

Curriculum Vitae

Alex Koutsogiannis

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname : **Koutsogiannis**
Name : **Alexander**
Date of Birth : **March 25th, 1972 (Athens, Greece)**
E-mail : **akoutsogian@uoc.gr**

Current professional posts:

- a) Assistant Professor in Political Theory. Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences – University of Crete.**
- b) Research Fellow of the Scientific Council of the Hellenic Parliament.**

II. EDUCATION

1997-2001 **Doctor of Philosophy. Postgraduate Division of Social and Political Thought and Department of Culture and Communication. University of Sussex, UK.**

1995-1997 **MA in Social and Political Thought (*with Distinction*). University of Sussex, UK.**

1990-1994 **BA in Sociology. Department of Sociology - Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. Athens, Greece.**

Language Skills: **Greek, English, French (intermediate).**

AWARDS

- 1998-2001 Institute for State Scholarships (IKY). Scholarship for the preparation of a DPhil Thesis in sociological theory.
- January 1997 MA Distinction, University of Sussex, UK.

III. ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

A. POSTS

- 2004 – 2007, 2011-13 Adjunct Lecturer in Political Theory at the Department of Political Science – University of Crete.
- 2013 - 2016 Lecturer in Political Theory at the Department of Political Science – University of Crete.
- 2017 - 2020 Assistant Professor in Political Theory at the Department of Political Science – University of Crete.
<https://political.soc.uoc.gr/en/staff/academic-staff/alexandros-koutsogiannis/>
- 2020 – 2024 Assistant Professor (tenure) in Political Theory at the Department of Political Science – University of Crete.
- 2024 – present Associate Professor in Political Theory at the Department of Political Science – University of Crete.

B. TAUGHT COURSES (Department of Political Science – University of Crete)

Postgraduate Program (MA) in Political Analysis and Political Theory:

- Parliamentary Democracy and Human Rights (select course, 2016-2018)
- Theories and Concepts in Political Theory (compulsory course 2019-2023)
- Theories of the State (select course 2025-26)

Undergraduate Program (BA) in Political Science:

- Political Theory III and IV: The 20th century and current trends in political theory (2017 - present) - Compulsory Course

- Political Theory I: Theory of the Ancient Polis. Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle (2016-2017) – Compulsory Course**
- Critical Theory: Science, Culture, Technology (Select course, 2025-present)**
- Theories of Alienation and Power in Modernity. (Select course, 2019 - 2024)**
- Special Issues in Political Theory: Representative and Radical Democracy. (Seminar, 2014-2016)**
- Autonomy and Democracy: Political Theory in Attic Poetry (Seminar, 2018 - present)**
- History and Ideology in Social Theory. The Frankfurt School. (Select course, 2016 - present)**
- State and Civil Society. Current Theoretical Trends. (Seminar, 2006-2011)**
- Autonomy and Democracy: The Social and Political Thought of Cornelius Castoriadis (Seminar, 2014-2016)**

C. ADMINISTRATIVE WORK (Department of Political Science – University of Crete)

- Coordinator of the Erasmus program and of inter-departmental agreements (2015-2018)**
- Permanent member of the accreditation and evaluation committee of the undergraduate and postgraduate programs of study (2015- present)**
- Member of the examination committees for entry to the postgraduate program of studies (2016 - present)**
- Supervisor of MA theses and member of PhD viva committees. (2018 - present)**
- Member of the committee for the evaluation of proposals regarding the recruitment of adjunct teaching positions in social and political theory (2019 - 2021)**
- Member of electorate committees for the recruitment of academic staff (University of Crete, Democritian University of Thrace, Peloponnesian University, Hellenic Open University, Panteion University).**

-Member of the Centre of Human Rights (Department of Political Science – University of Crete). Director: Prof. Nikos Vafeas

D. PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS (MONOGRAPHS)

- ***Critical Political Theory: From the Totalitarian State to the Governable Society* (in Greek). Pedio Books, Athens (Forthcoming)**
- ***Alienation and the Possibility of Freedom* (in Greek), Pedio Books, Athens, 2021.**
- ***Individual and Social Responsibility in a Democratic Framework of Social Policy*. Institute of Strategic and Development Studies “Andreas Papandreou”, Athens, 2004.**

BOOK EDITORSHIPS (OF VOLUMES TRANSLATED IN GREEK)

- **Herbert Marcuse, *One-Dimensional Man*, Beacon Press 1964. Katerina Goula (transl.) Pedio Books, Athens 2020 (editor, postscript)**
- **Colin Hay, Michael Lister and David Marsh (eds.), *The State. Theories and Issues*. Political Analysis Series, Palgrave, Hampshire 2006. Alex Koutsogiannis (ed.) & Giorgos Antoniou (trans.), Savalas Editions, Athens, 2011.**

PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- **“Law and Freedom in Jean-Jacques Rousseau” (in Greek) in *Essays in Honor of Professor Kostas Mavrias*. Sakkoulas Editions, Athens, 2023.**
- **“The Political Theorization of Freedom in Marcuse’s Writings on Psychoanalysis and Aesthetics” in Amirhosein Khandizaji &**

Mary Caputi (eds.), *Revisiting Marcuse: Critical Reflections and New Perspectives*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2025.

