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The **Newsletter** of the **Department of History and Philosophy of Science (HPS)** aims to inform about activities of its members of staff and students. The History and Philosophy of Science is an interdisciplinary academic field, which studies science as a complex historical, social, and cultural phenomenon and highlights the philosophical dimensions of its theories and practice. It examines the philosophical, conceptual, and historical approaches to science in general, as well as to a variety of particular research fields, including the humanities and social sciences, natural sciences, psychology and cognitive sciences, life and medical sciences, mathematics and logic, and new technologies. The [faculty members](#) of the Department include some of the world experts in their respective fields, while several of the members lead or collaborate in [international research projects](#). The Department consists of three Divisions: History of Science and Technology, Philosophy and Theory of Science, and Technology, and Cognitive Science. It offers the sole [undergraduate programme](#) of studies on History and Philosophy of Science in Greece and 9 [postgraduate programmes](#) of studies in both Greek and English, which cover a wide range of philosophical topics, the history of science and technology, studies in society, science and technology, digital humanities and augmented textual studies, and cognitive psychology. HPS is among the highest rated of humanities departments in Greece, in terms of international research citations.

Awards – Distinctions

- The [Meyer-Struckmann-Preis](#) of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, awarded in 2026 for research on the topic of *Institutional Resilience*, will this year be presented to **Chrysostomos Mantzavinos**. You can find more details about this highly significant distinction at the link: <https://hub.uoa.gr/en/meyer-struckmann-prize-2026-goes-to-chrysostomos-mantzavinos/>
- **Elli Danae Vartziotis**, PhD candidate at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (HPS/ΙΦΕ) and researcher at the NKUA Observatory for Research on Existential Threats (advisor: A. Tympas), was honored with the Best Paper Award at the Green-AI Workshop (Grounding Research on Energy- and

Resource-Efficient Networks for Sustainable AI), co-located with ECML-PKDD 2026 in Naples, on September 7, 2026. The award was granted for the research paper titled "From Tokens to Watt-hours: Analytical Energy Estimation for LLM Inference on Modern GPUs," co-authored with Tina Vartziotis, Rodopi Kosteli, George Dasoulas, Michael Keckeisen, Konstantinos Skianis, Sotirios Kotsopoulos, and Francesca Dominici.

- **Vasilis Giannoulis**, PhD candidate in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (advisor: A. Tympas), has been selected as a recipient of a 2026 IEEE Computer Society WEIGD Student Support Fund (Grace C. N. Wei Scholarship).

- **Eleni Kyriacou**, PhD candidate at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (HPS/IΦΕ) (advisor: A. Tympas), was a co-recipient of a grant by the Global Digital Cultures, University of Amsterdam, to organize a workshop titled 'Examining the Governance of European Datafied Borders', Amsterdam, July 2026.

Research News

- PhD candidate **Anders Korsgaard** successfully completed a three-month research visit to the University of Oslo's TIK Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture Center (April-July 2026), supported by an Erasmus+ mobility scholarship. During his research stay, Anders Korsgaard conducted primary research, including interviews with relevant actors, and fieldwork for his doctoral dissertation, which examines the promises associated with development of the European Health Data Space, and, in particular, how they are translated into the national context of Norway. He also participated in the academic activities of the TIK Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture Center. During his research stay, he delivered two talks, one in the TIK Center and another in the University of Trondheim.

- Professor **Aristotle Tympas** of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (HPS), Vice-President for Research of the European Inter-University Association on Society, Science and Technology (ESST), an expert on artificial intelligence technologies from the perspectives of the history of technology and STS, will coordinate an international team of researchers from the humanities and the social sciences (SSH) that will support the new European Horizon project '[OmenXR—Recreating Real World Environments in Extended Reality for Remote Collaboration](#)', which has been selected for funding amounting to €5,053,000. The project focuses on technologies associated with what is known as "extended," "augmented," or "virtual" reality.

- As announced in September 2026, the total budget for the European COST Action "[DATAMIG – Data Matters: Sociotechnical Challenges of European Migration and Border Control](#)", chaired by Professor **Aristotle Tympas** of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, will amount to 670,000 euros. More than 350 researchers from across Europe are already participating in this Action, which is set to conclude in the 2027–2028 academic year. Acting as the grant-holder institution, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) has so far administered the awarding of 33 grants (Virtual Mobility Grants and Short-Term Scientific Mission Grants) under the Action.

