Medieval Philosophy

## Supervising

Supervisor of one post-doctoral research (*Teaching Philosophy at non-Philosophical Departments*)

Supervisor of four dissertations (Ph.D.)

- *Philosophy and Literature in the work of Odysseas Elytis* (2011- ).
- *The problem of free will in Plato and Aristotle: Free choice and moral responsibility* (2008- ).
- *Time and Creation in Gregory of Nyssa and Meister Eckhart* (2007- ).
- *Mimesis, Imagination, and Symbolism in Byzantine Aesthetics* (2002-2006).

## **Professional Affiliations**

Greek Philosophical Society

Greek Society of Aesthetics

Greek Society for Philosophical Research (founding member)

## **Other scientific activities**

Member of the Editorial Board of the peer reviewed journals

*Ariadne* (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Crete) 2004-2006

*Critica* (Journal of Philosophical Reviews, Thessaloniki) 2009–

<http://www.philosophica.gr/critica>

Guest editor for two volumes of the peer reviewed journal *Hypomnema sten Philosophia* (Athens).

Reviewer of submitted articles for the three above journals and for the *Journal of Utopian Studies*.

## **II. PUBLICATIONS**

(selection)

### **BOOKS**

1. *Byzantine Philosophy of Image: A Reading of John of Damascus*. Athens <sup>1</sup>1997, <sup>2</sup>1999 (in Greek with English Summary).
2. *Philosophy and Images: Studies in Philosophy, Religion, and Art*. Athens 1998 (in Greek).
3. *Ancient Greek Philosophers*. Thessaloniki 2006 (in Greek, with V. Kalfas).
4. *Epicurus Ethics: The Therapy of the Soul*, Modern Greek translation-introduction-notes. Second revised edition..Thessaloniki 2009.

### **BOOKS EDITED** (in Greek)

1. Nicollo Machiavelli, *The Prince*. Thessaloniki, <sup>1</sup>1991, <sup>2</sup>1996, <sup>3</sup>1999, <sup>4</sup>2010.
2. *Philosophical Commentary in Antiquity and Middle Ages*. Athens 2005.
3. *Ancient Greek Philosophy*. Patra 2005 (CD-ROM).
4. *Aesthetics and Art: Interdisciplinary Approaches*. Herakleion: Crete University Press, 2008 (with Y. Kougioumoutzakis).
5. *Deaths of Philosophers in Antiquity*. Athens 2010 (with P. Kotzia & C. Balla).
6. *Studies on Epicurean Moral Philosophy* (transl. of selected English studies). Thessaloniki 2012.

## ARTICLES (selection)

### In English

1. "Aristotle and John of Damascus: The 'First Unmoved Mover' and God-Creator", in: T. Pentzopoulou-Valalas & S. Dimopoulos (eds), *Aristotle on Metaphysics*. Thessaloniki 1999, 201-221.
2. "The almighty Zeus of Plethon: Henology, Polytheism, Monarchy", *Philosophical Inquiry* 30 (2008) 223-243.
3. "Early Byzantine Philosophy", in: L. Gerson (ed.), *Cambridge History of Philosophy in Late Antiquity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010, 843-868 +1161-1169 (with K. Ierodiakonou).
4. Five Articles: "Blemmydes Nikephoros", "Byzantine Aesthetics", "Byzantine Ethics", "Pachymeres George", "Planoudes Maximos", in: *Encyclopedia of Medieval Philosophy*. Dordrecht: Springer, 2011.
5. "Is Patristic Aesthetics Possible? The Eastern Paradigm Re-examined", in: A. Cameron, M. Edwards & M. Vinzent (eds), *Studia Patristica* LIV. Leuven: Peeters (in press).

