





PERSONAL INFORMATION

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 Sex Male | Date of birth 10-08-1978 | Nationality Hellenic

WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2021-Present

**Freelance Translator**

Gel-Global

- Translating documents from English and French to Greek

June 2021-Present

**Freelance Translator/Reviewer**

Netflix

- Translating and reviewing movies from English and French to Greek

March 2020-Present

**Post Doc Researcher**

The Global Sustainable Information Society Institute, Vienna, Austria

- Conducting research on eco-techno-social transformation
- Contributing to the writing up of research proposals

November 2019-Present

**In-House Proofreader-Team Leader-Assistant Editor**

Spandidos Publications, Athens, Greece

- Proofreading, copy-editing and typesetting peer-reviewed academic articles on medical science in English
- Writing up editor comments on behalf of the Deputy Editor
- Writing up the company's working manuals/guidelines
- Training new members of the submission team
- Evaluating the work of the submission team
- Preparing monthly task rotation programs
- Organising everyday workflow

January 2019-June 2019

**Freelance Proofreader**

Standard & Poor's

- Proofing earnings calls for the Standard & Poor's 500 companies

January 2018-April 2018

**Post Doc Fellow Visitor**

University of Limerick, Department of Computer Science, Ireland

- Examination of the role of digital platforms in the collaborative economy by conducting field research on the Cloughjordan Ecovillage <http://www.idc.ul.ie/projects/projects-sustresce/>
- Ethnographic study, qualitative and quantitative research
- Supervisor: lecturer Gabriela Avram

January 2018-April 2018

**Post Doc Research Affiliate**

Free University of Amsterdam, Department of Social Anthropology, The Netherlands

June 2016-December 2016

**Content Developer**

Oviev, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Content development for an application performing public polls on news, politics, health and the environment, showbiz, sports, science, etc.

April 2014-January 2018

**Copywriter- Content Manager**

The New Ways BV Gyroscopweg 2N, Amsterdam, 1042AB The Netherlands

- Description of the company's products in English and French
- Documentation, photocopying, faxing, emailing, and organization of the filing system
- Monitoring and maintenance of the company's website

October 2009-June 2014

**Ph.D. Researcher in Political Theory**

University of Crete, Rethymnon, Greece

- Research on Contemporary Political Theory
- Publications in peer-to-peer academic journals
- Presentations at conferences, workshops and seminars in Greece and abroad

September 2011-June 2013

**Teacher**

Plaisio School, 63 Rizountos, Thessaloniki, 55131 Greece

- Teaching of Ancient Greek, Modern Greek, History, Philosophy, Literature
- Specialization in the preparation of high school students for the university entrance exams

September 2010-June 2011

**Teacher**

Protypo School, 1 Ethnikis Antistaseos, Kilkis, 61100 Greece

- Teaching of Ancient Greek, Modern Greek, History, Philosophy, Literature
- Specialization in the preparation of high school students for the university entrance exams

September 2008-June 2010

**Teacher**

Prooptiki School, 101 Papanastasiou, Thessaloniki, 54453 Greece

- Teaching of Modern Greek
- Specialization in the preparation of high school students for the university entrance exams

May 2006-June 2008

**Writer**

Ksydas Editions, 178 Konstantinoupoleos, Thessaloniki, 54249 Greece

- Writer of a Modern Greek book intended for the second class of middle school

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

2009-2014

**Ph. D. in Political Theory (with distinction)**

University of Crete, Greece

- Thesis title: Rational Mastery and Freedom in the thought of Cornelius Castoriadis  
Supervisor: Konstantinos Kavoulakos, Assistant Professor of Social and Political Philosophy

**Thesis description**

My Ph.D. thesis concerns the work of the contemporary Greek-French philosopher Cornelius Castoriadis. The thesis examines the contrast of the notions of rational mastery and freedom, as emerging in philosophy, politics, economy and technoscience from modernity onwards. In the first part, I begin by analysing the contradiction of Castoriadis' Logic of Magmas with the ensemblistic-identitary Logic of Mathematics set theory, which originates in Aristotle's Typical Logic and evolves thereafter in modernity in the form of the "determinacy principle". I present Castoriadis' critique of the "determinacy principle", focusing on the work of Aristotle, Kant, Hegel, Marx. I then demonstrate Castoriadis' project of individual and collective autonomy, as the counterweight to the rational mastery inherent in the "determinacy principle" of modernity. In the second part, I extend Castoriadis' critique of the rational mastery on the positivism ascribed to the positive sciences and humanities, and I continue by contrasting Castoriadis' conceptualisation of freedom with the rational mastery of the unlimited expansion of technology and economy in nature and society, causing the contemporary ecological and economic crisis. The thesis concludes by highlighting the potential of Castoriadis' project of individual and collective autonomy for the creation of a more equal, free and just society.