- “Political Positivism and Political Existentialism. Revisiting Herbert Marcuse”, in the *Berlin Journal of Critical Theory*, vol.3, no.3, August, 2019.
- “Two Theses of Max Horkheimer on Totalitarianism” (in Greek), in *Axiologica* no. 31, Spring, 2017.
- “Aspects of Governance. Retreat of the State or Crisis of the Political System?” (in Greek) in *Greece and the EU at the Crossroads of Crucial Developments. Politics, strategic choices and prospects*. Edited volume of the Department of Political Science – University of the Peloponnese. Nomiki Bibliothiki, Athens, 2015.
- “Shifting Boundaries of Parliamentary Governance: empowering the representative function of parliaments”, in *Parliaments in a Changing Europe. Citizens and Representative Institutions in Modern Governance*. Belgrade 10th and 11th September 2013. Published Proceedings. Hellenic Parliament Editions, Athens, 2014.
- “Co-decision or Delegation? Direct Democracy, Social Interests and the Transformation of the Political”. World Congress of Constitutional Law 2014: Constitutional Challenges: Global and Local". Published Proceedings, Oslo, 16-20/6/2014.
- “The Social Content of Human Rights in Amartya Sen’s Theory of Ethics and Economics” (in Greek) in *Social Cohesion and Development* Vol.1, Issue 2, Autumn, 2006.
- “Social Theory and the work of Cornelius Castoriadis. A report on the Castoriadis workshop”, in *Studies in Social and Political Thought*, Issue 4, SPT, Brighton UK, March 2001.
- “Ideologia e o projeto autonomia na teoria do imaginário de Cornelius Castoriades”, in *Estudos de Sociologia* Vol. 5 No 2, Recife, UFPE, 2001.

BOOK REVIEWS (IN GREEK)

- “The German example in resolving the Cyprus issue”. Andreas Stergiou: *Το Κυπριακό Πρόβλημα. Η Λύση των δύο Κρατών και το Γερμανικό Παράδειγμα - The Cyprus Problem. The Two-States Solution and the German Unification* (Touriki Editions, Athens, 2012), in *Fileleftheri Emphasi* 51, April – June, 2012.
- “The Political Sociology of Tom Bottomore.” Book Review of Tom Bottomore: *Political Sociology*. Nikos Vafeas & Giannis Koubourlis (eds. intro.), Marios Athanasiadis (trans.), Pedio, Athens, 2023, in *Axiologika*, vol. 34, KPSM and Sakis Karagiorgas Foundation, Athens, 2024.

E. CONFERENCES – ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS

- “On the contemporary relevance of Herbert Marcuse’s Thought”. Presentation at the *Standing Seminar in the Theory and Epistemology of Social Sciences*. Department of Economics, School of Law – Kapodistrian University of Athens, December, 2025. (Invited speaker)
- “Critique and politics in the thought of Herbert Marcuse” (in Greek). Presentation at the *Standing Seminar in the Theory and Epistemology of Social Sciences*. Department of Economics, School of Law – Kapodistrian University of Athens, May, 2019. (Invited speaker)
- “The Irreducibility of the City in Sophocles' *Antigone*.” Presentation at the Permanent Seminar of Theory and Epistemology of Social Sciences. Department of Economics. Law School. University of Athens, March 2023.
- “Historical and theoretical continuities between liberalism and statism in the political thought of Herbert Marcuse”. Standing Seminar for Academic Staff: *Philosophy and Social Sciences*. Department of Philosophy and Social Studies - University of Crete, April, 2019. (Invited speaker)

