

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Amalia K. Tsakiri

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Marital Status: Married, two children (born 26/5/2021)

PROFESSIONAL STATUS

- Scientific Associate, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Seconded Educator to the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, Department of Educational Radio-Television & Digital Media, Digital Tutoring Program
- Permanent Secondary Education Teacher (since 2003), certified pedagogical competence, extensive teaching experience in secondary and distance education

EDUCATION

25 October 2024

PhD, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of History and Philosophy of Science (School of Science)

Dissertation: "Levels, Decomposition and Mechanistic Explanation in Biological Systems: The Case of Cognitive Science"

Grade: Excellent

March 2012

BA in Philosophy of Science, Department of Methodology, History and Theory of Science, NKUA

Grade: 8.08/10 (Very Good)

December 2010

MSc in Basic and Applied Cognitive Science (Basic Cognitive Science), NKUA

Grade: 9.2/10 (Excellent)

June 2001

Pedagogical Studies Degree, School of Pedagogical and Technical Education (ASPETE), Athens

Grade: 8.8/10

June 1996

Piano Diploma, National Conservatory of Athens

Grade: Excellent (Unanimous)

July 1995

BSc in Physiotherapy, Technological Educational Institute of Athens, School of Health and Caring Professions

Grade: 7.3/10 (Very Good)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Higher Education)**Spring Semester 2025**

Co-instructor of Prof. Orly Shenker (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Course: Philosophy of Mind and Language

MA in Contemporary Philosophy / Philosophy of Science, NKUA

Spring Semester 2026

Co-instructor of Prof. Orly Shenker

Core Course: Philosophy of Mind and Language

Graduate Programs: Cognitive Science; History and Philosophy of Science and Technology;
MA Contemporary Philosophy / Philosophy of Science (NKUA)

Winter Semester 2026 (scheduled)

Autonomous teaching of the elective compulsory course: (Theory and) Philosophy of Cognitive Science

MSc in Cognitive Science, NKUA

2024 – present

Selected (following evaluation) as Instructor in the National Digital Tutoring Program (Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports), nationwide.

Responsible for the course: Anatomy and Physiology II (3rd Grade Vocational High School).

Distance teaching using synchronous (OBS – Open Broadcaster Software) and asynchronous (Moodle LMS) methods; contribution to the development of digital learning tools.

PUBLICATIONS

(to be submitted)

Tsakiri, A., Karadima, V., Bounia-Mastrogianni, P., & Vatakis, A.

“The aging mind and body and the illusions of self”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Peer-reviewed or Invited)

18–20 December 2025 (Athens, Greece)

6th Interdisciplinary Conference BRAIN AND MIND.

Invited Symposium: “When Intelligence Becomes Artificial: What Remains for the Mind?”

Paper: “The Extended Mind Hypothesis in the Era of Large Language Models – Extension or Fusion?” (<https://www.medcongress.gr/congresses>)

20–22 December 2024 (Athens, Greece)

5th Interdisciplinary Conference BRAIN AND MIND.

Invited Round Table: “Beyond Methodological and Epistemological Pluralism: Restoring the Unity of Science.” Paper: “Mental Phenomena and Explanatory Unification: So Close and Yet So Far.” (<https://www.medcongress.gr/congresses>)

5–7 December 2024 (Athens, Greece)

8th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, NKUA.

Symposium: “Artificial Minds, Burning Questions: Philosophical Perspectives in the Age of Advanced AI.”

Paper: “The Ghost in the Algorithm: Reexamining Artificial Consciousness in Light of LLM Advancements.”

15–17 December 2023 (Athens, Greece)

4th Interdisciplinary Conference BRAIN AND MIND.

Invited Symposium: “Explanatory Pluralism and Explanatory Unification in the Sciences of Mind.” Paper: “Concepts of Levels and Explanatory Unification in Cognitive Science.”

(<https://www.medcongress.gr/congresses>)

21–24 September 2023 (Xylokastro, Greece)

6th Panhellenic Conference on Cognitive Science, Hellenic Cognitive Science Society.

Organizer and Presenter of Symposium: “Reconsidering the Role of Philosophy in Cognitive Science.”

Paper: “How Mechanistic Levels of Organization Relate to Levels in Cognitive Science.”

1–3 December 2022 (Athens, Greece)

7th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, NKUA.

Symposium: “Reconsidering the Relationship between Mechanisms and Levels in Life Sciences.”

Paper: “Levels of Mechanisms’ in Multilevel Cognitive Science Explanations.”

