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Education

- 2018 PhD in Philosophy, University of Oslo (Expected in 2018)
2014 Visiting Student Research Collaborator, Department of Classics,
Princeton University, New Jersey. Advisor: Christian Wildberg
2012 2 years MA in Ancient Philosophy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
2007 Bachelor in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Pedagogy,
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
2003-2004 Visiting Student, Faculté de Philosophie et Lettres, Université Libre de
Bruxelles. Advisor: Lambros Couloubaritsis

Research Fields

Ancient Philosophy, Byzantine Philosophy, Early Christian philosophy, History of
Philosophy, Late Antiquity, Metaphysics, Neoplatonism.

Dissertation: *The Concept of Aptitude (Ἐπιτηδειότης) in Late Antique and Early Christian Thought*
Supervisors: Torstein Theodor Tollefsen, Eyjólfur Kjalar Emilsson

Description: This dissertation studies a rather neglected subject in late
ancient thought, that of ἐπιτηδειότης, rendered with ‘aptitude’. The concept
is important for an understanding of developments in Late Antique
philosophy, both pagan and Christian. The topic is especially treated in the
thought of Plotinus, Proclus, Dionysius the Areopagite and Maximus, but
the conceptual and philosophical history prior to them is also surveyed.

Publications

Book

Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity, Pavlos G. Panagiotis, Janby F. Lars, Emilsson
K. Eyjólfur and Tollefsen T. Torstein (eds.), forthcoming in *Routledge*.

Book Chapters

‘Theurgy in Dionysius the Areopagite’, in P.G. Pavlos, L.F. Janby, E.K. Emilsson and T.T.
Tollefsen (eds.) *Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity*, forthcoming in *Routledge*.

‘Introduction’ (co-authored), in P.G. Pavlos, L.F. Janby, E.K. Emilsson and T.T. Tollefsen
(eds.) *Platonism and Early Christian Thought in Late Antiquity*, forthcoming in *Routledge*.

Articles

‘Christian Insights into Plotinus’ Metaphysics and his Concept of Aptitude (Ἐπιτηδειότης)’,
AKROPOLIS: Journal of Hellenic Studies, 1, 2017, 5-32.

‘Aptitude (Ἐπιτηδειότης) and the Foundations of Participation in the Philosophy of
Dionysius the Areopagite’, *Studia Patristica Series, Vol. XCVI – Papers presented at the Seventeenth
International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2015*, M. Vinzent (ed.), 22, Leuven:
Peeters, 2017, 377-396.

‘Plato’s Theology in the Timaeus 29e-30a’ in: A.V. Tsyb (ed.) *Ακαδήμεια: Researches on Platonism History – Interuniversity Collection*, vol. 9, The Sociological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences – Plato’s Philosophical Society: St. Petersburg, (2014), pp. 49-58.

‘Aspects of Plato’s Political Thinking in the Timaeus and the 10th book of Laws’, *Πλατωνόπολις: Philosophy of Antiquity as an interdisciplinary synthesis of philosophical, historical and philological studies - Proceedings of the VIII International Summer School of Young Scientists (August 25-28, 2012)*, St. Petersburg: Skifia Press, 2013, pp. 40-44.

‘Aspects of Plato’s Political Thinking in the Timaeus and the Laws’, [original in Greek: ‘Οφεις της πολιτικής σκέψης του Πλάτωνα στον Τίμαιο και τους Νόμους’], MA Thesis, Department of Philosophy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2012, Published online: <http://invenio.lib.auth.gr/record/129203/?ln=el>

‘Does Aristotelian Eudaimonia entail a perfect Participation in the Good?’ (in progress).

‘Plotinus and Dionysius the Areopagite on the Participation in the Good’ (in progress).

Reviews

‘Plotinus Ennead VI.8 – On the Voluntary and on the Free Will of the One’, Translation, Introduction and Commentary by Kevin Corrigan and John D. Turner (Las Vegas/Zurich/Athens: Parmenides Publishing, 2017), forthcoming in the Bryn Mawr Classical Review.

‘Priscian: Answers to King Khosroes of Persia’, Introduction by Richard Sorabji, Translation by Huby P., Ebbesen S., Langslow D., Russell D., Steel C., Wilson M. (London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic 2016), forthcoming in the Classical Review.

‘Plotinus Ennead VI.4 & 5 – On the Presence of Being, One and the Same, Everywhere as a Whole, Translation, Introduction, Commentary by Eyjolfur Kjalar Emilsson and Steven Keith Strange’, *Dionysius* 33, 2015, 76-80.

