

Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D: Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, 1990

M.A: Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, 1985

B.A.: Department of Classics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 1983

Affiliation - Employment

- Professor Emeritus, Department of English Language and Literature, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens - since 2024
- 1993 - 2024: Professor in Linguistics, Department of English Language and Literature, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 1990-1993: Non-tenured Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, University of Crete

Research interests

My research areas are Construction Grammar and Cognitive Linguistics with focus on Greek (Ancient and Modern), the interaction of grammar with social parameters such as register and genre, and diachrony – morphosyntactic and semantic change – in a constructional perspective.

Invited talks

(2023) 16th International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL 16), Aristotle University, Thessaloniki.

Plenary talk: A constructional approach to grammatical multifunctionality. Greek linguistics and the marker *που* (pu)

(2021) Romanistentag-2021, Universität Bonn, Germany, *Construction Grammar unlimited. From grammar to discourse genres and back.*

Plenary talk: The grammar of ‘stage directions’: Possibilities and limitations in a constructional analysis of genre

(2021) Invited lecture to CIVIS course *Languages in Europe and their diachronies*. Lecture: ‘An introduction to the constructional approach to diachrony: An example of reanalysis from medieval Greek’.

(2020) 3rd International Conference on Multimodal Communication (ICMC 3), University of Osnabrück, Germany. Plenary talk: ‘Multimodality, conventionality and inheritance in dialogic and genre-based constructions’. (Conference cancelled due to Covid situation)

(2020) 24th International Symposium on Theoretical and Applied Linguistics (ISTAL 24), Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics of the School of English, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Plenary talk: ‘Polysemy in the era of constructions’.

(2015) 14th International Pragmatics Conference (IPrA 14), University of Antwerp, Antwerp. Plenary talk: ‘A constructional approach to the grammar of dialogue and genre’.

(2014) Workshop on *Perspectivization in Language: Source–Goal Asymmetry in Motion Events, Deixis, and Frames of Reference*, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. Talk on ‘Deictic motion, deictic tense and constructions of perspective’.

(2012) Greek Society of Cognitive Science. Talk on ‘Construction Grammar: A gestalt approach to language analysis and language development’.

(2011) International workshop on *Conjunctions vs. contextualizers: Between clauses and discourse units*. Charles University, Prague. Plenary talk: ‘From relativizer to connective and complementizer. Discourse and constructional motivation for grammatical categories’.

(2010) 6th International Conference on Construction Grammar (ICCG-6), Charles University, Prague. Plenary talk: ‘Discoursal categories and grammatical description: A constructional integration’.

(2008) University of Helsinki, graduate program. Talk on ‘Construction grammar and discourse’.

Editorial work

- Co-editor-in-chief of the journal *Constructions and Frames* (John Benjamins), 2009 – 2020
- Member of the board of *Constructions and Frames*, 2020 – present

Peer reviewing work

- For the journals *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Cognitive Linguistics*, *Pragmatics and Cognition*, *English Text Construction*, *Journal of Greek Linguistics*, *Review of Cognitive Linguistics*, *Lingua*, *Studies in Applied Linguistics*, *Μελέτες για την Ελληνική Γλώσσα (Studies for the Greek Language)*, *Νόησις (Cognition)*.
- For ICLC, ICCG, SLE, ICGL conferences
- Grant proposals for the University of Cyprus, Leuven University.

Conference organizing

- Member of organizing committee of 56th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE 2021), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece. August 31- September 3, 2021.
- Co-organizer (with N. Lavidas): Athens International Workshop "Language Change in English and Beyond: Linguistic Theory and Historical Corpora", March 2019. Department of English Language and Literature. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
- Co-organizer (with S. Marmaridou): Athens International Conference “Reviewing linguistic thought: Converging trends for the 21st century”, May 2002. Department of English Language and Literature, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Panel organizing - Conference presentations (upcoming and recent)

- SLE 59, University of Osnabrück, August 2026. Presentation: “Representing constructional information in semantic maps: An example from motion verbs in Greek, Coptic and Arabic” (with Th. Georgakopoulos)
- 13th International Conference on Construction Grammar (ICCG-13), Gothenburg, Sweden, September 2024

