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Academic Profile

- I am a scholar of International Political Theory, specialising in leadership, ethics, war, and civic republicanism. My research explores interstate conflict, political agency, civic humanism, and the ethical foundations of democratic authority across different perspectives (medieval, Byzantine, and early modern). I have developed the conceptual framework of Political Prometheanism, which provides a unifying analytical lens across my work, connecting normative political theory with International Relations. My international academic experience spans the United Kingdom, Greece, Czechia, and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.
- **Core Research Areas:** Political Theory; Leadership and Ethics; Democracy and Political Participation; Comparative Political Theory; Political Theology; International Relations.
- **Broader Impact:** I have a proven record of accomplishment in educational diplomacy, curriculum design, and international academic collaboration, linking academic research with policy, media, and intercultural engagement. In parallel, I lead project-based international research coordination initiatives designed to attract external funding and support collective scholarly outputs, fully integrated with my primary university appointment.

Education

- **Goldsmiths, University of London (United Kingdom)**

Ph.D (Doctor in Philosophy).

Award day: 30 June 2021.

Thesis: *Republican Perspectives on Populism and Hope (Beyond Christopher Lasch)*, DOI: 10.25602/GOLD.00030431.

Supervisor: Prof. Carl Levy, Department of Politics; co-supervisor: Prof. Saul Newman.

- **Birkbeck, University of London (United Kingdom)**

Master of Science in Social and Political Theory

Award day: 1 November 2013

- Kingston University, London (United Kingdom)

Bachelor of Arts, and Social Sciences with Honours

Award day: 5 July 2010

List of Major Research Outputs / Selected Publications

Monographs

- Theodosiadis, Michail. 2025. *Ancient Greek Democracy and American Republicanism: Prometheus in Political Theory*. **Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press**. ISBN: 1399537296, 9781399537292.

- Available in the following catalogues:

- Oxford Academic (DOI: 10.3366/edinburgh/9781399537292.001.0001) / De Gruyter Brill (DOI: 10.1515/9781399537315) / JSTOR (Reference number: 10.3366)

· Reviewed by: (1) Vavouras Elias (2025); (2) Asimiadis Dionysis (2026)

Journal Entries

- 2025. *Chreos and philotēs in Homeric Ethics*. *Conatus – A Journal of Philosophy*. 10(2), 269–304. DOI: 10.12681/cjp.41304 (**Open Access**) (Scopus Q1).

- 2025. *The Flame and the Lyre: Promethean Echoes in Homeric Epic*. *Cogito – Multidisciplinary Research Journal*. (**Open Access**) (Scopus Q2).

- (With Vavouras, Elias) 2024. *The Pursuit of Cosmic Wisdom and ‘Promethean’ Leadership in the Pythagorean and Al-Fārābīan Political Philosophy*. In *Religions*, 15(10). DOI: 10.3390/rel15101280 (**Open Access**) (Scopus Q1). Contribution after official invitation from the journal editors.

- (With Vavouras, Elias) 2024. *The Concept of Religion in Machiavelli: Political Methodology, Propaganda, and Ideological Enlightenment*. In *Religions*, 15(10). DOI: 10.3390/rel15101203 (**Open Access**) (Scopus Q1). Contribution after official invitation from the journal editors.

- 2024. *Human Potential and Meritorious Leadership in Anna Komnene, Giovanni Boccaccio, and Niccolò Machiavelli*. In «*Haue mope*» *Mare Nostrum*, ISSN 2658–5502, ISBN 978-5-94067-561-7. Published by: The Russian Society for Intellectual History and affiliated academic institutions (**Open Access**).

- 2023. «*Ανάγκη για ρίζες*». *Η Σιμόν Βέλ και η Μέση Ανατολή ως υπόθεση εργασίας* (in Greek); the title in English: ‘The Need for Roots’: Simone Weil and the Middle East as a Case Study. In *Φιλοσοφείν* (Philosophein). 28, pp.315-323 (**Open Access**).

- **2023. Self-Purification and Social Dramatization: From Simone Weil to Martin Luther King Jr.** In *Religions*, 14(4). DOI: 10.3390/rel14040541 (**Open Access**) (Scopus Q1).
- **2022. The Byzantine Cosmopolis Beyond Western Liberalism.** In *Dianoesis: A Journal for Philosophy*, 13, pp. 33-62. DOI: 10.3390/rel14040541 (**Open Access**) (Scopus Q2).
- **2022. The profound Anthropocentric Mindset of Popular *Eucosmia* and Freedom as a form of *katharsis*** («Ἡ βαθειὰ ἀνθρωποκεντρικότητα τῆς λαϊκῆς εὐκοσμίας καὶ ἡ ἐλευθερία ὡς κάθαρση»). In *Theologia Journal*, A (1), pp. 133-163. Published by the Communication and Education Services of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, ISSN: 1105-154X (**Open Access**).

