

# ELENI MANOLAKAKI

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2014-Present: Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens, Panepistimioupolis, 15771, Ilisia, Athens, GREECE
- June 2009-2014: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens, Panepistimioupolis, 15771, Ilisia, Athens, GREECE
- September 2007-Present: Adjunct Instructor/Distance Learning, Hellenic Open University, Parodos Aristotelous 18, 26335, Patras, GREECE
- September 2002-June 2009: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 26500, GREECE
- February 2001-September 2002: Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 26500, GREECE
- February 2001-September 2002: Adjunct Instructor, The American College of Greece, Gravias 6, 153 42, Ag. Paraskevi, Athens, GREECE
- October 1994-June 2000: Adjunct Tutor, Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, DHT, George Square, SCOTLAND
- September 1995-January 1996: Adjunct Tutor, Department of Philosophy, University of Stirling, SCOTLAND

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Philosophy of Language, Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Decision Theory, Philosophy of Mathematics

My current research interests lie mainly in the project of a measurement theoretic account of language and mind. The basis of the project is Davidson's unified theory of meaning and action which combines a tarski-style semantic theory of truth with a Jeffrey-style decision theory. For reasons stated at E. Manolakaki (2000/2007) the decision theoretic component of the unified theory of interpretation should be a classical decision theory like Savage's decision theory. The aim of the project is twofold: to demonstrate that a unified theory of language and mind can be construed as a case of three-partite conjoint measurement and to elaborate and defend the philosophical commitments of a measurement theoretic account of language and mind.

## EDUCATION

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| 2000 | Ph.D. Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh<br>Thesis Title: <i>Truth-Evaluability in Radical Interpretation</i><br><br>Supervisor: Prof. Peter Milne, University of Stirling<br><br>Examiners: Prof. Tim Williamson, University of Oxford<br><br>Prof. Jane Heal, University of Cambridge |
| 1991 | M.sc. (Honor' s/4 years), Department of Mathematics,<br>University of Athens (B1)  |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### UNDERGRADUATE

- Philosophy of Language, Compulsory Course, 7th Semester, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens, 2009-  
Compulsory Course, 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2001-2009
- Theory of Knowledge and Metaphysics, Compulsory Course, 5<sup>th</sup> Semester, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens, 2009
- Analytic Philosophy, Course for Philosophy Honors, 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Semester, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens, 2009-
- Current Issues in Philosophy: Concept and Content, Optional Course, 8<sup>th</sup> Semester, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens, 2009-
- Philosophy of Mathematics, Optional Course, 6<sup>th</sup> Semester, Department of Mathematics, University of Athens, 2012-
- Theories of Truth, Optional Course, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Semester, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2003-2009
- Issues in Philosophy of Language: Singular Terms, Seminar, 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Semester, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2001-2007
- Philosophy of Mind, Compulsory Course, 6<sup>th</sup> Semester, Department of Philosophy University of Patras, 2002
- Logic, Two Semesters Compulsory Course, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2006-2009  
Compulsory Course 1<sup>st</sup> term (tutorial), Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, 1995-2000
- Philosophy in Europe (History of European Philosophy)  
Compulsory Course (two semesters), 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Studies in European Civilization, Hellenic Open University, 2007-
- Introduction to Philosophy, The American College of Greece, 2001-2002  
Tutorial, Department of Philosophy, University of Sterling, 1995
- Ethics, The American College of Greece 2001-2002
- Metaphysics, Compulsory Course (tutorial), 4<sup>th</sup> Term, Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, 1994-2000
- Logic and Philosophy of Science  
Compulsory Course (tutorial), 2<sup>nd</sup> Term, Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, 1994-1996

### POSTGRADUATE

- Philosophy of Mathematics, Optional Course, Postgraduate Program on Education and Methodology of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics, University of Athens, 2012
- Truth and Predication, Seminar, Postgraduate Program on Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens & National Technical University of Athens, 2012
- Davidson, Seminar, Postgraduate Program on Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens & National Technical University of Athens, 2010-2011
- Philosophy of Language and Philosophy of Mind  
Compulsory Course, Postgraduate Program on Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2007