- In addition to the NKUA coordinator, Professor **Aristotle Tympas** of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, the NKUA team working on the European Erasmus+ project "[BloomingAI – Developing an AI-powered Open-Source Learning Platform based on Bloom’s taxonomy](#)" (which focuses on the critical use of artificial intelligence in research and education, particularly in higher education, through the design and utilization of open AI technology—budget: 400.000 euros), includes in 2025-2026 the following researchers: Marianthi Gritzioti, Assistant Professor in the Department of Secondary Education specializing in "Computational Thinking and Digital Skills in Secondary Education," Dr. Marilena Pateraki, Dr. Iason Spilios, Dr. Giorgos Pertsas, and Dr. Panos Tsimpoukis.

- Postdoctoral researcher **Christina-Zoi Siamanta**, a specialist in the fields of Environmental Humanities, Environmental Ethics, and Environment-Science-Technology, has joined the NKUA team serving as the external Ethics Advisor for the Horizon Europe project "[CIRCULOOS—Elevate sustainability, try the circular way of manufacturing](#)," which aims to support the circular economy by fostering flexible and sustainable supply chains (NKUA coordinator: Aristotle Tympas, Professor at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science).

- **Frank Veraart joins the Laboratory of Science, Technology and Innovation in Society as Visiting Professor**

The **Laboratory of Science, Technology and Innovation in Society (STIS)**, in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, is pleased to welcome **Frank Veraart**, Assistant Professor of History of Technology at Eindhoven University of Technology, as a visiting professor. During his stay, from 26 September to 10 November 2026, he will collaborate with members of the Laboratory on joint research activities focusing on the history of sustainability, the relationships between environment and society, and the contribution of historical research to policymaking in the fields of agrifood and raw materials.



Frank Veraart's research interests include modern and contemporary history, environmental studies, the history of transport and mobility, spatial planning, and the history of computing. His work examines how technology and the choices of social actors shape societal developments. He focuses particularly on the historical formation of transnational resource chains and the trade-offs between different sustainability goals that emerge as these chains develop. He investigates how international trade affects well-being and social, economic, and environmental sustainability at sites of extraction, production, and consumption, highlighting the local impacts of these chains. During his visit, Frank Veraart will participate in the Laboratory's doctoral seminars and deliver a public lecture.

Past Events – Talks

- **Professor Chrysostomos Mantzavinos** participated in a concluding roundtable discussion during the **4th Delphi Dialogues**, which took place at the [European Cultural Centre of Delphi](#) from **July 3 to July 4, 2026**. The core theme of the conference was "**The Future of Humanity**".

- The "[15th Panhellenic Logic Symposium](#)" took place from **July 6 to 10, 2026**, in the Department's Amphitheatres A and B. Established in Nicosia in 1997, the "Panhellenic Logic Symposium" organizes a biennial conference hosted by a different university in the Greek-speaking world; its aim is to provide updates on recent developments in the field of Logic—broadly defined—and to foster interaction among researchers working in its various subfields.

The scientific program included:

- Tutorials delivered by Alexander Kechris (CalTech) and Maryanthe Malliaris (University of Chicago).
- Plenary lectures delivered by Christina Vasilakopoulou (SEMFE, NTUA), Ekaterina Fokina (TU Wien), Su Gao (Nankai University), Alex Kruckman (Wesleyan University), Stevo Todorčević (University of Toronto), and Stefan Vatev (University of Sofia).
- Special sessions:
 1. The Aristotelean Syllogistic, with speakers Marko Malink (New York University), Vangelis Triantafyllou (University of Ioannina), and Zoe McConaughey (University of Lille)

2. Modal Logic, with speakers Øystein Linnebo (University of Oslo), Aybüke Özgün (University of Amsterdam), and Johannes Stern (University of Bristol)
3. Logics for Formal Verification, with speakers Juha Kontinen (University of Helsinki), Martin Zimmermann (Aalborg University), and Elli Anastasiadi (Aalborg University)
4. On the Axiom of Choice, with speakers Azul Lihuen Fatalini (University of Leeds), Assaf Shani (Concordia University), and Zoltán Vidnyánszky (Eötvös Loránd University).

- Thirty-one (31) contributed talks.

The conference was attended by 113 participants from 23 countries across the Americas, Asia, and Europe.

