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EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy (2020–2025, Summa cum laude)

University of Bonn, Institute of Philosophy

- Thesis: Freedom and Realism in Jean-Paul Sartre's Early Philosophy
- Supervisors: PD Dr. Jens Rometsch, Prof. Dr. Rainer Schäfer, Prof. Dr. Michael Forster

Master of Arts in Philosophy (2017–2020)

University of Bonn, Institute of Philosophy

- Thesis: Intelligibility and the limits of knowledge/ Supervisor: PD Dr. Jens Rometsch

Interdisciplinary Program in Brain and Mind Sciences (2014–2017)

University of Crete, Faculty of Medicine

- Thesis: The mind in the world: the transition from Kant to Hegel in the work of John McDowell / Supervisor: Prof. Stavroula Tsinorema

Bachelor in Philology and Linguistics (2011–2014)

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Philology

German Language Studies (2010–2011)

International Study Center, Heidelberg University

Greek High School Diploma (2010)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Philosophy Tutor (Epistemology), University of Bonn (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)
- Philosophy Instructor: Master Seminar on Sartre's Philosophy of Freedom in light of Contemporary Debates (Spring 2021)
- Philosophy Instructor at VHS Bonn (Adult Education Center) (Fall 2023–Fall 2025)
- Lecturer in Philosophy (Ethics), International University of Applied Sciences (Fall 2025)
- Lecturer in Philosophy (Philosophy of Mind), University of Crete (Spring 2026)
- Lecturer in Philosophy (Contemporary Philosophy and Philosophy of Mind), University of Athens (Fall 2026)

- Organizer: Colloquium on French Philosophy (Fall 2018, 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022)

SCHOLARSHIP / GRANTS

- Phd Scholarship: Friedrich Ebert Foundation (2021–2024)
- Travel Grant for Research Stay (Paris 1 Sorbonne, October 2021)
- Travel Grant for conference participation (Oxford, July 2025)
- Philosophy Residency Program at Susimetsa Philosophicum, Esthonia (March 2026)

PUBLICATIONS

- Realism and Freedom in Sartre's *Being and Nothingness* and Schelling's *Freiheitsschrift*, in: *Phenomenology and Transcendental Idealism* (ed. Ascarate et al.), Zeta Books, 2024, 171- 192. https://doi.org/10.5840/zeta-pti20259.
- Jenseits von Immunität und Transparenz: Sartre und Wittgenstein über Selbstbewusstsein und Wissen, in: *Subjektivität revisited*, (hg. Bonnemann and Betschart), Schwabe Verlag, 2024, 29-48.
- Freedom and Truth: Sartre as a Reader of Descartes' *Meditations*, in: *Sartre Studies International*, (ed. Gillespie, Heter), 31 (1), 2025, 21-45. DOI: 10.3167/ssi.2025.310103.
- The Argument from Facticity: Reassessing Realism in Sartre's Early Philosophy, in: *Humanit Soc Sci Commun* 13, 498, 2026. https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-026-07304-x.
- Subjectivation and Power: Revisiting Jean-Paul Sartre's Existentialist-Marxism in the age of AI, in: *Humanism in the Age of AI* (ed. Ilievska), Transcript Verlag, 2026, 103-128. ISBN: 978-3-8394-3883-1.

- Between Marx and Fourier: Walter Benjamin and the Utopian Reconfiguration of History, in: *Utopia, Dystopia, Retrotopia* (ed. Kuhar), Anthropos 58 (1), 2026, 13-36. ISSN 0587-5161
- Realism and Illusionism about consciousness in the Introduction to Jean-Paul Sartre's Being and Nothingness, *Phenom Cogn Sci* (2026). https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-026-10196-6.
- Review: Sensing Qualia. Solving the Hard Problem of Consciousness by Paul G. Skokowski, in: *Phenomenological Reviews* (2026)
- Realismus, Wahrnehmung und Wissen: Jean-Paul Sartres situierter Infallibilismus, in: Philosophisches Jahrbuch, Heft II (forthcoming, 2026)
- Temporal Realism, Fragmentalism and Freedom: Insights from Sartre, in: *Philosophical Explorations of Temporality* (ed. Saglam et al.), Contributions to Hermeneutics, Springer (forthcoming, 2027)
- Rethinking Theocracy Beyond Sovereignty, in: *Political Theology*, Special Issue: "Political Theology and Theopolitics" (ed. Schäfer), (in preparation, 2027)
- From Synthetic Unity to Processual Spontaneity: Sartre's Radicalization of Kantian Spontaneity, in: *Kant's Concept of Spontaneity and its Legacy in Later Theories of Subjectivity*, (ed. J. Segesta), Open Philosophy (under Review)

MONOGRAPH

- *Freiheit und Realismus. Phänomenologisch-ontologische Untersuchungen im Ausgang von Jean-Paul Sartres früher Philosophie,* Klostermann*,* Zu den Sachen selbst (forthcoming, 2026)
- *Consciousness and Perception Sartre in light of the Contemporary Philosophy of Mind*, Springer Nature, Contributions to Phenomenology (under contract, December 2027)