## SUPERVISION

- Postgraduate Dissertations

Vasiliki Rizothanasi, "Interpretation and Communication in D. Davidson's Philosophy of Language", Postgraduate Program on Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens & National Technical University of Athens, 2013, Grade: Excellent

Dimitra Kelesidou, "Philosophical Interpretations of Probability", Postgraduate Program on Mathematics, Hellenic Open University, 2013, Grade: Excellent

Eleftheria Samara, "Philosophical Problems in Decision Theories", Postgraduate Program on Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens & National Technical University of Athens, 2013, Grade: Excellent

Konstadina Simandrakou, "Logicism concerning the a-priori character of mathematical truths and their applicability to empirical world", Postgraduate Program on Mathematics, Hellenic Open University, 2014, Grade: B1

Nikos Kallergis, "Ontological Realism and Truth-Value Realism in Mathematics, Postgraduate Program on Mathematics, Hellenic Open University, 2014, Grade: C

Sotiris Sakellaris, "Philosophy and Strong Artificial Intelligence, Postgraduate Program on Mathematics, Hellenic Open University, 2014, Grade: Excellent

Olga Kalkadera, "The Indispensability of Mathematical Objects", Postgraduate Program on Mathematics, Hellenic Open University, 2014, Grade: Excellent

Stathis Koukoulas, "Intuitionistic Mathematics" Postgraduate Program on Mathematics, Hellenic Open University, 2014, Grade: Excellent

- Ph. D Dissertations

Amalia Tsakiri, "Externalist Theories of Content", Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens

Vasiliki Rizothanasi, "The Unity of Proposition", Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens

Vaggelis Triantafyllou, "On Vagueness", Department of Philosophy and History of Science

- I have been examiner of 3 Ph.D. Dissertations

## TEACHING MATERIAL

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Course material and video lectures are cited at <https://eclass.uoa.gr/>

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

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- Eleni Manolakaki. 2014. *Philosophy of Language: The possibility of a Theory of Meaning*, I. Sideris, forthcoming  
This is more of a textbook on post-fregean Philosophy of Language. It offers an extensive presentation of fregean Philosophy of language and it attempts to make explicit the ways Frege created the agenda for most of the discussion in Philosophy of Language in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The book covers the main issues concerning post- fregean theories of singular terms, theories of propositional meaning and theories of force.
- Eleni Manolakaki. 2007. *Truth-Evaluability in Radical Interpretation*. Edinburgh Research Archives  
This is a peer-reviewed electronic edition of my Ph.D thesis (2000). The central problem of the thesis concerns the possibility of distinguishing between truth-evaluable and non-truth evaluable utterances in Davidson's theory of Radical Interpretation. This is shown to be a crucial problem in Davidson's theory that could be answered by an elaboration of the decision theoretic component of a Unified Theory of meaning and action. The main contribution of the thesis is the elaboration of Savage-style radical decision theory through which a solution to the problem of distinguishing the truth-evaluable from non-truth evaluable utterances could be drawn. For reasons articulated in the thesis, a Savage-style radical decision theory is preferable to a Jeffrey-style radical decision theory that Davidson endorses.

### EDITING

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- D. Davidson. 2014. *Truth and Predication*. Introduction & Editing Eleni Manolakaki. Ekkremes, forthcoming  
Davidson's swan song is translated to greek language. The edition is accompanied by an extensive introduction to Davidson's philosophy of language and mind and it covers issues from Davidson's thesis on Epistemology and Metaphysics. In *Truth and Predication* Davidson invokes the concept of Truth he has himself defended as well as the role such a concept has in his theory of linguistic meaning in order to deal afresh with the old problem of *predication*. Davidson considers the most pressing requirement of a theory of predication to be its prospect of dealing with the problem of the Unity of proposition, as the problem is stated in the platonic dialogue *The Sophist*. The position he thoroughly elaborates is that a tarskian, though applicable to natural language and empirically testable by linguistic behavior, theory of Truth constitutes a theory of predication that can surpass the problem of the platonic *Sophist*.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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- Eleni Manolakaki, 2014, "Davidson's Interpretations: A Reply to Eli Dresner" (under review)
- Eleni Manolakaki 2014, "A Measurement Theoretic Account of Propositional Attitude Ascriptions" (under review)
- Eleni Manolakaki, 2013. "What is Meaning (Soochow University Lectures in Philosophy) by Scott Soames, Analysis Vol. 73, Jan. 2013, 182-186, Oxford University Press