The Organizing Committee extends its warm thanks to the following institutions for their financial support of the conference: Academy of Athens; Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Logic; Graduate Program in History and Philosophy of Science and Technology; School of Science (NKUA); Department of History and Philosophy of Science; Department of Mathematics (NKUA); Association for Symbolic Logic; European Mathematical Society; European Set Theory Society; US National Science Foundation; University of Reykjavik; University of Vienna.

• Prof. **Petros Bouras-Vallianatos** participated in the **2nd Summer School, “From Traditional Medicine to Phytotherapy” (6–10 July 2026)**, organised by ETHCSTWIN, a research project funded by the EU (WIDERA, Twinning) and hosted by the Institute for Ethnopharmacological Studies and Phytotherapy at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, under the scientific coordination of Prof. Nektarios Aligiannis. The Summer School brought together 30 students from Greece and abroad (including 3 students from HPS) and highlighted the essential interdisciplinarity required for rigorous research in ethnopharmacology, drawing on perspectives from history of medicine, philology, archaeobotany, pharmacognosy, natural products chemistry, ethnobotany, and the digital humanities. Prof. Bouras-Vallianatos’s first talk addressed the challenging issue of identifying references to historical plant ingredients and correlating them with modern scientific taxa, one of the field’s most significant and enduring debates. His second lecture explored the historical background of the famous sacred ancient elixir known as kykeon within the context of the Eleusinian Mysteries. The presentation was preceded by an interactive guided visit to the archaeological site of Eleusis.



Prof. Petros Bouras-Vallianatos



Participants of the 2nd ETHCSTWIN Summer School

- **Ass. Professor Ermylos Plevrakis** delivered a lecture titled "**Metaphysics Proper**" at the annual [Philosophy in Assos](#) symposium. Held in **Assos, Turkey** from **July 6 to July 9, 2026**, the conference dedicated its 2026 iteration to the philosophical framework of **Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel**.

- Prof. **Petros Bouras-Vallianatos**, together with his colleague at the National Hellenic Research Foundation, Dr Gerasimos Merianos, co-organised the session "Byzantium Beyond Stereotypes: Science and Innovation" as part of the **25th International Congress of Byzantine Studies**, held at the University of Vienna from 24 to 29 August. The session brought together leading scholars to critically examine the newly introduced concept of "innovation" as a powerful analytical framework for the study of Byzantine –and, more broadly, medieval– science. The discussion generated lively and highly valuable feedback, highlighting both the potential and the challenges of moving beyond traditional stereotypes of Byzantine science as predominantly conservative and derivative. The engagement of the

audience underscored the relevance of this approach and opened up exciting new directions for thinking about scientific creativity, transformation, and knowledge production in the Byzantine world. The session featured three papers:

- Maria Mavroudi (University of California, Berkeley): “Modern Perceptions of Tradition and Innovation in Byzantine and Islamic/Arabic Science”
- Gerasimos Merianos (National Hellenic Research Foundation): “Innovation and Byzantine Alchemy”
- Petros Bouras-Vallianatos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): “Innovation in Byzantine Medicine”



P. Bouras-Vallianatos, M. Mavroudi, G. Merianos (from left to right)

• **Irini Skopeliti**, Associate Professor of Cognitive Psychology, participated in the International Joint SIG 3 & SIG 20 EARLI Conference, entitled “Bridging Conceptual Change and Inquiry: Pathways to Meaningful Learning”, held on 25–27 August at the University of Turku, Finland.

As part of the conference, she:

- organized the symposium entitled “Rethinking Beliefs about Learning and Teaching: Conceptual Change across Teacher Education”, where she presented the paper “Promoting Conceptual Change in Pre-Service Teachers’ Beliefs About Self-Regulated Learning”
- participated in the presentation of the oral paper entitled “Investigating the Natural Number Bias in Adults’ Equation Solving: Evidence from Eye-Tracking”, which was co-authored with Dimitra Pericharou, a graduate of the Department’s MSc in Cognitive Science
- participated in the presentation of the poster entitled “Children’s Conceptualizations of Religious Agents Across Domains: A Conceptual Change Study”.