2002-2005

**M.A. in Philosophy of Science**

Aristotle University, Thessaloniki Greece

Thesis title: Is Scientific Observation Theory Ladden

Supervisor: Dimitra Sfendoni Mentzou, Professor of Philosophy of Science

**Thesis description**

My master thesis concerns the relation of theory and observation in epistemology and cognitive sciences. I begin by presenting the contrast between logical positivism and the historicism of Kuhn, concerning the relation of theory and observation. My research integrates the development of the cognitive sciences in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as deployed in Gestalt and New Look psychology. I then focus on the contemporaneous debate between Jerry Fodor and Paul Churchland, who examine the relation of theory and observation on the basis of the recent findings in cognitive psychology and neurosciences. Finally, I summarize the arguments drawn from epistemology and cognitive sciences through the prism of a scientific realism thesis.

2004- 2005

**Erasmus post graduate student**

Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam The Netherlands

- Assignment title: Science, Technology and the Knowledge Society
- Supervisor: Hans Radder, Professor of Philosophy of Science

1995- 2001

**Degree in Philosophy**

University of Ioannina, Greece

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political Theory (Liberalism, Neo/Post Marxism, Discourse Theory)  
 Postmodernism (Bergson, Merleau-Ponty, Foucault, Deleuze, Derrida)  
 The Collaborative Economy (platform cooperativism, Commons-based peer production)  
 Digital Platforms and Open Source Technologies

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

**Mother tongue(s)**

Greek

**Other language(s)**

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
	English	C2	C2	C2	
	First Certificate in English, Cambridge 1992				
French	C2	C2	C1	C1	C2
	Delf 1 2012, Delf 2 2013				
Dutch	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user  
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

Excellent command of MS Office applications (Word, Excel, Power Point, Access)  
 European Computer Driving Lessons (ECDL) ECDL Foundation 2003

**PUBLICATIONS**

- 2020 The Commons: Economic Alternatives in the Digital Age, UK: Westminster University Press.
- 2021 On the Contradictions of the Commons, UK: Routledge (forthcoming).
- 2021 Rational Mastery and Freedom in the Thought of Cornelius Castoriadis (forthcoming)

- 2003 Modern Greek school-book for the second class of middle school students, Ksydas Editions, Thessaloniki

