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EDUCATION

B.A. Engineering National Technical Univ. of Athens 1972

M.Phil. Philosophy University of Pavia (Italy) 1981

D.Phil. Philosophy Univ. of Oxford (Brasenose College) 1987

Master's Thesis: Dialectic and Mathematics in Plato's Meno.
(supervisor M. Vegeti)

Dissertation: The Hypothetical Method in Plato's Middle Dialogues.
(supervisor: prof. J. Ackrill, Brasenose College)

Languages: English, Italian

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

Ancient Philosophy (Presocratics, Plato, Aristotle)

History and Philosophy of Greek Science (Mathematics, Astronomy, Cosmology).

History and Philosophy of Technology.

Environmental Ethics.

Cultural Studies

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Research Grant, Oxford University,

1985

Erasmus fellowship

April-May 1991

Visiting Professorship, Oxford University, Subfaculty of Philosophy,

Trinity Term 1993

Princeton University, Seeger Research Fellowship, Philosophy Department and Program for
Hellenic Studies April 1994

Visiting Professor: Univ. of Cyprus, January – May 2009, and September 2012 – May 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, CONFERENCES, ETC.

Undergraduate courses taught (1987-2013): Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Science,
Logic, History and Philosophy of Technology, Environmental Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy

Post-graduate courses taught (1989-2013): Ancient Philosophy, Topics on Ancient Philosophy
(mainly on Plato and Aristotle), Ancient Mathematics, Philosophy of Technology, Environmental
Philosophy, History and Philosophy of Mathematics.

I have given lectures, after invitation, in many universities (e.g. Oxford, Edinburgh, Princeton,
Venice, Trinity College Dublin, Berlin, Gent, Leuven, Bern, Paris, Beijing, Tokyo)

Faculty Supervisor and examiner, Ph.D. Students, National Technical University of Athens 1988-

I have presented papers in more than sixty conferences

Organiser of two Greek and 29 International conferences on Ancient Philosophy and Science.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. D. Anapolitanos and V. Karasmanis (eds), *Ancient Greek Mathematics: Historical and Philosophical Essays*, (in Greek) Trochalia press, Athens, 1993..
2. P. Kalligas, V. Kalfas, V. Karasmanis (eds), *Plato's 'Timaeus'*, (in Greek) Stigmi Press, Athens 1997.
3. D. Anapolitanos, A. Demis, K. Dimitrakopoulos, D. Gavalas, V. Karasmanis, *Logic: Theory and Practice* (in Greek), Athens, OEDB, 1999 (The book of Logic for the pupils of third the class of Lyceum).
4. Ch. Beikou, I. Kalogerakos, V. Karasmanis, P. Nikolakopoulos, *CD- Rom of Philosophy* (in Greek), Athens, OEDB 2000 (for use of the pupils of the third class of Lyceums).
5. V. Karasmanis, *Socrates: The Wise Man who Knew Nothing* (in Greek), Athens, Livanis 2002.
6. V. Karasmanis (ed), *Socrates: 2400 years from his death*, Athens 2004. (Distribution by the German Publisher Akademia Verlag).
7. A. Andreopoulos, V. Karasmanis, P. Rapti, S. Tsotsoros (eds), *Philosophy, Society and Culture: Essays in Honour of Prof. D. Nianias* (in Greek), Athens, 2006.
8. S. Virvidakis, V. Karasmanis, Ch. Tourna, *Introduction to Philosophy* (in Greek), Athens, OEDB, 2006 (The book of Philosophy for the pupils of the second class of Lyceum).
9. V. Karasmanis and L. Judson (eds), *Remembering Socrates*, Oxford University Press 2006.
10. R. Patterson, V. Karasmanis and A. Hermann (eds) *Studies on Presocratics and Plato*, Parmenides Publ., Las Vegas 2012

Articles

"Hypotheses and Dialectic in Plato's Republic" (in Greek), in *Dialectic*, Proceedings of the third Panhellenic Conference in Philosophy, Athens 1987, pp 91-6..

"Plato's Republic: the Line and the Cave", in *Apeiron* (1988), pp 147-171.

"Some philosophical questions regarding technology", (in Greek), in *Socialist Theory and Practice*, May 1988, pp.

"Mathematical Proportions and Justice: Plato and Aristotle" (in Greek), in *Plato and Aristotle's Conception of Justice*, Proceedings of the third International Symposium in Philosophy, Athens, 1989, 234-42.

"Two Different Traditions in Pre-Platonic mathematics" (in Greek), in K. Boudouris (ed.) *Ionian Philosophy*, Athens 1990, 77-90.

"The Hypotheses of Mathematics in Plato's Republic and his Contribution to the Axiomatization of Geometry", in P. Nicolacopoulos (ed.), *Greek Studies in the Philosophy and History of Science*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1990. pp121-136.