- **Lab STIS and Agroecological Transition Policies under the New CAP**

The Laboratory of Science, Technology and Innovation in Society (STIS) of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, under the leadership of Prof. **Stathis Arapostathis**, has undertaken the scientific coordination of the consultation process organised by the Region of Thessaly on the new Common Agricultural Policy 2028–2034. The initiative aimed to record the needs, experiences and priorities of those involved in the agrifood system and translate them into evidence-based policy proposals. Within this framework, STIS designed the consultation tools. Approximately 350 people participated in the central event held on **26 August**, while 150 producers and representatives of relevant organisations took part in specialised workshops on crop production, livestock farming and beekeeping. At the same time, an online questionnaire broadened opportunities for participation among members of Thessaly’s agricultural community.

The contribution of the social sciences to such a process is not limited to collecting opinions; it also includes studying and highlighting changes as sociotechnical transformations. The scientific involvement of STIS social scientists in the consultation process and the co-development of policy proposals creates the conditions for groups with different positions and experiences to participate meaningfully in the discussion and jointly shape options for the future. The agroecological transition constitutes a sociotechnical transformation that concerns not only new cultivation techniques but also changes in institutions, water and energy infrastructures, forms of cooperation and the management of natural resources. Through participatory decision-making, STIS seeks to connect scientific evidence with producers’ lived knowledge, contributing to the development of fair, feasible and socially acceptable policies for the new CAP.





- "Resilient Futures: Sustainability, Community and Agrifood Transition Pathways in Greece", **Stathis Arapostathis**, Vasiliki Karantzavelou, Alexakis, Dimitris Lagouvardos, Yannis Fotopoulos, **IST2026, ETH-Zurich, 31 August-2 September 2026**

- Prof. **Petros Bouras-Vallianatos** had the great pleasure and honour of directing the **1st Summer School of Greek Palaeography**, which took place at the historic Korgialenios Library in Argostoli, Cephalonia, under the auspices of the Society of Cephalonian Historical Studies, from 31 August to 4 September 2026. During the Summer School, 25 participants from Greece, Romania, and Cyprus came together in Cephalonia to explore the fascinating history and development of Greek handwriting from the 4th to the 18th century. As part of the programme, participants transcribed a substantial number of manuscript folia and developed practical skills in palaeographical analysis. They also attended specialised lectures addressing various aspects of Greek manuscripts and palaeography and visited

four important special collections on the island, where they had the opportunity to study manuscripts in their original historical and material contexts. The Summer School was also taught by Sophia Xenophontos (Principal Researcher, Academy of Athens) and Dimitrios Skrekas (Assistant Professor, University of Crete). Further lectures were delivered by Dr Theodora Zafeiratou, Dr Georgios Tsiaples, and Mr Dionysios Garbis.



Prof. Bouras-Vallianatos teaching at the Summer School



Prof. Bouras-Vallianatos examining a medieval manuscript with the students

- "Enacting patchwork resilience: Framing sustainability, restorative justice and future pathways for agrifood systems", Vasiliki Karantzavelou, **Stathis Arapostathis**, Sotiris Alexakis, Dimitris Lagouvardos, Yannis Fotopoulos, EASST2026, Krakow, 8-11 September 2026.
- Ass. Professor **Katerina Vlantoni** co-convened and co-chaired the three-session panel titled "Toward biomedical and health testing studies? Reassembling testing practices and health futures" in the EASST2026 (European Association for the Study of Science and Technology) Conference that took place in the AGH

University of Kraków in Poland, 8-11 September 2026. In this panel, she presented the research paper titled "Contested public (health) appropriations of HIV tests and testing in Greece".

- **Konstantinos Konstantis**, a recent graduate of the doctoral program of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (advisor: A. Tympas), in his capacity as Editor of the IEEE Ethics History Repository, participated in the organizing committee of the IEEE "Doing the Right Thing" 30th Anniversary Roundtable: "Engineering Judgment, Character, and Ethics," which took place at the Colorado School of Mines on Thursday, 17 September 2026.

- **Professor Katerina Ierodiakonou** participated in the **18th SEAAAP Conference**, titled "**Alexander of Aphrodisias on Nature and Soul: Physikai scholikai aporiai kai lyseis**". The academic event was hosted by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and took place from **September 24 to September 25, 2026**.