Under review and scheduled research

- Neorealism and Beyond: Rethinking Interstate Relations through the Lens of Democritus. In Vavouras, Elias (ed.), *Brill's Companion to Democritus*, Brill, (*under review*).
- **Volume currently under review by Edinburgh University Press**
Title: Ethical Leadership in Political Theory: Moral Legitimacy and Authority in Comparative Perspective.
Co-edited with Associate Professor Eva Anagnostou-Laoudites (Macquarie University)
Among the international high-profile/prestigious authors that have declared their trust in my organizational and academic skills and agreed to contribute are the following: Professor Rasoul Namazi (Associate Professor, Duke Kunshan University); Professor Lee Ward (Baylor University); Professor Vardan Aslanyan (Head of the UNESCO Chair on Political Science and Philosophy at Brusov University, Yerevan, Armenia); Professor Neha Kethrapal (Associate Dean and Professor at the Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences); Professor Victoria Rowe Holbrook (Senior Research Associate at Orient Institute Istanbul), and so on.
Chapter contribution: (1) *Introduction* (co-authored with Eva Anagnostou-Laoudites); (2) *The Promethean 'philosopher king': Deliberative Platonism and the pursuit of ethical leadership* (single-authored chapter).
- **Volume currently in schedule with Palgrave McMillan**
Title: The Just War Tradition in Ancient Greece, Byzantium, and Medieval Italy.
Current status: Pending contributors' confirmation.
Chapter contribution: (1) *Introduction*; (2) A single-authored chapter (under construction) on Dante's view of 'just war'.

Research Positions

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece (NKUA) - (Department of Philosophy), Post-doctoral researcher (June 2023 – June 2026)

Supervisor: Professor Georgios Steiris (President of the Department of Philosophy).

Research topic: A philosophical exploration of Homeric epics

Main Duties: Upon completion of the tenure, four articles on the research topic will have to be published or submitted to journals.

Selected Conference Participation

- *Relational Ontology and Ethical Power: An Eastern Orthodox Approach in International Relations*. Eighth Colloquia Cererea International Conference, Venue: Cereneum Centre. Organised by The University of Lodz, Poland, 2 May 2026 (scheduled).

- *Reconciling Wisdom and Power: Possibilities, Challenges, and Strategies for Virtuous Leadership* (Participation after invitation from the Dean of the School of Social Sciences of the American University of Iraq in Slemani). Strategic Leadership and Innovation Forum. International Conference. Venue: The American University of Iraq in Slemani (AUIS), Sulaymaniyah, Iraq, 13 October 2024.

- *Orthodox Christianity and Religious Tolerance in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq* (Participation after invitation). Fourth International Conference on Religious Diplomacy. Organised by The Foreign Policy Journal, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Department of Theology), Orthodoxtimes.gr, and the Institute of Foreign Affairs (Greece), under the Auspices of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of New Rome in Constantinople. Venue: Hellenic Armed Forces Club, Athens, 12 March 2024.

- *Early Byzantine Political Thought and the Contemporary Global Political Project*. Fifth Colloquia Cererea International Conference, Venue: Cereneum Centre. Organised by The University of Lodz, Poland, 13 May 2022.

- *The Triumph of Liberty, the Loss of Freedom: Democracy and Republicanism Beyond Liberalism. Authoritarianism in the Eurasian Context*. Venue: The National and Kapodistrian University of Greece (NKUA), Department of Philosophy, Athens, Greece. Co-organised by the Early Modern Greek Culture Programme of the Medici Archive Project, Florence, Italy, 14 April 2022.

- *Common Semiotics in Homer and Dante* (Participation after invitation). Fourth International Conference on Epistemology. Funded by the Association of Ancient Greek Philosophy 'Syn Athena', in collaboration with the Laboratory of Semiotics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, 4 December 2021. **Additional role:** member of the selection

committee (reviewing abstracts and submitted material).

- *Does Tradition Deserve to Survive? Uprootedness and the Causes of Interstate War*. Between Myth & Memory. International Conference. University of Surrey, London, United Kingdom, 25 April 2019.
- *The Politics of Common Decency and the Dignity of Nations*. Overcoming the Contemporary Impasse. International Conference. Goldsmiths, University of London, United Kingdom, 9 April 2018. **Additional role:** member of the selection committee (reviewing abstracts and submitted material).