‘Πλωτίνος Εννεάς IV.4 & 5’ Eyjolfur Kjalar Emilsson & Steven Keith Strange: Plotinus Ennead VI.4 and VI.5: On the Presence of Being, One and the Same, Everywhere as a Whole (Las Vegas/Zurich/Athens: Parmenides Publishing, 2015). *Critica – Online Philosophical Reviews*, 10, 1-7: <http://www.philosophica.gr/critica/2015-10.html> [in Greek]

Translations

T.T. Tollefsen, ‘Άγιογραφώντας την εικόνα τοῦ ἀοράτου Θεοῦ – Ἅγιος Θεόδωρος ὁ Στουδίτης καὶ ἡ ὑπεράσπιση τῶν εἰκόνων κατὰ τὴν εἰκονομαχικὴ ἔριδα’ (Painting the image of the invisible God – St Theodore the Studite and the defense of icons under the iconoclast controversy), *Synaxi*, 134, 2015, 69-76. (from English to Greek).

‘Letter 57 by St. Theodore Studite to his father Plato on the veneration of the holy icons.’ with T.T. Tollefsen, (submitted for publication, from Greek to English).

Invited Lectures

‘Platonism, Neoplatonism and Christianity’: Paideia Institute, Living Greek in Greece, Selianitica, Greece, August 12, 2018. Invited by Richard Hutchins, Alex Petkas and Claire Catenaccio.

‘Dionysius: A Christian Theurgist?’ ‘Dionysius Areopagita Christianus: Approaches to the Reception and Reconstruction of the Christian ‘Tradition’ in the Areopagitic Writings’: Workshop of Byzantine Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Athens, February 18, 2017. Invited by Dimitrios Pallis, Emiliano Fiori and George Arambatzis.

‘The Liturgic-Ascetic Foundation of Dionysius the Areopagite’s Philosophy.’ Patristics Graduate Research Seminar, Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, UK, November 26, 2015. Invited by Dr. Krastu Banev.

‘Fr. George Florovsky on the Existence of Evil.’ Florovsky Society: 2014’s Inaugural lecture of the Florovsky Society at Princeton, Princeton University, June 19, 2014. Invited by the Board of the Society.

‘Dionysius the Areopagite and the Mystical Theology.’ Lecture within the Undergraduate Course *Religion and Philosophy in the Roman Empire*, Department of Classics, Princeton University, April 15, 2014. Invited by Prof. Christian Wildberg.

‘Plato’s Political Philosophy in the Timaeus and the Laws.’ Lecture at the 8th International Summer School for Young Researchers, St. Petersburg State University, August 26, 2012. Invited by Dr. Alexei V. Tsyb.

Conference Presentations

‘Dionysius the Areopagite: A Christian Theurgist?’ 15th Annual ISNS Conference, Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic, June 14-17, 2017.

‘Does Aristotelian Eudaimonia entail perfect participation in the Good?’ ‘The Philosophy of Aristotle’: World Congress in Philosophy (WCP 2016), School of Philosophy, University of Athens, July 10-15, 2016.

‘Aptitude and the Foundations of Participation in the Dionysian Corpus.’ 17th Oxford Patristics Conference, University of Oxford, August 10-14, 2015.

‘Love for the being from the beyond being: Saint Porphyrios from Kavsokalyvia on Divine Eros.’ International Seminar: The Concept of Love, University of Agder Metochi Study Center, Kalloni – Mytilene, May 23-30, 2015.

‘Plotinus and Dionysius the Areopagite on the Participation in the Good.’ Research Training Conference: Thinking Through The Ages, Department of Philosophy, University of Tromsø, December 8-10, 2014.

‘The Kenosis of Logos and the participation of beings in the Logos.’ International Colloquium: Maximus the Confessor as a European Philosopher, Freie Universitat Berlin, September 26-28, 2014.

‘The question of Evil: A moral problem or an ontological reality?’ 26th International Conference of Philosophy: Greek Philosophy and Moral and Political Issues of our Global Era, Greek Philosophical Society, Athens, July 12–17, 2014.

‘Being in the Likeness of the Good God.’ Doctoral Student Conference: The Human Being: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives, University of Oslo, November 6-7, 2013.

‘Goodness, Necessity, Freedom: Plato’s Theology in the Timaeus.’ 23rd World Congress: Philosophy as an Inquiry and Way of Life, University of Athens, August 4-12, 2013.

Conference Attendance

‘Kinds of Knowledge in Ancient Philosophy’: 5th Annual Oslo Ancient Philosophy Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo, Norway, November 3-4, 2017.

‘15th Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies’, Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic, June 14-17, 2017.

‘Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity’, International Workshop in Oslo on the Philosophy of Late Antiquity, Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo, Norway, December 1-3, 2016.

‘Oslo Fourth Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference - 2016’ Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo, Norway, November 4-5, 2016.

‘Corpus Dionysiacum Areopagiticum: Ancient and Modern Readers’, International Workshop, University of Oxford and University of Athens, Pussey House and St. Cross College, Oxford, July 18-20, 2016.