### In Greek

6. "Remarks on Artificial Image and Transcendent Prototype in Ancient Greek Theory of Art", *Hellenika* 47 (1997) 71-94 (with English Abstract).
7. "The Return of the texts: Ancient and Medieval Greek authors in translation (1980-1996)", in: *Kanon* 3 (1997) 105-126.
8. "The Concept of Causality in John of Damascus: God, Nature, Art ", in: *Acts of Conference on Philosophy and Theology in the Patristic Tradition*. Thessaloniki 1999, 5-27 (with English Summary).
9. "Augustine and 'Realized Christianity'", *Historica* 53 (2000) 60-65.
10. "Byzantine Philosophy", in: K. Ierodiakonou & S. Virvidakis (eds), *Greek Philosophy from Antiquity to 20<sup>th</sup> Century*. Patra 2002, 343-383.
11. "The Philosophy courses in Greek Higher Education", *Thallo* 13 (2002) 113-134.
12. "Basil Tatakis and Aristotelian philosophy ", in: L. Benakis (ed.), *Tatakis and Greek Philosophy*. Athens 2005, 77-109.
13. "Philosophical Commentary and Philosophy as Commentary", *Hypomnema sten philosophia* 4 (2005) 51-108, 319-352.
14. "Basil Tatakis, philosopher and pedagogue ", *Chronicles of Thessaloniki University* 16 (2006) 38-62.
15. "Platonic Iconology: Image as imitation and concealment of being", in: *Plato: Festschrift for D.Z. Andriopoylos*. Athens 2007, 184-198.
16. "Old and contemporary Iconoclasm: From Leo III to Taliban", in: G. Zografidis & Y. Kougioumoutzakakis (eds.), *Aesthetics and Art: Interdisciplinary Approaches*. Herakleion: Crete University Press 2008, 63-104.
17. "Byzantine loves, divine and human: The dialectic of desire and apathy", *Archaeology and Arts* 110 (2009) 12-21 (with English Abstract).
18. "The image of the foreigner in Byzantium", in: *Acts of International Conference on Xenophobia and Philadelpy in St. Paul*. Veroia 2009, 165-184 (with English Summary)..

19. "Natural and Voluntary Death in Christian Late Antiquity", *Hypomnema sten philosophia* 9 (2010) 227-263.

#### REVIEWS

1. George Gemistos Plethon, *De virtutibus*, ed. B.Tambrun-Krasker (Athens/Leiden 1987). *Hellenika* 40 (1989) 183-185.
2. D. Andriopoulos, *The Concept of Causality in Presocratic Philosophy* (Thessaloniki 1988). *Philologos* 61 (1990) 242-243.
3. D. Andriopoulos, *Greek Epistemology: Perception and Knowledge* (Thessaloniki 1988). *Philologos* 61 (1990) 240-241.
4. T. Valalas, *Heidegger* (Thessaloniki 1991). *Philologos* 63 (1991) 77-79.
5. K. Ierodiakonou (ed.), *Byzantine Philosophy and its Ancient Sources* (Oxford 2002). *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 41/3 (2003) 413-414.
6. Y. Karas (ed.), *History and Philosophy of Sciences in Greece, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> centuries* (Athens 2003). *Bibliodromio* (18/19.12.2004) 10.
7. D. Farmakis, *Karl Jaspers* (Thessaloniki 2009). *Kritika* 1 (2009) 203-212.
8. B. Tatakis, *Christian and Byzantine Philosophy* (Athens 2007). *Nesos Andros* 4 (2009) 248-250.
9. Augustine, *De Doctrina Christiana* (Greek edition, Thessaloniki 2011). *Dia-logos* 1 (2011) 311-316.
10. N. Siniosoglou, *Radical Platonism in Byzantium: Illumination and Utopia in Gemistos Plethon*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011. *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 133 (2013).