Academic positions (teaching, mentoring, and academic collaborations)

- **University of Macerata - UniMC (Italy) - Scuola di Studi Superiori / Giacomo Leopardi: Visiting Professor (competitive funded scheme) (April – May 2026)**

Main Duties: (1) working with Professor Roberto Lambertini to carry out teaching activities and ensure availability to actively interact with students; (2) to deliver lectures on just war theory in Ancient Greece, Byzantium, and Medieval Italy; (3) to build bridges and expand academic collaboration between NKUA and the University of Macerata through joint research initiatives, consortium-building, and the development of future teaching and research partnerships.

Deliverables: (1) 24 /4/ 2026; a two-hour lecture on ‘just war’ theory in Latin, Byzantine, and Islamic traditions; (2) 6/5/2026; a two-hour lecture on ‘just war’ perspectives in Dante Alighieri and Al-Farabi; (3) initiated contacts between the UniMC and the NKUA about student exchanges in the context of Erasmus.

Sources of Funding: European Union’s NextGenerationEU programme, implemented through Italy’s National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) (Mission 4: Education and Research), via the Educating Future Citizens (EFC) project administered by the UniMC. Amount of funding received: 3000 Euros.

- **University of Kurdistan Hewlêr (UKH) (Erbil, Iraq): Lecturer, MA supervisor (September 2023 – January 2026)**

Appointed in the view of signed collaborations (consortia and exchange programmes) between the UKH and the NKUA (spring 2023) (cf. section *Educational Diplomacy, Outcomes and Impact*).

Main Duties: (1) Teaching the following courses: *Theories of International Relations* (MA level), *World History* and *Modern Political Ideologies* (1st year BA level), *Political Geography, Security and Critical Theory*, and *Key Concepts in Political Thought* (3rd BA level); (2) coordinating and facilitating dissertation proposal interviews for post-graduate students, including setting up academic committees for evaluation and outcome determination; (3) **supervising/mentoring**: so far, I have supervised **five undergraduate (4th-year BA) and eight postgraduate (MA)**

students in topics related to Iran, liberalism, the Middle East, and religious violence. BA students must produce research dissertations of up to **10,000 words**, while MA students complete more extensive theses of up to **22,000 words**; and **(4)** honoring the NKUA – UKH agreements, by undertaking the task to teach UKH students visiting Athens for a short period of time.

Mentoring strategy and activities include: structured supervision meetings (fortnightly) that emphasise student agency and intellectual autonomy. I support students by refining research questions collaboratively, recommending appropriate literature, addressing conceptual and methodological challenges, and encouraging reflective revision rather than prescriptive correction. I also prepare students for final submission and viva examination through dialogic feedback and self-assessment.

- Charles University (Prague – Czechia), Institute of Greek and Latin Studies (IGLS), Faculty of Arts: Lecturer and Module Leader, in Byzantine Diplomacy (1 September 2022 – 30 January 2023)

Main Duties: (1) Planning and teaching the course *Byzantine Diplomacy and History*; (2) Collaborating with Dr. Pavlina Sipova (IGLS) to develop the course curriculum; (3) Designing and planning learning activities and/or programs of study while creating effective learning environments and providing student support.

- Newham College University Centre (in collaboration with the Open University) (United Kingdom): Lecturer, Academic Mentor/Student Supervisor in Politics and International Relations (1 October 2017 – 10 March 2019)

Main Duties: (1) Teaching and managing the following modules for 2nd-year BA students: *Theories of International Relations, Research Methods, and Political Theory*; (2) Delivering lessons and engaging students through various learning activities to inspire achievement; (3) Editing and amending course curriculums, deciding on teaching material, setting essay questions, and grading them via the Turnitin platform; (4) Supporting 3rd-year BA students in developing research questions and offering academic advice throughout the dissertation process (10,000-word dissertations).

- Goldsmiths, University of London / Realising Opportunities (United Kingdom): Academic Mentor and Student Supervisor (12 July 2015 – 15 January 2020)

Main Duties: (1) Supporting up to two students per year in developing research questions and action plans on topics related to Political Philosophy and International Relations; (2) Holding two 45-minute tutorials per student, providing feedback on interim submissions following assessment criteria; (3) Guiding students in essay planning and uploading relevant material in Moodle and other virtual learning environments; (4) Marking final submissions and providing feedback and final marks in the university's database.

Participation in funded projects

Research Project: Greeks in Central Europe, Between the 15th and the 20th Century (1 February 2022 - 31 May 2023). After receiving an official invitation on 21 March 2022.