- Presentation: “When formal semanticists acknowledge non-compositionality and constructionists find motivation: The case of the EXO NA ‘have to’ constructions in Modern Greek” (with D. Ioannou)
- 16th International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL 16). Panel organizing with Th. Georgakopoulos: “Construction Grammar and its application to Greek”, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, December 2023
 - 15th International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL 15), University of Belgrade, September 2022
Presentation: “The contribution of constructions to semantic maps: Evidence from motion verbs” (with Th. Georgakopoulos)
 - SLE 54, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, September 2021. Panel organizing with M. Fried and A. Bergs: “Constructional analysis in multimodal perspective”
Presentation: “Multimodality, conventionality and inheritance in dialogic constructions”
 - 14th International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL 14), University of Patras, September 2019. Presentation: “A constructional approach to the marker *που*: Synchronic, diachronic and developmental evidence” (with D. Katis)
 - International workshop on ‘Language change in English and beyond: Linguistic theory and historical corpora’, University of Athens 2019. Organizer and Presentation: “A constructional account of the relativizer as adverbial connective reanalysis in Medieval Greek”
 - 10th International Conference on Construction Grammar, July 2018, Paris. “On the importance of lexical constructions: Accounting for the distribution and polysemy of a motion verb” (with Th. Georgakopoulos, E.-S. Lincke, A. Piata)
 - International Workshop on *Figuration as a line of argument from modern theories to ancient text*, Berlin, June 2018
Presentation: “Polysemy enriched: constructional and cultural motivation in Ancient Greek motion verbs” (with Th. Georgakopoulos, A. Piata, S. Selimis)
 - 13th International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL 13), September 2017, University of Westminster
Presentation: “Abstract uses of the spatial prepositions ‘se’ and ‘apo’: What child-adult conversation can tell us about acquisition and polysemy” (with D. Katis)
 - 15th International Pragmatics Conference, July 2017, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Presentation: “Grammatical variability and the grammar of genre: Conventionality and functional motivation in ‘stage directions’”
 - 15th International Pragmatics Conference, July 2017, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
Presentation: “Grammatical constructions and discourse units: Mental state verbs as markers of dialogicity” (with V. Geka, S. Marmaridou)
 - 1st International Conference of Cultural Linguistics (ICCL 1), July 2016, Prato, Italy.
Presentation: “Non-literal uses of motion verbs in Ancient Greek: Constructional and cultural motivations in semantic extension” (with T. Georgakopoulos, A. Piata, S. Selimis)
 - 12th International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL 12), September 2015, Berlin, Germany

- Presentation: “Spatial prepositions of source and goal in early child-adult conversations” (with D. Katis)
- 13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC13), July 2015, Newcastle, England.
Presentation: “On the encoding of motion events in Ancient Greek: Towards a constructional analysis” (with T. Georgakopoulos, A. Piata)
 - Panel on “Modeling genre/register in grammar: Constructions, frames or both?”. Co-organizer with Kerstin Fischer, ICCG-8, Osnabrueck, Germany, September 2014.
 - Presentation: “A grammatical approach to free indirect discourse: Constructional tools in the analysis of genre”
 - Panel *From interaction to (construction) grammar*. Co-organizer with Kerstin Fischer and Mirjam Fried, SLE 46, Split, Croatia, September 2013.
 - Presentation: “What’s in a dialogic construction? Conversational functions of Modern Greek *ela*” (with S. Marmaridou)
 - Panel *Construction Grammar as an Integrative Framework for Communicative Resources*. Co-organizer with Mirjam Fried, 5th International Conference on Language, Culture and Mind (LCM V), Lisbon, June 27-29, 2012.
 - Presentation: “Grammatical resources in the description of discourse: A constructional approach to genre”
 - 13th International Pragmatics Conference, New Delhi, September 2013.
Presentation: “Genre-based conventionality in a constructional framework: The case of folk tales”
 - ICLaVE 5, University of Copenhagen, June 2009.
Presentation: “Greek future-marked conditionals: Conventional pragmatics and discourse patterns” (with R. T. Cacoullos)
 - 10th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC 10), Krakow, Poland, July 2007.
Presentation: “Motivating a discourse construction: The case of free indirect style”
 - 10th International Conference of the Association for Research in Child Language. Frei Universitat, Berlin, July 2005.
Presentation: “The development of complement clauses in Greek” (with D. Katis)
 - New Directions in Cognitive Linguistics Conference, University of Sussex, November 2005.
Presentation: “Greek relative clauses in an interdisciplinary perspective” (with D. Katis)