- Professor **Irini Skaliora** was a member of organizing committee of the 7th Panhellenic Conference of Cognitive Science, 1-4 October 2026, Xylokastro. Within the framework of the aforementioned conference, she organized the roundtable discussion: "From Tool to Teammate(?): Assessing Cognitive Augmentation and Atrophy in the Age of Integrated AI". Conception Michael Vinos, PhDc at PHS, NKUA, participants: Michael Vinos, Orestis Palermos, Philip Papayianopoulos, Irini Skaliora, Amalia Tsakiri.

- **Stathis Arapostathis**, "Infrastructuring imaginaries of productivism: Technosciences and transformations in the industrialization of animal husbandry in Greece, 1950-2025", **53rd ICOHTEC ANNUAL MEETING**, Alexandroupolis, **8-11 October 2026**.

- Professor **Katerina Ierodiakonou** was a keynote speaker at the [5th Central European Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy](#), which took place in Vienna on October 8, 2026.

Forthcoming Events – Talks

- Professor **Katerina Ierodiakonou** will participate in the conference IMAGES OF LIFE – LIFE OF IMAGES IN ANCIENT THOUGHT: A Conference in Honour of Karel Thein, October 14-16, 2026, Kampus Hybernská. Title of her presentation: *Theophrastus on phantasia*.

- *The Athens Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* is being organized for the fourth year by *The Athens MA in Ancient Philosophy*, in cooperation with The Danish Institute

at Athens and the *Research Centre for Greek Philosophy of the Academy of Athens*. The talks take place once a month, **on Thursdays at 7 pm**, at The Danish Institute, Chairefontos 14. Each talk lasts between 30 to 40 minutes, followed by an extensive, open, and focused critical discussion, which can last up to 60 minutes. – The next talks:

- Oct. 15: Carlotta Capuccino: “*Secret Doctrines: Platonic Philosophy as a Path of Rational Initiation*”
- Nov. 12: Allegra De Laurentiis: “*On the Aristotelian Roots of Hegel's Soul*”
- Dec. 10: Miira Tuominen: “*Aristotle on Animal Dreams*”

• Third year of the Interdisciplinary Research Seminar “*Διεπιδημῶν*”

The Interdisciplinary Research Seminar [*Διεπιδημῶν*](#) “State and public health in the shadow of epidemics (19th - 21st century): approaches from history and the research fields of STS and critical medical humanities” is entering its third year. For the 2026-27 academic year, the Seminar is supported by the Princeton Athens Center for Research and Hellenic Studies and will be held at its premises (Timarchou 3, near Evangelismos metro station). The Seminar will take place on one Thursday each month, from 18:00 to 20:00, from October 2026 through May 2027, and will be conducted in Greek. The coordinators of the Seminar are Thanasis Barlagiannis (Research Fellow, KEINE, Academy of Athens) and Katerina Vlantonis (Assistant Professor, HPS Department, NKUA). You may see the full schedule [here](#).

- The Laboratory of Science, Technology, and Innovation in Society (STIS Lab) continues the webinar series titled 'Transformative Futures'



MORE INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED IN THE COMING WEEKS

21 October 2026 17.00 CET (18.00 Athens)

Giorgos Kallis, ICREA Research Professor at ICTA - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

19 November 2026 17.00 CET (18:00 Athens)

Alexander Damianos, Lecturer, Kent Law School

10 December 2026 17.00 CET (18.00 Athens)

Niki Frantzeskaki, Chair Professor of Regional and Metropolitan Governance and Planning, Utrecht University

14 January 2027 17.00 CET (18.00 Athens)

Phoebe Koundouri, Professor in Environmental Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business

18 March 2027 17.00 CET (18.00 Athens)

Aikaterini Argyrou, Associate Professor, Nyenrode Business University

22 April 2027 17.00 CET (18.00 Athens)

Brice Laurent, Senior Researcher, Center de Sociologie de l' Innovation, Ecole des Mines, Paris

13 May 2027 17.00 CET (18.00 Athens)

Alexandra Nikoleris, Senior lecturer at Environmental and Energy Systems Studies, Lund University

- **Assistant Professor Ermylos Plevrakis** will co-organize the international conference "Hegel on Historicity". The academic event is a joint collaboration with **Giorgos Faraklas** (Panteion University) and **Yiannis Kozatsas** (University of Thessaly) for the **International Network: Hegel's Relevance**, and will be held at Panteion University from November 5 to November 7, 2026.