- **"Historical and Theoretical Continuities between Liberalism and Totalitarianism in the Critical Thought of Herbert Marcuse."** Seminar for Instructors "Philosophy and Social Sciences," Department of Philosophical and Social Studies, University of Crete, April 2019.
- **"Totality and politics in Herbert Marcuse's anthropological dialectics".** 11th International Critical Theory Conference in Rome. John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago. May, 2018.
- **"Authoritarian trends in liberal democracies: lapses or necessary evils"?** The Xth World Congress of Constitutional Law: Violent conflicts, Peacebuilding and Constitutional Law. Seoul, Korea, June 18th-22nd, 2018.
- **"Forms of unmediated power in Max Horkheimer's critique of authoritarianism"** Presentation at the *Standing Seminar in the Theory and Epistemology of Social Sciences*. Department of Economics, School of Law – Kapodistrian University of Athens, May, 2015. (Invited speaker)
- **"Shifting Boundaries of Parliamentary Governance: empowering the representative function of parliaments".** Conference: *Parliaments in a Changing Europe. Citizens and Representative Institutions in Modern Governance*. 10th – 11th September 2013. House of the National Assembly. Republic of Serbia. Twinning Project: Strengthening Capacities of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia in the EU Integration Process.
- **"Aspects of Governance. Retreat of the State or Crisis of the Political System?"**. Conference: *Greece and the EU at the Crossroads of Crucial Developments. Politics, strategic choices and prospects*. Department of Political Science – University of the Peloponnese, 6th – 8th December 2013. (Invited speaker)
- **"The Social Premises of Citizenship: Processes of Individualization in the Theory of Civil Society".** *The 8th Conference of the European Sociological Association*. University of Glasgow and University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, September 2007.

- “Social Ontology and the Critique of Determinism in Cornelius Castoriadis’ Theory of the Imaginary”. International Workshop: *Social Theory and the Work of Cornelius Castoriadis*. (International workshop). Department of Sociology – University of Crete, Rethymnon, September 30th 2000.

F. AFFILIATIONS – JOURNAL REVIEWS

Member of the European Sociological Association (ESA) and the Hellenic Political Science Association (HPSA). Reviewer in academic journals: *Political Theory* (Sage) and *Berlin Journal of Critical Theory* (Xenomoi-Verlag). Member of the Scientific Committee of the Semiannual Journal of Theory and Critique, *Axiologika*. KPSM and Sakis Karagiorgas Foundation.

IV. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2005 - present Research Fellow of the Scientific Council of the Hellenic Parliament.

Fields of work:

- Research (individual or in collaboration) on parliamentary institutions and ethics in the context of the Hellenic Parliaments’ affiliation to European and International parliamentary organizations. Partners: International Conference of the Speakers of Parliaments, Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU), Council of Europe: *Groupe d’Etats Contre la Corruption*, European Center for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD), Conference of European Affairs Committees of EU Parliaments (COSAC).
- Research Expert on behalf of the Hellenic Parliament (European Programs Implementation Service) in the following EU Twinning Projects: a) “Improving parliamentary research service and its information products, further developing its research methods in

accordance with best European practices” (National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, 2012-2015), b) “Strengthening the Capacity of the National Assembly of Armenia to further support CEPA implementation and oversight: Enhanced institutional structures, systems and tools for efficient work in the National Assembly” (The National Assembly of Armenia, 2021-2022).

- Delegate of the Research Services of the Hellenic Parliament to international conferences and workshops. Presentations (indicative): a) “Aspects of the migration issue and their reflection in the Greek Parliament: clarification of concepts and management policies”. EU workshop *Science meets Parliaments*. Hellenic Parliament, 15.03.2019, b) “An overview of the Hellenic Parliament’s multilevel approach towards current development in technology and R&D”. *The 9th International Seminar for Parliamentary Research Services*. National Assembly Research Service – Republic of Korea, Seoul, 7-9 November 2018, c) “Strengthening the Capacity of Parliaments through the Development of Parliamentary Research Services” (with Fotis Fitsilis). *The 20th Workshop of Parliamentary Scholars and Parliamentarians*. Wroxton College, Oxfordshire, UK, 29-30 Ιουλίου 2017.

- Other fields of work: Sessions on specific aspects and developments of the legislative and organizational operations of the Hellenic Parliament with third party delegations: National European Parliament delegations, National School of Judiciary, and National School of Defense.

Translation of the Rules of Procedure of the Hellenic Parliament (with Eleni Kanellopoulou, LLM) (2013)

www.hellenicparliament.gr/en/Vouli-ton-Ellinon/Kanonismos-tis-Voulis/

2003-2004

Research associate (1 year contract).

Institute of Strategic and Development Studies “Andreas Papandreou”. Published work on political theory and models of social policy. (See book publications above)

1994

Junior Researcher. Kapa Research Group Ltd.

Group Analysis of the Cultural and Social Profile of a population sample (Municipality of Zografou, Athens). Qualitative and Quantitative Method.