<https://crete.academia.edu/vangelispapadimitropoulos>

## ARTICLES

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- 2021 Platform Capitalism, Platform Cooperativism and the Commons, *Rethinking Marxism*, Volume 33, Issue 2: 246-262.
- 2020 The Radical Freedom of the Imaginary in the work of Castoriadis, *Cosmos and History, The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy* vol. 16, no.1, 24-46.
- 2019 *Politics and The Political* in the work of Castoriadis, *Critical Horizons* Vol. 20 (1): 40-53, DOI: 10.1080/14409917.2019.1563996
- 2019 Beyond Neoliberalism: Digitisation, Freedom and the Workplace, *Ephemera*, volume 19 (3): 565-589
- 2018 Sustainability and Resilience in the Collaborative Economy: An Introduction to the Cloughjordan Ecovillage, *Journal of Public Policy and Administration*. Vol. 2, No. 4, 2018, pp. 49-60. doi: 10.11648/j.jpaa.20180204.12
- 2018 From Socialism to Open Cooperativism: Convergences and Divergences in the work of Castoriadis, Olin Wright and Bauwens and Kostakis, *Global Journal of Human-Social Science (F)*, Vol. 18, Issue 4, Version 1: 7-20.
- 2018 Commons-based Peer Production in the work of Yochai Benkler, *TripleC, Communication, Capitalism & Critique* 16(2): 835-856.
- 2018 Reflections on the Contradictions of the Commons, *Review of Radical Political Economics*, 2018, Vol. 50(2) 317–331.
- 2018 From Resistance to Autonomy: Power and Social Change in Castoriadis and Foucault, *International Journal of Innovative Studies in Sociology and Humanities*, Vol. 3, Issue 11, November, p. 1-13.
- 2018 The Rational Mastery in the Work of Cornelius Castoriadis, *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*, 29:3, 51-67, DOI: 10.1080/10455752.2016.1267784.
- 2017 From the Crisis of Democracy to the Commons, *Socialism and Democracy*, 31:3, 110-122.
- 2017 The Politics of the Commons: Reform or Revolt? *TripleC, Communication, Capitalism & Critique* 15(2): 565-583
- 2016 Freedom, Autonomy, Democracy: Castoriadis and the Collaborative Commons, *Contemporary Political Theory* (accepted for publication)
- 2016 Socialisme ou Barbarie: From Castoriadis' Project of Individual and Collective Autonomy to Collaborative Commons, *Theseis*, vol. 137, October-December 2016 (In Greek)
- 2016 Socialisme ou Barbarie: From Castoriadis' Project of Individual and Collective Autonomy to Collaborative Commons, *TripleC, Communication, Capitalism & Critique*, 14(1): 265-278, 2016
- 2015 Indeterminacy and Creation in the Thought of Cornelius Castoriadis, *Cosmos and History, The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy*, Vol. 11, No. 1, (2015) p. 256-268

## REVIEWS

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- 2014 Bergson H., *Matter and Memory, Essay on the Relation of Body and Spirit*, Roes Editions, Athens, 2013 (In Greek) in *Critica, Philosophical Reviews*

## PRESENTATIONS

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- March 2018 University of Limerick, Ireland, Computer Science Department  
Title: A Typology of the Commons
- December 2017 Panteion University, Athens, Greece, Conference: Cornelius Castoriadis 20 Years After  
Title: From Castoriadis to the Commons
- September 2017 Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, International Workshop on the Commons and Political Theory by Heteropolitics programme  
Title: The Politics of the Commons: Reform or Revolt?
- May 2017 Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, 1st National Conference on the Commons and Social and Solidarity Economy  
Title: On the Barriers and Contradictions of the Commons
- March 2017 Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Title: The Future of Labour in the Information Age
- October 2016 Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Title: Transparency and Democracy: From Castoriadis to the Commons
- September 2016 University of Manchester, Mancept Workshops in Political Theory  
Title: Freedom and the Workplace in the Information Age
- September 2015 University of Manchester, Mancept Workshops in Political Theory  
Title: Socialisme ou Barbarie: From Castoriadis' Project of Individual and Collective Autonomy to Collaborative Commons
- January 2015 University of Crete, Greece, School of Philosophy  
Seminar *Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society*  
Title: Power, Norm and Difference in the work of Michel Foucault
- June 2013 University of Crete, Greece, School of Philosophy  
Seminar *Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society*  
Title: Freedom in Modernity: From Kant to Castoriadis
- January 2013 University of Crete, Greece, School of Philosophy  
Seminar *Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society*  
Title: The Project of Individual and Collective Autonomy in the thought of Cornelius Castoriadis
- June 2012 University of Crete, Greece, School of Philosophy  
Seminar *Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society*  
Title: Indeterminacy and Creation in the thought of Cornelius Castoriadis
- January 2012 University of Crete, Greece, School of Philosophy  
Seminar *Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society*  
Title: Determinacy and Teleology in the thought of Cornelius Castoriadis
- June 2011 University of Crete, Greece, School of Philosophy  
Seminar *Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society*  
Title: The Determinacy Principle in the thought of Cornelius Castoriadis

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2009 Scholarship offered by State Scholarship Foundation for postgraduate studies (Ph.D.)
- 2004 Erasmus Scholarship offered by State Scholarship Foundation for postgraduate studies at the VU University in Amsterdam

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- 2021 Member of the Global Sustainable Information Society Institute
- 2016 Member of the International Association for the Study of the Commons
- 2015 Member of the Greek Philosophical Society

## REFEREES

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Gabriela Avram, Lecturer in Computer Science and Information Systems  
University of Limerick, Ireland  
[gabriela.avram@ul.ie](mailto:gabriela.avram@ul.ie)

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University of Crete, Greece  
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