29 November–1 December 2018 (Athens, Greece)

5th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, NKUA.

Paper: “The Role of Decomposition and Mechanistic Explanation of a Cognitive Phenomenon.”

5–7 September 2018 (Berlin, Germany)

International Conference “Open Self Berlin 2018,” Technical University of Berlin.

Poster: “The Aging Mind and Body and the Illusions of Self.”

17–20 May 2018 (Paros, Greece)

5th Panhellenic Conference on Cognitive Science.

Paper: “Aging Effects on the Multisensory Perception of the Body.”

17–20 May 2018 (Paros, Greece)
5th Panhellenic Conference on Cognitive Science.
Symposium: “New Mechanism and the System Approach to Biological Complex Systems.”
Paper: “To Decompose or Not to Decompose... Phenomena in Cognitive Science.”

1–3 December 2016 (Athens, Greece)
4th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, NKUA.
Paper: “Mechanistic Explanation in Cognitive Science.”

9–13 June 2015 (Helsinki, Finland)
International Conference “Toward a Science of Consciousness 2015.”
Paper: “Constitution of Visual Perceptual Content: Towards a Dynamical and Embodied Interpretation.”

27–29 November 2014 (Athens, Greece)
3rd Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, NKUA.
Paper: “Concepts of Causation and Constitution in the Relation between Perceptual Object and Perceptual Content.”

29 November–1 December 2012 (Athens, Greece)
2nd Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, NKUA.
Paper: “The Life–Mind Continuity Thesis.”

3–7 May 2011 (Stockholm, Sweden)
International Conference “Toward a Science of Consciousness 2011.”
Paper: “Artificial ‘Consciousness Wells’: An Autopoietic Exegesis Approach.”

October 2010 (Athens, Greece)
Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, NKUA.
Paper: “Autopoiesis Theory as an Epistemological Approach: Critique and Extensions.”

May 2010 (Paros, Greece)
2nd Conference on Cognitive Science, NKUA.
Paper: “Autopoiesis Theory and Its Implications for the Investigation of Consciousness as an Emergent Phenomenon.”

May 2009 (Paros, Greece)

1st Conference on Cognitive Science, NKUA.

Paper: “Is Consciousness Subject to Emergent Mechanisms? Proposal through a Synthetic Approach of Digital Philosophy and Artificial Life.”

THESES (Undergraduate and Graduate)

“Levels, Decomposition and Mechanistic Explanation in Biological Systems: The Case of Cognitive Science”

2024 – Doctoral Dissertation, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)

Supervisor: Prof. Drakoulis Nikolinakos

Three-member committee: Prof. Stathis Psillos; Assoc. Prof. Eleni Manolakaki

“‘The Ghost in the Machine’: Can Machines Develop Consciousness? – Investigation of Theoretical Possibilities and Presentation of Paradigmatic Implementations”

2011 – Undergraduate Thesis, Department of Methodology, History and Theory of Science (MITHES), NKUA

Supervisor: G. Gyftodimos

“Consciousness as an Emergent Phenomenon: An Exploratory Review of Theories and Mechanisms of Emergence”

2010 – Master’s Thesis, MSc in Basic and Applied Cognitive Science, NKUA

Supervisors: G. Gyftodimos; E. Skaliōra

“Neurophysiological Mechanisms of Pain Reduction through the Stimulation of Trigger Points (Myofascial Trigger Points Pain Syndrome)”

1994 – Undergraduate Thesis, Department of Physiotherapy, TEI of Athens, School of Health and Welfare Professions

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. of Applied Sciences Aikaterini Kompoti

LANGUAGES

Greek (native)

English (C2 – excellent)

German (C1 – very good)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025 – present: Board Member, Hellenic Cognitive Science Society

Member since 2010, Hellenic Cognitive Science Society

Organizing Committee Member: 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Panhellenic Conferences on Philosophy of Science (2014, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024)

Organizing Committee Member: 5th, 6th, and 7th Panhellenic Conferences on Cognitive Science (2018, 2023, 2026)

Organizing Committee Member: 2nd Panhellenic Conference of Graduate Students and PhD Candidates in Philosophy (2016)

ACADEMIC & SOCIAL PROFILES

<https://uoa.academia.edu/AmaliaTsakiri>

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Amalia_Tsakiri

<https://gr.linkedin.com/in/conscibot>

<http://network.nature.com/profile/conscibot>

<http://philpapers.org/profile/33750>