### III. RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Invited lectures (selection)

- Is Patristic Aesthetics Possible? The Eastern Paradigm Re-examined* (Penary Lecture). Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August 8-13, 2011.
- The possibility of rational metaphysics in Byzantine thought*. Twenty-first International Congress of Byzantine Studies, London, August 21-26, 2006.
- Epicurus in Byzantine Thought: Between Damnatio Memoriae and Oblivion*. International Conference 'Byzantine Philosophy and Its Ancient Sources', Thessaloniki, December 11-14, 1997.
- Aristotle and John of Damascus: First Unmoved Mover and God-Creator*. International Conference 'Aristotle: Metaphysics', Thessaloniki, October 9-10, 1997.
- Hellenes, Christians, Byzantines, and Europeans at last: Reception and use of Byzantine Art in Modern Greece*. Conference 'The Transformations of Helleno-Christianity, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries', Volos, March 12-14, 2010.
- Is there still Byzantine Philosophy? Sixty Years after Tatakis' "La philosophie byzantine"*. Symposium 'Tatakis and Byzantine Philosophy', Andros, September 19-21, 2008.
- The image of the foreigner in Byzantium*. International Conference 'Xenophobia and Philadelphy in St. Paul', Veroia 27-29.6.2008.

*Soul and Body in John of Damascus: Traditional or Holistic Dualism?*. Athens 13.4.2005.

*Logic as Philosophy Course in Greek High School*. Conference 'Logical Thought and Teaching of Logic', Rethymno 29-30.11.2004.

*Cynic and Christian Askesis*. Conference 'Eroticism and Asceticism from Classical Antiquity to Late Middle Ages', Volos 5-7.11.2004.

*The Christian Socrates: The Survival of an image*, Chania 6.11.2001.

*The almighty Zeus of Plethon*. Conference 'Zeus in Myth and History', Anogeia 7.7.2001.

*Hellenism and Christianity: Problems of cohabitation in Late Antiquity*, Rethymno 30.1.2001.

*When Holy met Beauty: Attitudes of the Early Christians to Greek Art*, Rethymno 13.12.1999.

*The Concept of Causality in John of Damascus*, Conference 'Philosophy and Theology in the Patristic Tradition', Thessaloniki 12-13.3.1997.

### **Organized Conferences**

1. Conference 'Madness, Enthusiasm, and Festivals in Greek Antiquity' (Rethymno, Crete 07.05.2001).
  2. International Conference 'The Interface Between Philosophy and Rhetoric in Classical Athens' (Rethymno 29-31.10.2004).
  3. Conference 'Art and Aesthetics: Interdisciplinary Approaches' (Rethymno 5-6.11.2005).
  4. International Workshop 'The Derveni Papyrus' (Rethymno 13-14.5.2006).
  5. Conference 'Deaths of Philosophers in Antiquity' (Athens 20.12.2008).
  6. International Conference 'Werner Jaeger: Greek Paideia and Christianity in the work of a Twentieth-century Humanist' (Thessaloniki 25-26.6.2012).
- The proceedings of all conferences (except the first one) have been published or will be published (no 6).

## **IV. RESEARCH PROJECTS**

"The Reception of Byzantine Philosophy". Scientific responsible/Principal Investigator. Funded by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Research Committee. Duration: 1.1.2012-31.12.2012.

"Free Will in Plato and Aristotle". Scientific responsible. Funded by E.U. / Programme 'Heraclitus II'. 45,000 € (for the Ph.D. Candidate). Starting date: 1.4.2011 (for three years).

"Greek Philosophy: Production of Alternative Educational Material". Approved proposal for a supplementary hypertext material on Greek Philosophy. Critical Reader. Hellenic Open University. Funded by E.U. / EPEAEK Programme. Duration 2004-2006.

"Imagination, Representation, and Symbolism in Byzantine Aesthetics". Scientific responsible. Funded by E.U. Programme 'Heraclitus'. 33,000 €. Duration: 01.09.2002-23.10.2006.

“Classical studies and languages”. Member of the research team (that included professors I. Kakridis, D. Christidis, D. Papaghelis, V. Kalfas). Responsible: Prof. D.N. Maronitis and Hellenic Centre of Educational Policy. Funded by Hellenic Centre of Educational Policy, National Bank of Greece, Commercial Bank of Greece, Public Power Corporation. Duration: 30.01.2003-31.12.2005.

“Philosophy in Greek High School”. Scientific responsible/Principal Investigator. Funded by the Research Committee, University of Crete. Duration: April 1999 to August 2000.