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Degree in Political Science in Panteion University.

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Social Sciences at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität in Frankfurt (Germany).

Main research interests: Classical and modern political theory. Critique of political economy and Critical theory. Theory of the state – fiscal dimension of state policy. Theories of democracy. University and power. Politics and literature.

Teaching Courses:

- *Political Theory* (introductory course spanning a series of semesters and including the classic political theories of antiquity - Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, the political theories of early modernity - Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and classical theories of Kant, Hegel, Marx and Max Weber).
- *Theories of Democracy* (lecture course for advanced semesters).
- *Violence and politics* (lecture course for advanced semesters).
- *Special issues of social theory - Karl Marx and Max Weber* (seminar on basic texts of the two thinkers).

- *Special topics in the political theory of the state budget* (seminar analyzing theories and procedures of the financial functions of the modern state).
- *Religion and Political Theory* (seminar on key documents concerning the criticism of religion in modernity).
- *Special issues in social theory: Plato's Politeia* (seminar in cooperation with Thomas Noutsopoulos)
- *University and power* (seminar analyzing basic theories of the modern university and its relationship with politics and power).
- *Issues of Political Economy* (postgraduate seminar in co-teaching with Thomas Noutsopoulos).
- *Space and Power* (postgraduate seminar in co-teaching with Elias Georgantas).

Monographs:

- *Arbeitsteilung und Normativität. Zur Rekonstruktion der Historischen Sozialtheorie Gustav Schmollers.* PhD Thesis, Haag & Herchen, Frankfurt / Main 1994.
- *Taxation and Politics. Politico-economic problematics and financial thought.* Sakis Karagiorga Foundation, Athens 2000. (greek)
- *Kritik und Geschichte. Zum Verhältnis von ökonomischem Historismus und historischem Materialismus.* Peter Lang, Frankfurt / Main 2003.

- *Freedom and history. With reference to the 'Theses on the concept of history' of Walter Benjamin.* KAPSIMI, Athens 2012. (greek)

Articles-Texts (selection):

- «Gustav Schmoller - and historicist criticism» *Axiologika*, issue 4, 1992. (greek)
- «Wilhelm Roscher: the "historical method" in the social sciences: critical observations for a contemporary evaluation». *Journal of Economic Studies*, vol. 22, nr. 3/4/5, 1995.
- «Ownership and freedom in the theories of Justus Möser and Jean-Jacques Rousseau». *Axiologika*, issue 10, 1997. (greek)
- «Slave revolts and critical history. A small study with reference to Karl Bücher and Panagis Lekatsas» *Utopia*, issue 35, May-August 1999. (greek)
- «Division of labour and societal formation in the work of Karl Bücher». In: *Karl Bücher: Theory-History-Anthropology-Non Market Economies*. Jürgen Backhaus (ed.), Metropolis, 2000.
- «Sovereignty and Fiscus. The material foundation of political power in classical natural law» *Tetradia Politikis Epistimis*, issue 2, 2003. (greek)
- «Financial theory and sociology of the state. Observations based on the text of J. A. Schumpeter The fiscal crisis of the state» *Tetradia Politikis Epistimis*, issue 3, 2004. (greek)
- «Anthropology, materialism and evaluation. The upright gait – observations on the anthropology Ernst Bloch ». *Utopia*, issue 59, 2004. (greek)

- «Max Weber and the Russian Revolution of 1905». *Utopia*, issue 77, 2007. (greek)

- «Historical Materialism and statehood. Observations on a materialist theory of the state based on its fiscal functions». *Social theory and political responsibility*. (Ed.) M. Angelides, D. Gravaris, D. Sakkas, Gutenberg, Athens 2008. (greek)

- «Revolution, power and censorship to John Milton. A chapter on the prehistory of the civil public sphere». *Theory, values and critic. Tribute to Kosmas Psychopedis*. (Ed.) M. Angelides, S. Demetriou, A. Lavranou, Polis, Athens 2008. (greek)

- «Between religious preaching and political declaration. A comment on the theory of human rights of Hermann Broch». *Utopia*, issue 81, 2008. (greek)

- «Between political philosophy and political science. Hegel and the English electoral reform of 1831-32». *Utopia*, issue 85, 2009. (greek)

- «Max Weber and modernity». *Social thought and modernity*. (Ed). S. Koniordos, Gutenberg, Athens 2009. (greek)

- «‘And forgive us our debts’. Walter Benjamin and capitalism as religion». *Axiologika*, issue 22, 2009. (greek)

- «‘We should not, then, be too frightened by the word archaic’. The drafts of Marx's letter to Vera Zasulich (1881) and the historicity of the future» *Utopia*, issue 94, 2011. (greek)

- «J. J. Rousseau on the verge of critique». *Democracy in exile. A guide to the thought of J. J. Rousseau 300 years after his birth* (Ed.) Rojda Azizoglu – Giorgos Faraklas, Athens 2013. (greek)