- **Organisations involved:** Charles University (Prague, Czechia), Gallery of Icons (Žilina, Slovakia).
- **Funding bodies:** The Visegrad International Fund. **Project description:** The project examines 500 years of Greek–Central European co-existence.
- **Project Delivery:** I conducted archival research about Greek communities in Eastern Europe; this included examination of historical documents preserved in printed documents (presented in libraries in Athens and Thessaloniki) and scholarly books. I also reviewed digitised archival materials (available online). The results were disseminated through a seminar titled *Early Modern Culture in the Greek Diaspora: Greeks in Italy and Ukraine from the 13th Century Onward* (Charles University, 19 May 2022).

People in Motion: Entangled Histories of Displacement Across the Mediterranean (1492 - 1923) (Reference number: CA18140) - Acceptance / Offer: 2 April 2022.

- **Project Aim:** Equip scholars in translation and cultural transfer in the Mediterranean, combining linguistics with politics. Trainees offer seminar lectures and conduct reading groups. **Participation day:** 26th of May 2022
- **Venue:** Belgrade University (School of Philosophy), Serbia. **Funding bodies:** **Horizon 2020, Framework Programme of the European Union.**
Amount of funding received: 610 Euros (travel grant).

Invited Seminars and Talks

- *Ancient Greek Democracy and American Republicanism: Prometheus in Political Theory* (monograph presentation). Venue: Hellenic Open University. Patras, Greece, 6 November 2025.

- *The Promethean Philosopher King and the Pursuit of Ethical Leadership*. Venue: Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye, 5 December 2024.

- *Civic Inclusion and Civic Engagement for Public Diplomacy*. Organised by The Centre for Social Innovations: Blink 42-21 - Virtual Training Programme 2022 (Skopje, North Macedonia), in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Skopje and the DCN Global (Thessaloniki, Greece). 31 March 2022. Online Presentation.

- **Invited seminars at the University of Western Macedonia, Kozani** (Greece): (1) *On Machiavelli and Plato* (in Greek). 4 November 2025. (2) *On Hobbes and Human Nature* (in Greek).

21 October 2025; (2) *On Thucydides and Human Nature* (in Greek). 10 November 2023; (3) *Byzantine Cosmopolitanism and its Contemporary Relevance; rethinking the Role of the modern nation-state in the contemporary Global Context* (in Greek). 10 November 2022.

Honours and Awards

- Edinburgh Scholarship Online (Oxford Academic) | 2025 – Monograph selected for inclusion in the prestigious global research platform (Oxford Academic).
- Outstanding Reviewer Award, Religions Journal | 2022 - Prize included a CHF 500 honorarium and a fee waiver for an open-access publication.

Editorialship

- **Palgrave Macmillan, Springer Books**: Reviewer (since March 2024);
- **Dia-noseis: A Journal of Philosophy**, ISSN: 2459-413X (print), ISSN: 2732-7507 (online): Senior Editor and copyeditor (since January 2023);
- **Religions** (ISSN 2077-1444): Reviewer (since October 2021);
- **Philosophies** (ISSN 2409-9287): Reviewer (since December 2022);
- **Histories** (ISSN 2409-9252): Reviewer (since December 2022);
- **International Journal of Political Activism and Engagement (IJPAE)**. ISSN: 2640-0367: Associate Editor (since June 2019).

Educational Diplomacy

Role (2021–present): Leading Coordinator (Academic Affairs)

This coordination role has been carried out through successive institutional affiliations, reflecting the development and transfer of the projects I lead:

- **Study in Greece (SiG)** – Ex Officio Coordinator for Middle East Engagement (2021–2024) / Cultural Diplomacy and Academic Bridges.
- **The Medici Archive Project (MAP)** – Academic Coordinator & Communications Manager, Early Modern Greek Culture Program (2021–2022).

Milestones:

(1) Short course academic curriculum designing

On behalf of SiG, and in collaboration with NKUA, I designed the two-week international programme *Democracy: Ancient Perspectives – Modern Challenges* (September 2021). I am responsible for: **(A)** teaching core seminars across all programme cycles; **(B)** selecting participating instructors; **(C)** reviewing and selecting student cohorts, with a focus on international representation. The programme was successfully delivered in 2022, 2023, and 2024, hosting students from Europe, the United States, and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (particularly from the University of Kurdistan Hewlêr and the American University of Iraq in Slemani). Beginning in 2026, the programme is prepared to expand and welcome participants

from partner universities in India;