"The problem of Values in Ecology" (in Greek), in *New Ecology*, November 1990, pp 56-60.

"Thales and the Early Greek Mathematical Demonstration", in the *Historical Types of Rationality*, edited by M. Asimakopoulos and K. Gavroglou, Athens 1992, pp 257-67.

"Where does the Euristic Capacity of the Greek Geometrical Method of Analysis lie?" (in Greek), in V. Karasmanis and D. Anapolitanos (eds), *Ancient Greek Mathematics: Historical and Philosophical Essays*, (in Greek) Trochalia press, Athens, 1993, pp 173-194.

"Mathematical Proportions and Justice in Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics 1131b5-15", in *Ancient Philosophy* 1993, pp 373-8.

'The life and works of Gregory Vlastos', (in Greek) in *Greek Philosophical Review*, 1994, pp 114-119.

'Culture and the cultural policy of the European Cultural Centre of Delphi', (in Greek) in *Cultural Identity and Strategy of Hellenism*, Gnosis publ., Athens 1995, pp 239-47.

. V. Karasmanis – J. Milios: "On the connection between ancient Greek Philosophy and classical Political Economy", in *Greek Economic Review*, 1995, σελ. 51-64.

T. Scaltsas – V. Karasmanis "Argument analysis as interpretation – Project Archelogos", in M. Gragona – Monachou (ed.) *The Actuality of Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Ellinika Grammata, Athens 1997, pp 389-409.

"Do we control technology?" (in Greek), in A. Bayonas (ed.) *Technology and Values*, Patras 1997, pp 119-125.

«The Economic Man in Plato's *Republic*», in K. Boudouris (ed.) *Platonic Political Philosophy and Contemporary Democratic Theory*, Athens 1997, pp 83-93.

"Probability in Ancient Greece", in T. Berggren (ed.) *Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Ancient Mathematics*, Simon Frazer Univ. Publ., 1997, pp 117-122.

'Ancient Greek Technology: An Interpretative Essay', (in Greek) in *Ancient Greek Technology*, Proceedings of the first International Conference on Greek Technology, Thessaloniki 1998, pp 633-644.

"Pythagorean and Ionian Mathematics: Two Different Currents in pre-platonic Thought", in *Bulletin de Federation des Professeurs de Grec et Latin*, Brussels, 1998, pp25-37.

"On the first Greek mathematical proof" in *Hermathena*, 2000, pp 7-21.

«The importance of Education in Plastic Arts» (in Greek), in *Education and Plastic Arts* (Proceedings of AKTO conference), Athens 2002, pp. 136-9.

«Self-Knowledge in Socrates» (in Greek), in *Socrates and his Philosophy* (Society of Leucadian Studies), Athens 2002, pp. 45-52.

Vassilis Karasmanis and Katerina Ierodiakonou, "Do we need the Ancient Philosophy in the Age of the Computer?" (in Greek), in *Pyrphoros*, 7, 2003, pp.60-2.

"Dialectic and the Good in Plato's *Republic*", in *Cahiers de Philosophie Ancienne*, in J.Tsimbidaros (ed), *Platon et Aristote: Dialectique et Metaphysique*, Editions Ousia, Bruxelles, 2004, pp 31-50.

Vassilis Karasmanis and Katerina Ierodiakonou, "Ancient Philosophy in Modern Greece", in L. Rossetti (ed), *Greek Philosophy in the New Millenium*, Academia Verlag, 2004, pp. 301-310.

“Definition in Plato’s *Meno*”, in Vassilis Karasmanis (ed), *Socrates: 2400 Years from his Death*, Athens 2004, pp 347-356.

“Art and Technology in the Myth of Daedalus and Icarus”, in Otto Peine (ed.), *Proceedings of the Sky Art Conference 2002*, M.I.T. Press. 2005.

«The Ancient Hydraulis (water organ) and its Reconstruction» (in Greek), in *Archeology*, June 2005.

«The Method of Physical Research in Plato’s *Timaeus*» (in Greek), in *Δευκαλίων*, June 2005.

“Dialectic and the Argument on Justice in Plato’s *Republic*” in Damir Barbaric (ed), *Plato on Goodness and Justice*, Zagreb Croatia, 2005.

“Anagke and Nous: The Method of Biological Research in Plato’s *Timaeus*”, in *RHIZAI*, December 2005.

«The Life and Work of Professor D. Nianias» (in Greek), in A. Andreopoulos, V. Karasmanis, P. Rapti, S. Tsotsoros (eds), *Philosophy, Society and Culture: Essays in Honour of Prof. D. Nianias*, Athens, 2006.

«On the Second Part of Plato’s *Parmenides*» (in Greek), in A. Andreopoulos, V. Karasmanis, P. Rapti, S. Tsotsoros (eds), *Philosophy, Society and Culture: Essays in Honour of Prof. D. Nianias*, Athens, 2006.