This is a critical note on the notion of proposition that Scott Soames elaborates in his book *What is Meaning* (2010). Soames argues that traditional conceptions of proposition are untenable and he defends a notion of proposition according to which propositions are structured and they are tied to the cognitive life of speakers/agents. Soames appeals to a measurement theoretic conception of propositions according to which propositions are devices by which we keep track of cognitive acts of speakers/agents, in particular acts of predicating one propositional constituent of another. From the above he concludes a realist account of propositions. I criticize Soames' proposal. Soames doesn't show that a measurement theoretic account of propositions is possible, if propositions are supposed to track the cognitive act of predicating one propositional constituent of another. So, his realist conclusion concerning propositions is disputable.

- A. Arageorgis, E. Manolakaki, A. Koutoungos (reply). 2010. "Peri Philosophikès Methodou", *Neusis* 18

This is a participation to a discussion about issues presented in A. Koutoungos, *Peri Philosophikes Methodou*. My participation is centered to the metaphilosophical assumptions of Koutoungos' enterprise with an emphasis given to the *Interpretation Problem*.

- Eleni Manolakaki. 2007. "A Note on the Paratactic Analysis of Mood". *Philosophical Inquiry*. Vol. 29/1, 84-88

This article presents a criticism of Davidson's paratactic analysis of mood. It is pointed out that Davidson's paratactic analysis of mood doesn't fulfill one of the requirements of Davidson's theory of mood. In particular, Davidson's analysis does not account for the common element between utterances of sentence in the same mood. A modification of Davidson's paratactic analysis of mood is suggested. The mood-setter utterance attributes a force from a family of utterance forces, so that the common element between utterances of sentence in the same mood is that a force from the same family of forces is attributed to the utterance.

- Eleni Manolakaki. 2007. "Aris Koutoungos, Peri Philosophikès Methodou". *Philosophical Inquiry* Vol. 29/4, 94-97

This is a critical comment on A. Koutoungos, *Peri Philosophikès Methodou*. It is focused on the issue of knowledge definition and skepticism.

- Eleni Manolakaki. 2004. "Διάκριση Πειποιθήσεων και Επιθυμιών" ("On the Distinction between Beliefs and Desires"). *Deukaleion* 22/1.21-41

This article presents a criticism of the notion of direction of fit as the distinguishing mark between beliefs and desires. M. Smith's, E. Anscombe's and L. Humberstone's criteria for beliefs and desires and their attempts to articulate the notion of a direction of fit are presented and critically assessed. An alternative account of the difference between beliefs and desires is defended. Beliefs are distinguished from desires by the different ways they are updated from new evidence.

- Eleni Manolakaki. 2003. "S. Psillos, Causation and Explanation". *Neusis* 12. 205-209

This is a critical presentation of Stathis Psillos, *Causation & Explanation*. The main contribution of the book is presented and some criticism on the notion of novel content is elaborated.

- Eleni Manolakaki. 2002. "On Davidson's Unified Theory of Meaning and Action". *Neusis* 11. 113-14022/1, σελ. 21-41

In this article Davidson's unified Theory of Meaning and Action is put into consideration and Davidson's proposal for an evaluative principle of charity is critically assessed. In the article Davidson's unified Theory is presented and the role of the primitive attitude of preferring the truth of one sentence to the truth of another is elaborated. It is argued that the attitude of preferring the truth of one sentence to the truth of another is bounded by a principle of rationality and there is no need for an additional interpretative principle of content – evaluative principle of charity, according to which the preferences of a speaker/agent are preferences of the good.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