- «Appropriation, property and the critique of political economy. The critique of property in Marx». *Axiologika*, issue 28, 2013. (greek)
- «Über eine nicht nachgewiesene Zitatstelle im ersten Band des *Kapital*». *Marx-Engels-Jahrbuch* 2012/13.
- «The Critic and the Sophist: The Doctoral Dissertations of Karl Marx and Wilhelm Roscher». *Science & Society* vol. 78, no. 2.
- «Violence and modernity in Hegel's political analysis». *Hegel Jahrbuch* 2014, issue 1.
- «The journal *Antaios*, the public sphere as struggle, and struggle as public sphere» *Utopia*, issue 108, 2014. (greek)
- «Konspiration und Konstruktion. Die Entstehung der bürgerlichen Gesellschaft in den mittelalterlichen Städten als Thema der Forschungen von Karl Marx und Max Weber». *Marx-Engels-Jahrbuch* 2014.
- «Wilhelm von Humboldt, modern university and politics». *Axiologika*, issue 29, 2015. (greek)
- «Power». *Political science. Interdisciplinary and contemporary research of the political authority*. Ed. A-I.D. Metaxas, vol. VIII, *Political theory*, Sideris, Athens 2016. (greek)
- «The mapping of critique. A study on the development of critique in young Marx». *Axiologika*, issue 30, 2016. (greek).
- «“Und in den Sälen auf den Bänken, Vergeht mir Hören, Sehn und Denken”. The “faustian” critique of the university». *Axiologika*, issue 31, 2017. (greek).
- «Capital and its fetish». *Marxism Notebooks*, no. 5, 2017 (greek).

- «Marx's Capital and 'science'». *Crisis*, no. 4, 2018 (greek).

Translations (selection):

- Paragraphs 43 to 52 of Immanuel Kant *The Metaphysics of Morals* (Metaphysik der Sitten).
- Paragraphs 182 to 360 of G. W. F. Hegel *Philosophy of Right* (Grundlinien der Philosophie des Rechts).
- Max Weber *Zwischenbetrachtung. Theorie der Stufen und Richtungen religiöser Weltablehnung*. Introduction-translation Thanasis Giouras, Savalas, Athens 2002.
- Max Weber *Economy and Society*. Translation based on the edition of *Max Weber Gesamtausgabe*, Savalas, Athens 2005-2011. Each volume is accompanied by an extensive introduction:

Vol. 1 Basic Sociological concepts.

Vol. 2 Communities.

Vol. 3 Sociology of religion. Religious communities.

Vol. 4 Sociology of law.

Vol. 5 Sociology of power.

Vol. 6 The city.

- Knut Wicksell *Ueber ein neues Prinzip der gerechten Besteuerung. Tetradia Politikis Epistimis*, issue 3, 2004.
- Joseph Alois Schumpeter *Die Krise des Steuerstaats. Tetradia Politikis Epistimis* issue 3, 2004.

- Immanuel Kant *Der Streit der Fakultäten*. Introduction-translation Thanasis Giouras, Savalas, Athens 2004. The translation is accompanied by an extensive informative introduction that sets out the historical context and genesis of certain text features.

- G. W. F. Hegel *Über die englische Reformbill*. *Utopia*, issue 85, 2009.

- Translation (from the French original) the drafts of Karl Marx for a response to the letter of Vera Zasulich (1881). *Utopia*, issue 94, 2011.

- In cooperation with Elias Georgantas for the Handbook *Space, city and power in modernity* (ISK / Savalas, Athens 2010), translated texts by the following authors: Immanuel Kant, Johann Heinrich von Thünen, Gustav Schmoller, Karl Bücher, Georg Simmel, Werner Sombart, Alfred Weber, Walter Benjamin, Ernst Bloch.

- Ludwig Feuerbach *Das Wesen des Christentums. Das Wesen der Religion*. With an historical appendix. Athens 2012.

- Johannes Agnoli – *Die Transformation der Demokratie, und verwandte Schriften 1967-1998*. With an historical appendix. Athens 2013.

- Karl Marx – Texts from the 1840s. An Anthology. Athens 2014. (Includes, among others, *Bemerkungen über die neueste preußische Zensurinstruktion. Von einem Rheinländer* (1842), *Debatten über das Holzdiebstahlsgesetz. Von einem Rheinländer* (1842), *Zur Kritik der Hegelschen Rechtsphilosophie. Einleitung* (1844), *Zur Judenfrage* (1844), *Pariser Manuskripte* (1844), *Ad Feuerbach* (1845), *Feuerbach und Geschichte* (1845-1846), *Manifest der Kommunistischen Partei* (1848), *Die Bourgeoisie und die Kontrerevolution* (1848)). (In cooperation with MEGA)

- Ernst Bloch – *Naturrecht und menschliche Würde*. Athens 2015.

- *Tätigkeitsbericht* of the economic stab of the Occupation Forces in Greece during the Second World War (Hahn, Nestler, Overkott, Pfauter). Athens 2015.
- Karl Marx, *Das Kapital. Kritik der politischen Ökonomie. Erster Band: Der Produktionsprozess des Kapitals*. Athens 2016. (A scholar translation and edition of the first volume of *Capital*; in cooperation with Thomas Noutsopoulos, Dionysis Gravaris and Elias Georgantas. The edition includes also a) the first chapter of the first edition – together with the correspondent appendix – about the value form, b) Marx's handwritten notes and corrections of 1871-72 for the second German edition, c) additional notes and paragraphs from the French edition of 1875, which were not integrated in the editions that followed, d) Engels' notes and forewords of the editions after Marx's death). (In cooperation with MEGA)
- Max Weber – *On the economic and social history of antiquity. A collection of texts*. Athens 2017. (Includes the texts, *Die sozialen Gründe des Untergangs der antiken Kultur* (1896); *Der Streit um den Charakter der altgermanischen Sozialverfassung in der deutschen Literatur des letzten Jahrzehnts* (1904); *Agrarverhältnisse im Altertum* (1909)). With an extensive introduction by the translator.

Other publications include essays, book reviews of political and social theory, and analysis of literary texts (E.A. Poe, A. Karkavitsas, J.W. Goethe, J.Milton, K. Varnalis, D. Hatzis).