«The Geometrical Method of Hippocrates of Chios» (in Greek), in *NEYSIS*, April 2006.

“Definition in Plato’s *Meno*”, in Vassilis Karasmanis and Lindsay Judson (eds), *Remembering Socrates*, Oxford Univ. Press 2006.

“Soul and body in Plato” in Evy zacharopoulou (ed.), *Beyond the Mind-Body Dualism: Psychoanalysis and the Human Body*, Elsevier, Amsterdam, April 2006

“Technological Thinking in Plato”, in *SKEPSIS*, XVII (2006), 267-277

“Why Space is Discontinuous: *De Lineis Insecabilibus* 968b5-22” (in Greek), in *NEYΣΙΣ*, 2008.

“Continuity and Incommensurability in Ancient Greek Philosophy and Mathematics”, in *Philosophical Inquiry*, 2009. Republished in G. Anagnostopoulos (ed.), *Socratic, Platonic and Aristotelian Studies: Essays in Honor of Gerasimos Santas*, Springer, Dordrecht, 2011, 389-399.

“Aristotle on Technology”, in E. Karamalengou and E. Makrygianni (eds) *Αντιφιλισησις: Studies on Classical Byzantine and Modern Greek Literature and Culture*, Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart 2009.

«On the Pre-Euclidean *Elements* of Geometry» (in Greek), in D. Anapolitanos (ed), *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Greek Mathematics*, Nepheli publ., Athens, 2009.

«On the Birth of the Ancient Greek Civilization: A new interpretation» (in Greek) , ΔΕΥΚΑΛΙΩΝ, 2011.

“On the second part of Plato’s *Parmenides*”, in Patterson, Karasmanis and Hermann (eds), *Presocratics and Plato: Festschrift in Honor of Charles H. Kahn*, Parmenides Publ., Las Vegas, 2012.

“APAGOGE: The Method of Hippocrates of Chios and Plato’s Hypothetical Method in the *Meno*”, in A. Longo (ed) *La méthode hypothétique et ses liens avec les autres procédés de la dialectique*, Bibliopolis, Italy, 2012.

“Plato’s *Timaeus* 31b4 – 32c4: Why do we need two bonds between fire and earth?” in *Philosophical Inquiry*, 2014.

There are more than 250 references to my work, some of them by leading scholars in the area of Ancient Philosophy and Science like Gregory Vlastos (Princeton Univ.), G.E.R. Lloyd (Cambridge Univ.), David Charles (Oxford Univ.), Charles Kahn (Univ. of Pennsylvania), Terence Irwin (Cornell Univ.), Gail Fine (Cornell Univ.),

OTHER ACTIVITIES

President of the Oxford University Greek Society 1983-4

Elected member of the Administrative Council of the Greek Philosophical Association 1992-4

Elected member of the Administrative Council of the Greek Humanistic Society 1997-2005

President of the Greek Philosophical Association 2010 – 12.

Elected member of the Administrative committee of the European Society for Ancient Philosophy 1998-2012.

President of the European Society for Ancient Philosophy 2006- 2012

Elected member of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) 2013 –

Member of the Greek – Swedish Cultural Committee (appointed by the two parliaments) 1994 - 2004

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the journal *Society and Nature*, published both in Greek (Athens) and English (London) 1991 - 5

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the international journal for Ancient Philosophy *Rhizai* 2002 –

Member of the Editorial Board of the Greek philosophical journal ΔΕΥΚΑΛΙΩΝ 1996 -

Member of the administrative and scientific committee of the international project ‘Archelogos’ for Ancient Philosophy. 1990 -

Head of the project of reconstruction of Hydraulis, the ancient musical water organ (1995-9).

Head of the project of creating the official (Ministry of Culture) CD-ROM for the Olympic Games of Athens.

Director of the European Cultural Centre of Delphi 1994-2005

Head of the project Pythia, of organising competitions on Ancient Greek language in 12 European countries among the high-school pupils who learn Greek (1997 – 2005).

Organiser of summer seminars (in Delphi) on Ancient Greek language and literature for high-school teachers who teach Greek in various countries of Europe (1995 – 2005).

Head of the project of organising debates in the Greek high-schools (2001 – 5).

Organiser of many cultural events in Delphi: (exhibitions, theatre and music festivals, international meetings on culture and arts, etc.)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Technical Chamber of Greece, 1972-

Greek Philosophical Society, 1974-

International Plato Society 1990-

Greek Society for the History of Science and Technology, 1990-

American Philosophical Association (international member) 1991-

Greek Humanistic Society 1996-

European Society for Ancient Philosophy 1997-

Southeast-European Association for Ancient Philosophy 2001 -