‘Oslo Ancient Philosophy Conference 2015’, Annual Ancient Philosophy Conference of the Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo, October 30-31, 2015.

‘Thinking Through the Ages’ – History of Philosophy and History of Ideas 600 BC-1800 AD – Research Training, International Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Bergen, Norway, October 15-16, 2015.

‘Plato’s Society – The Nordic Society for the History of Ideas in Antiquity’, Symposium in Oslo, University of Oslo, June 12-14, 2015.

‘Research Training Conference: Thinking Through The Ages’, Department of Philosophy, University of Tromsø, Norway, December 8-10, 2014.

‘Morality and the Good Life’, Workshop within the NOS-HS project: ‘On the Conceptual History of the Good’ organized by the Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University, Sweden, November 27-29, 2014.

‘Ancient Philosophy Conference’ in the Project: History of Philosophy and History of Ideas from 600 BC to 1800 AD, organized by the Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo, October 24-25, 2014.

‘International Colloquium: Maximus the Confessor as a European Philosopher’, Freie Universität Berlin, September 26-28, 2014.

‘26th International Conference of Philosophy: Greek Philosophy and Moral and Political Issues of our Global Era’, Greek Philosophical Society, Athens, July 12–17, 2014.

‘6th International Graduate Student Conference in Modern Greek Studies Works in Progress – New Approaches’, Princeton University, Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton NJ, USA, May 2, 2014.

‘International Seminar: The Orthodox and the Other’, Norwegian Center for Human Rights, University of Oslo, December 13-15, 2013.

‘Doctoral Student Conference: The Humanities and Theories of Knowledge’, Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo, November 20-22, 2013.

‘Doctoral Student Conference: The Human Being: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives’, University of Oslo, November 6-7, 2013.

‘International Conference on St. Maximus the Confessor: The Architecture of Cosmos’ Studium Catholicum, University of Helsinki, September 2-4, 2013.

‘The XXIII World Congress of Philosophy: Philosophy as an Inquiry and Way of Life’, University of Athens, August 4-12, 2013.

‘International Workshop The History of Philosophy and History of Ideas 600 BC-1800 AD’, Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo, January 31 – February 2, 2013.

Teaching and work experience (Academic and other)

Spring 2017 – ‘Examen Philosophicum’ (ExPhil03E), Department of Philosophy, Oslo.

Fall 2016 – ‘Examen Philosophicum’ (ExPhil03E), Department of Philosophy, Oslo.

2013-2017 – PhD Candidate and Researcher, Department of Philosophy, Oslo.

2012-2014 – Special Advisor (Expert) in International Summer Schools, University of Athens and Onassis Foundation, Athens.

2011 – Instructor of Greek language, Research Centre for Gender Equality, Athens.

2009-2011 – Assistant Project Manager, Project “EL-0070”, FM EEA Grants 2004-2009.

2010-2011 – Violin teacher, Public High School of Music, Piraeus.

2009-2010 – Violin Teacher, Public High School of Music, Xanthi.

2007-2009 – Research Associate – Project Manager, International Academy of Culture and Communication, Xanthi.

2000-2006 – Program Planning and Implementation Assistant, Southeastern European Initiative for Growth and Cooperation, Athens.

1999-2011 – Director’s Assistant and Greek language teacher, Thrace Treasury, Xanthi.

Grants and Fellowships

2017 – Travel Grant, International Society for Neoplatonic Studies for Abstract to the 15th Annual ISNS Conference.

2016 – Additional Grant (NOK 45.500,-) for the International Workshop: ‘Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity’, Department of Philosophy, Oslo.

2015 – Grant (NOK 45.000,-) for the International Workshop in Oslo on the Philosophy of Late Antiquity: ‘Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity’, granted by the Department of Philosophy, Oslo.

2014 – Long Research Trip Funding for visiting the Department of Classics at Princeton, granted by the Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo.

2013-2016 – Research Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Arts and Ideas, University of Oslo, Norway.

2013 – Travel Grant, The Norwegian Institute in Athens.

2004 – Erasmus Scholarship, State Foundation for Scholarships, Athens.

Summer Schools (selection)

2018 – Living Greek in Greece, Paideia Institute, August 2018, Selianitica, Greece.

2016 – 70th International Summer School, University of Oslo, June – August, 2016, Norway.

2012 – 8th Summer School ‘Platwnopolis: Philosophy of Antiquity as an Interdisciplinary Synthesis’, St. Petersburg State University, Russia, August, 25-28, 2012.

2010 – International Summer School on Greek Culture, International Academy of Culture and Communication, Ancient Olympia, Greece, September 2010.

2008 – 12th International Summer School on Culture and Cross-Cultural Communication, Thrace Treasury, Smolyan, Bulgaria, July 2008.

Languages

Greek (native)

English (fluent)

French (fluent)

Norwegian (very good)

Ancient / Byzantine Greek (professional knowledge)