- **Assistant Professor Ermylos Plevrakis** will deliver a lecture titled "**Hegel's 'Metaphysics Proper' between Finite and Infinite Spirit**" as part of the lecture series "**Hegel et l'idéalisme allemand**" (Hegel and German Idealism) at the **Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne** on **November 14, 2026**.

- **Professor Katerina Ierodiakonou** will participate in the **13th International Round Table on Polychromy in Ancient Sculpture and Architecture**, which will be held in **Thessaloniki** from November 18 to November 21, 2026.

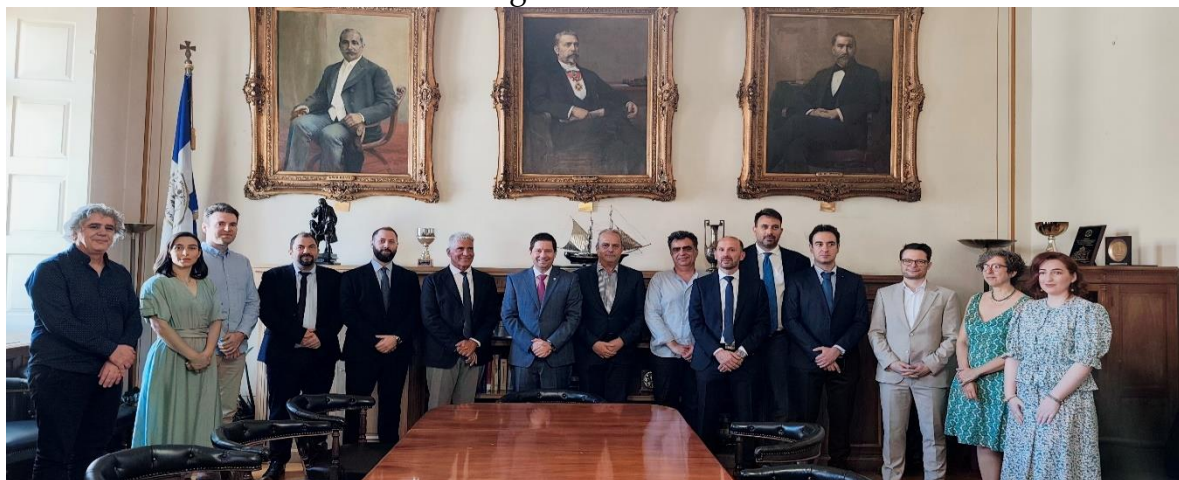
2 New Members of Staff

- **Evgenia Mylonaki** was born and raised in Heraklion, Crete. After graduating with honors from the University of Athens, she pursued her doctoral studies at the University of Pittsburgh, under the supervision of John McDowell and Kieran Setiya. At Pittsburgh she held the prestigious Andrew Mellon Fellowship and American Association of University Women fellowships. She has since led funded research projects in Leipzig, Patras and Athens, the last as an IKY postdoctoral fellow.

Her work spans ethics, the philosophy of action and mind, and the history of philosophy, drawing on Aristotle, Kant, Wittgenstein, Murdoch, Anscombe and Foot. It has appeared in leading journals, including the *European Journal of Philosophy*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Explorations* and the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, and in invited chapters for Oxford and Cambridge University Presses. Her monograph, *Moral Growth: Disruption, Attention and Virtue*, is forthcoming on Cambridge University Press's main philosophy list. Her editorial work includes *Reason in Nature*, essays in honor of John McDowell (with Matthew Boyle; Harvard University Press, 2022), a special issue of the *Journal of Philosophy of Emotion*, and a forthcoming Routledge volume. With Constantine Sandis she co-edits Bloomsbury's *Why Philosophy Matters* series. She has given more than fifty talks worldwide, including keynote addresses. After serving as Assistant Professor at the University of Patras, she is now Assistant Professor of Ethics in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Athens, where she began her studies.