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- "A measurement theoretic account of propositional attitude ascriptions", 2014, ECAP 8 – Eighth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, University of Bucharest , Romania 28 August – 2 September 2014
- "Measurement-theoretic interpretations in Philosophy of Language and Mind: Problems and Perspectives. 2013. University of Athens, Greece
- "Semantic Monism".2012. One day Conference for the Philosophy of Simon Blackburn. University of Athens, Greece
- "The self as the center of narrative gravity".2011. One day Conference on Narration. Athens
- "On the Unity of Proposition". 2010. 1<sup>st</sup> Panhellenic Conference of Philosophy of Science, Athens
- "The Innocence of Interpretational Indeterminacy". 2009. University of Athens. Greece
- "Measuring the Subject". 2008. Panhellenic Conference of Philosophy, Patras
- "Davidson's Conceptual Relativism". 2008. 6<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Krakow
- "Translatability and Anomaly of Mental Concepts". 2007. University of Patras
- "Translatability and Anomaly of Mental Concepts". 2007. University of Stockholm. Stockholm. Sweden
- "Translatability and Anomaly of Mental Concepts". 2006. Conference on Conceptual Schemes. Paros. Greece.
- "Conceptual Relativism". 2006. University of Athens
- "Interpreting Degrees of Belief". 2004. Conference of Degrees of Belief. University of Konstanz, Germany
- "Externalism, Triangulation and Anomalous Monism". 2003. Conference on Philosophy. University of Crete. Greece

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- Kim, J. *Philosophy of Mind*. 2005. Translation to Greek E. Manolakaki. Leader Books. P. 410

The following is a family of articles in which I apply theorizing from analytic philosophy of language, epistemology and metaphysics to the semantics, epistemology and metaphysics of music –emphasis is given on 20th century music:

- E. Manolakaki. 2007. "Is the *Heroic* what I'm listening?". *Cogito* 05

- E. Manolakaki. 2006. "Musical disintegration and meta-musical unification". *Cogito* 04
- E. Manolakaki. 2005. "Silence: Inside or outside music?". *Cogito* 03
- E. Manolakaki. 2005. "Do I understand or do I understand not of music?" *Cogito* 02.
- E. Manolakaki. 2004. "Music: Non-translatable language". *Cogito* 01

## ADMIN EXPERIENCE

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- Coordinator of the staff seminar, Division of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy & History of Science, University of Athens, 2009-
- Member of the Steering Committee: 3<sup>rd</sup> Panhellenic Conference of Philosophy of Science, 27-29 Nov. 2014, University of Athens
- Member of the Scientific Committee: XXIII World Congress of Philosophy, 4-10 August 2013. Athens
- Member of the Steering Committee: One day Conference for the Philosophy of Philip Kitcher, June 2013, University of Athens
- Member of the Steering Committee: One day Conference for the Philosophy of Simon Blackburn, March 2012, University of Athens
- Member of the Steering Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> Panhellenic Conference of Philosophy of Science, 28 Nov.-1 Dec. 2012, University of Athens
- Member of the Steering Committee: One day Conference for the Philosophy of Richard Boyd, Dec. 2010, University of Athens
- Member of the Scientific Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> Panhellenic Conference of Philosophy of Science, Oct. 2010, University of Athens
- Member of the Steering Committee: One day Conference for the Philosophy of Michael Friedman, Dec. 2009, University of Athens
- Director of Studies, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens, 2009-
- Member of the Committee of fast track entry/qualification exams: Department of Philosophy and History of Science, 2009-
- Coordinator: One year course Philosophy in Europe, Hellenic Open University. 2010
- Person in charge of Finances of the Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2002-2009
- Erasmus coordinator, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2007
- Member of the Committee of Undergraduate Curriculum, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2002-2009
- Member of the Committee of Postgraduate Curriculum, Postgraduate Program in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2006-2009
- Examiner for Ph.D. Scholarships, Philosophy of Science, Greek Scholarship Foundation. 2004
- Member of Evaluating and Assessment Committee for 5 Lecturer's positions, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, 2004-2009
- Referee: *Neusis*, *Metascience*

## AWARDS AND FUNDING

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Greek State Scholarship Foundation, Ph.D. Grant, 1992-1996



## VISITING POSITION

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Visiting scholar, Logos Research Group, University of Barcelona, spring-summer 2008