TRANSLATIONS

- Sylvia Wynter, Towards the Sociogenic Principle: Fanon, Identity, the Puzzle of Conscious Experience, and What It Is Like to Be "Black"„ in: *Posthumanism: An Introduction* (in Greek), ed. M. Patiniotis (in preparation 2026) (Greek translation and introduction).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Realism and Freedom in Sartre and Schelling, PhD Seminar on Phenomenology and Transcendental Idealism, Paris 1 Sorbonne (Oct. 2021)
- Sartre and Bodily Self-Consciousness, Colloquium on French Philosophy, Bonn (Jan. 2022)
- Sartre's Reading of Descartes, DFG Graduate College Opening Conference on Phenomenology Between France and Germany, Nice (Mar. 2022)
- Sartre and the Contemporary Resurgence of Realism, Sartre Now! Workshop, Royal Holloway, University of London (Apr. 2022)
- Phenomenology of the Digital World, Summer School of the German Society for Phenomenological Research (Jun. 2022)
- Self-Consciousness and Self-Reference in Wittgenstein and Sartre, Wittgenstein and Classical German Philosophy, Barcelona (Sept. 2022)
- Sartre on the Indeterminacy of Being Human, Marx and the Critique of Humanism, Lisbon (Nov. 2022)
- Freedom and Falsity: Descartes and Sartre, Trilateral Cooperation Workshop (Bonn, Paris 1, Turin), Bonn (Mar. 2023)
- Realism and Freedom: Sartre's Radical Reading of Descartes, Sartre Society of Great Britain, Oxford (Jul. 2023)
- Beyond Immunity and Transparency: Sartre and Wittgenstein on Self-Consciousness and Knowledge, Sartre Society Conference, Jena (Sept. 2023)
- Sartre's Existentialist-Marxism and AI as the Practico-Inert, Humanism and Artificial Intelligence Conference, Center for Science and Thought, Bonn (May 2024)
- Sartre on the Indeterminacy of Being Human, German Congress for Philosophy (Sept. 2024)
- Revisiting the Quarrel between Sartre and Camus on violence, Historical Materialism Conference, Paris (June 2025)
- Rethinking Marxism in Sartre's Critique of Dialectical Reason, Sartre Society of Great Britain, Oxford (July 2025)

- Truth and Freedom: Sartre as a Reader of Descartes' *Meditations,* Doctoral candidate colloquium of the German Society for Phenomenological Research, Darmstadt (Sept. 2025)
- Simone de Beauvoir on moral freedom and normativity, Conference for Practical Philosophy, Passau (Sept. 2025)
- Sartre and Marx on the nature of the human, Colloquium on the 'The Critique of Dialectical Reason, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (PUCE) (Oct. 2025, online)
- Inventing Freedom: Sartre, Fanon, and the Situated Praxis of Politics, Historical Materialism Conference, London (Nov. 2025)
- Unity Without an Ego: Sartrean Consciousness Through a Spinozist Lens, Collegium Spinozanum V, Hagen (July 2026)
- Givenness Without Representation: Sartre on Perception and Imagination, *International Conference: The Given*, Center for Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen (Sep. 2026)
- Affect and Resistance: Spinoza, Deleuze, and Negri on Collective Political Agency, *Resistance and Emotions Workshop*, Johannesburg (Sep. 2026)
- From Ineffectual to Praxis: Heidegger and Sartre on Action, *Continental Philosophy of Action*, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, (plan. Oct. 2026)
- From the Subjectivity Thesis to Fragmentalism: Sartre and Perspectival Metaphysics, *Metaphysics in Contemporary Continental Philosophy, COMET 2026*, Radboud, Nijmegen, Netherlands (plan. Oct. 2026)
- Transparency, Direct Realism, and the Minimal Self: Insights from Existential Phenomenology, in I*nternational Society for the Philosophy of the Mind Sciences* 2026 (plan. Nov. 2026)
- Enactivist naïve realism, in *9th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Scienc*e (plan. Dec. 2026)

PUBLIC TALKS

- Human Rights in the Contemporary World, Public Talk at the VHS Bonn (Jun. 2024)
- Book Presentation *On Essence* (in greek) by Vantarakis V., Rethymno, (May 2026)
- Participation in a one-day workshop on Psiloritis: The Mountain as a Philosophical Challenge, Heraklion, (May 2026)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Project Coordinator: DAAD, Advisor in Team EU02 Erasmus+: Programm Design and Development (2026)
- Project Coordinator: DAAD, Postdoc-NeT-AI and HSI-Monitor (2024–2025)
- Internship: DAAD, Department of Scholarships (Bonn, 2023-2024)
- Tutor: Greek Language and traditional dance (VHS Bonn, 2023–Present)
- Educational Assistant in Public School (Bonn, 2020–2021)
- Teaching Tutor: Latin, Ancient and Modern Greek, and German (Greece, 2014–2017)

LANGUAGES

- English & German (Fluent, written and spoken)
- French (Intermediate)
- Greek (Native)

EXTRACURRICULAR & VOLUNTARY WORK

- Member: Greek-German Cultural Dance Group Melos, Cologne (2019–2022)
- Co-organizer: Aegean Cup Football Tournament, Heraklion, Crete (2015–2023)
- Student Representative: University of Athens(2013-2014), University of Crete (2015–2017)
- Volunteer: Cultural Associations, Heraklion, Crete (2015–2017)