- **Ermylos Plevrakis** was born in Athens in 1981. He graduated from the Department of Theology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2003) and studied philosophy at Heidelberg University (2009), where he also received his doctorate in philosophy in 2016. His doctoral dissertation was entitled *Das Absolute und der Begriff: Zur Frage philosophischer Theologie in Hegels Wissenschaft der Logik*. He has taught philosophy or conducted postdoctoral research at the Universities of Heidelberg, Tübingen, Jena, Stuttgart, Athens, and Crete. He has received research grants and awards from, among others, the Villigst Foundation, the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and the State Scholarships Foundation of Greece (IKY). His research focuses, from a historical perspective, on classical German philosophy, especially Hegel, in dialogue with ancient and contemporary philosophy, particularly Aristotle, Wittgenstein, and McDowell. From a systematic perspective, his work addresses classical questions in metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and metaphilosophy, while also engaging with contemporary issues concerning nature and artificial intelligence. He is the author of a monograph published by Mohr Siebeck and approximately thirty articles in international journals (including Hegel

Bulletin, Hegel-Studien, Idealistic Studies, Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung, and Discover Computing) and edited volumes published by, among others, Brill, De Gruyter, and Universitätsverlag Winter. He has also (co-)edited three volumes or special journal issues published by Brill/De Gruyter, Universitätsverlag Winter, and Cambridge University Press. He serves as an anonymous reviewer for eighteen international journals, academic publishers, and public funding institutions. Over the past decade, he has (co-)organized five international philosophy conferences and delivered approximately fifty talks. He is currently working on a monograph on the metaphysics of truth, freedom, and dignity, investigating their scope of reference in relation not only to human beings but also to nature and artificial beings.

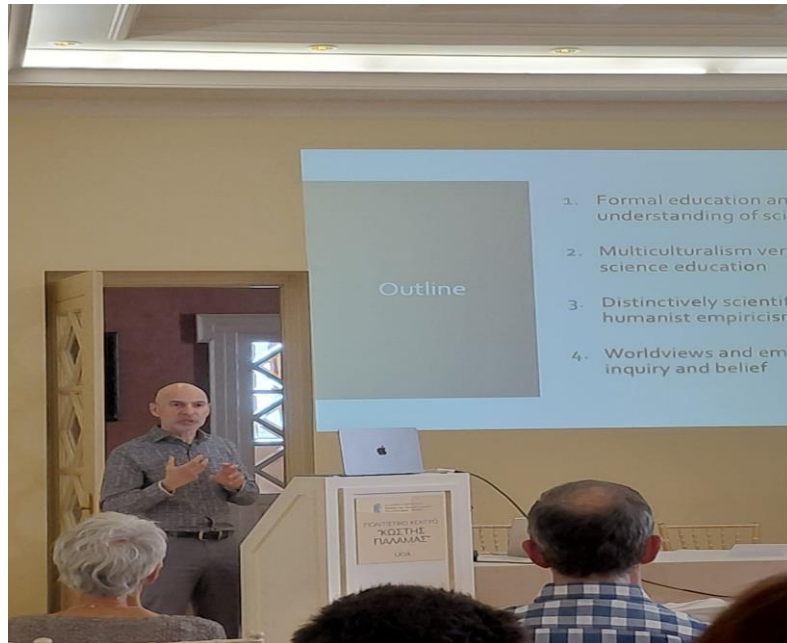


Swearing-in of the two new members before the Rector Gerasimos Siasos

News from MAs

- [Contemporary Philosophy meets Philosophy of Science: Trends and Perspectives: IV \(24-25 September 2026\): Overview · UoA Conferences System \(Indico\)](#)

The annual conference of the English-taught Master's program "**MA in Contemporary Philosophy / Philosophy of Science**" was organized with great success on September 24 and 25. The event featured prominent speakers from the United States (Anjan Chakravartty, University of Miami), Germany (Monika Betzler, University of Munich), and France (Gerhard Heinzmann, Université de Lorraine, Nancy). The conference was attended, among others, by newly admitted students as well as alumni of the program originating from 12 countries.



Anjan Chakravartty



Chrysostomos Mantzavinos, Monika Betzler, Gerhard Heinzmann (from left to right)

- With the completion of the selection process for new students for the academic year 2026-27, *The Athens MA in Ancient Philosophy* enters its fourth year of operation. The program promotes the study of Ancient Greek Philosophy across its entire historical and thematic scope. It is the only program in Greece (and one of very few worldwide) that focuses exclusively on Ancient Philosophy as a subject of systematic study and research.