(2) Conference Leadership: Leveraged my MAP position to organise and coordinate three high-profile conferences in Athens, including *The Triumph of Liberty, the Loss of Freedom* (NKUA, 14 April 2022). I served as the main academic coordinator, responsible for content, program schedule, and international outreach;

(3) Project development: Leveraged simultaneous positions in MAP and SiG to design, lead, and implement **the Erbil Project**, an international academic diplomacy initiative, under the auspices of the Greek Consulate in Erbil (Kurdistan Region of Iraq). I convened academics, particularly scholars involved in the Thessaloniki International Media Summer Academy (accommodated in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece), high-profile Greek journalists from the Hellenic Broadcast Corporation (ERT TV) and OPEN TV, and community leaders in Erbil, including Christian and Yazidi minority representatives, while exploring possibilities for networking with local universities (UKH). The project culminated in a one-week mission to Erbil (May– June 2022).

Project Deliverables: lectures on war and democracy at the Goethe Institute Erbil, the Regional Parliament of Iraqi Kurdistan, and the Kurdish Government’s Department of Foreign Relations (DFR).

Outcomes & Impact: (1) **Consortium development:** Established long-term international academic collaborations, leading to the creation of a joint triple Master’s program on Leadership and Ethics (NKUA, UKH, University of Sulaimani); (2) demonstrated international mobility, as the project directly enabled my move to Erbil and my appointment at the UKH; and (3) showcased adaptability by successfully navigating through complex political and cultural in a sensitive environment.

Academic Activities During Non-Contractual Periods

1) February 2023 – September 2023: Immediately following the conclusion of my appointment at Charles University, I received an invitation in January 2023 to join the UKH (in September 2023). For this reason, I did not seek another contractual position, choosing instead to dedicate this period (January- September) to intensive independent research. I completed the first draft of my monograph, *Ancient Greek Democracy and American Republicanism: Prometheus in Political Theory*, in May 2023.

2) January 2020 – January 2021: Focused on completing my PhD thesis (submitted Feb 2021) and preparing publications. Also began collaborating with Study in Greece (SiG), building international academic networks.

Additional Training

- Goldsmiths, University of London / Teaching and Learning Innovation Centre (TaLIC)
(United Kingdom)

Post-Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. **Award: Associate Fellow** of The Higher Education Academy in recognition of attainment against the UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in Higher Education. Recognition Reference: PR136328 (November 2017). Updated to **Fellow (FHEA)** in August 2024. Recognition Reference: PR293804

- **Building Integrity Principles for Presenters (BIPP) Course – NATO Centre of Excellence, Crisis Management and Disaster Response, Sofia, Bulgaria, January 2023. Award: Certificate of Completion.**

The three-day training course aims to set up a pool of specialists trained in building integrity and reducing corruption risks, promoting ethical leadership.

- **Cultural Property Protection (CPP) Course – Multinational Peace Forces Southeastern Europe (MPFSEE/SEEBRIG), Kumanovo, North Macedonia, November 2022. Award: Certificate of Completion.**

This two-day course on cultural property protection (attended by NATO staff, local authorities, and international partners) was delivered in collaboration with the American University of Iraq, Slemani, the United Service Institution of India, and the US Naval War College.

Engagement with the Media

- Commentator for the ETHNOS newspaper (Greece), since June 2022, Huffington Post (Greece), since September 2024, and Epikaira.gr. Topics: the internationalisation of the Greek universities, academic bridges between Greece and India. So far, I have interviewed over 10 international academics, including Professor Neha Kethrapal, and Professor Rasoul Namazi.

- Interviews in the Regional Greek TV Broadcast Network Dion TV, with Dr. Elias Vavouras (once every month, since March 2021) for the Broadcast *Philosophical Debates - Φιλοσοφικοί Διάλογοι* (issues discussed: political philosophy, war and conflicts, religious fundamentalism, and populism).

- Interviews in the **Hellenic Broadcast Corporation (ERT)** TV (news commentary) and Radio (broadcast: *Hellenes Everywhere*). Topics discussed revolve around geopolitical issues affecting Greece, Caucasus, Europe, the Middle East. Frequency: periodically (usually once every six months, since June 2022). Since January 2026, I **serve as a co-host of the broadcast.**

- Interviews and expert commentary on philosophy, democracy, war, and political ethics in Church of Greece Radio 89.

- Interviews in the **OPEN TV Corporation**. Topics discussed: Greece and the Middle East, Ukraine, and Russia. Frequency: periodically (usually once every six months since March 2022).

- Periodically authoring for the following international blogs: Edinburgh University Press blog, The Conversation, and Open Democracy.

References

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