This year, 29 applications were submitted and fourteen students were accepted; among them, the Athens MA will host graduates from the universities of Amsterdam, Renmin, The Hebrew University, and the Ecole Normale Supérieure Lyon. *The Athens MA in Ancient Philosophy* is based in and supported by the Department of History and Philosophy of Science and is the result of a collaboration between three major Greek universities, which have joined forces to

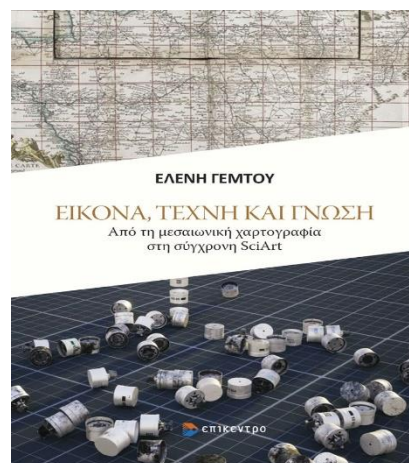
create a highly competitive program: the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the University of Patras (Department of Philosophy), and the University of Crete (Department of Philosophy).

The program lasts one full academic year (12 months – 75 ECTS). Tuition fees are €3,000, and the language of instruction is English. For more information, visit <https://athensma.phs.uoa.gr>.

Publications of Members of the Department

- **Books:**

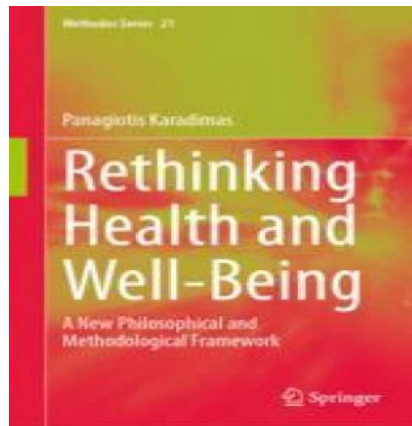
- Gemtou, E. (2026). *Image, Art and Knowledge: From Medieval Cartography to Contemporary SciArt*. Thessaloniki: Epikentro. ISBN 978-618-204-718-7.



Abstract:

Image, Art and Knowledge: From Medieval Cartography to Contemporary SciArt traces the historical relationship between images, artistic practice and the production of knowledge. Its central argument is that images do not merely represent an already constituted reality; they can actively participate in the processes through which the world becomes visible, intelligible and organized as an object of knowledge. Moving from medieval cartography and illuminated manuscripts through the Renaissance and modern scientific visualization to contemporary SciArt, the book examines changing relationships between image-making, art and science. It brings together approaches from art history, the history of science, visual studies and Science and Technology Studies (STS), treating images as active components in the production, stabilization and circulation of knowledge. Particular attention is given to contemporary SciArt, in which artistic practice can become a site of experimentation, critique and the co-production of knowledge.

- Karadimas, P. 2026. [Rethinking Health and Well-Being: A New Philosophical and Methodological Framework](#). Cham: Springer.



Abstract:

This book calls scholars to rethink health and well-being. Doing so, strikes as necessary for a number of aspects related to these topics have not yet been really addressed from a philosophical point of view. For example: can we really speak about facts related to health and well-being? If so, then are value judgments only evaluative tools and not quite inseparable from our descriptions of the world? If the answer to the first question is “no”, then does the rejection of facts leads us necessarily to normative conclusions about health and well-being? In other words, is it possible to have a purely descriptive approach to health and well-being that appreciates the knowledge problems we face? While settling the above can partly refurbish the philosophical landscape, more questions are hovering and are waiting to be unpacked. Since some scholars agree that health and well-being are, one way or another, related at a normative level, then is it possible to be connected in a purely descriptive manner? If so, then what does a conceptual connection say (if anything) about the science of health and well-being? Can we arrive at a philosophical schema that entails a novel conceptualization and a theoretical approach that attempts to refine methodologies related to scientific tasks vis-à-vis health and well-being?

All these questions come to challenge one’s mind while searching through the vast literature on health, well-being and on the interconnection between them and so this book is the attempt to discuss these issues and all the byproducts and the implications they carry in some detail. Upon attempting to do so, a new framework to approach health and well-being has been hopefully born. Long story short: Health and well-being are treated as conceptually indistinguishable and a model-theoretic view of health and well-being is presented and which aspires to account for the above questions and their ramifications. Drawing upon the model-theoretic view brings us in an epistemic position to better deal with pesky methodological issues such as establishing causal relations without being prone to selection bias and reversed causality problems, it facilitates measurement of well-being and it helps improve the chances of successful diagnosis in psychiatry.

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