Teaching

- Department of English Language and Literature, University of Athens
 - **Undergraduate courses:**
 - Introduction to Linguistics
 - Cognitive Linguistics
 - Introduction to Psycholinguistics
 - Introduction to Lexicography
 - **Graduate courses:** Lexical Semantics-Pragmatics, Introduction to Lexicography, Constructional Approaches to Phraseology

- Department of Linguistics, University of Crete
 - **Undergraduate courses**
 - Pragmatics
 - Introduction to the History of the Greek Language
 - Lexicography seminar
 - Introduction to Indoeuropean Linguistics

Dissertation advising

Ph.D. theses supervisor

- Erasmia Koleti, *The English progressive in Greek EFL data. A cognitive approach to the acquisition of temporality and to construction and event learning.*
- Dimitra Ioannou, *Between syntax and lexicon: A constructional account of έχω να in Modern Greek.*

Ph.D. theses - member of advising committee

- Vasiliki Geka, *The contribution of constructions to dialogicity and discourse unit delimitation: A corpus-based analysis of BELIEVE (YOU) ME, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THINK AGAIN, AND MIND YOU (completed)*
- Efthimia Garidi, *The economic crisis in Greece in mainstream and alternative media: a corpus analysis (completed)*
- Vasilis Simeonidis, *The diachrony of linguistic complexity: Reanalysis and frequency (completed)*
- Aglaia Rouki, *Raising Greek high school students' awareness of conversational implicatures with the use of corpora (completed)*
- Kiriaki Tsapakidou, *Η κατασκευή της διυποκειμενικότητας στο συναισθηματικό λόγο (The construction of intersubjectivity in emotional discourse)*
- Anna Piata, *Conventionality and creativity in the conceptualization of time in Modern Greek: Metaphors and blends in language and literature (completed)*
- Thomi Dalpanagioti, *A Principled approach to word senses and usage patterns in bilingual lexicography: Criticism, theory, methodology, and application, with special reference to motion verbs in English and Modern Greek (completed)*

• Research projects

- Project leader: IKYDA 2015-2016 (PROGRAMME FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE EXCHANGE AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN GREECE AND GERMANY), Collaborating Institution: Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. Project topic: "Motion verbs in Ancient Greek and Ancient Egyptian: A diachronic study on the linguistic, cognitive and cultural encoding of space"
- Principal investigator: Kapodistrias grant 70/4/5531 (2004-2009): Usage-based models and cultural and sociolinguistic factors in the formation of grammar
- Participant:

- ELIDEK program, 2025-2027, *From Networks to Semantic Change: A Multifactorial Approach to the Predictability of Meaning Evolution* (PredictME), Principal investigator Th. Georgakopoulos.
- ELIDEK program, 2024-2025, *A Corpus-based Valency Lexicon for a Contrastive and Diachronic Study of Ancient-Medieval Languages* (CVL-CDSAML), Principal investigator N. Lavidas
- ELKE program 70/4/11099 (2011-2013) (principal investigator S. Hoidas): *A constructional approach to genre*
- EPEAEK funded interdepartmental graduate program in *Lexicographic Theory and Applications* (2003-2009) (principal investigator M. Sifianou). Member of the course syllabus designing team. Instructor of the courses: *Introduction to Lexicography*, *Lexical semantics-pragmatics*
- Research program Pythagoras II 70/3/7918 (EPEAEK II) (2005-2007) (principal investigator D. Katis): *Early language development in Greek: From preverbal utterances to the first vocabulary and the beginnings of grammar*
- Research program Heraklitus 70/3/7144 (EPEAEK II) (2002–2005) (principal investigator D. Katis)

Administrative work

- Head of Department of English Language and Literature (2022 – 2024)
- Director of the Division of Language and Linguistics, Department of English Language and Literature (2010 -2012)
- Director of the graduate program of the Faculty of English Language and Literature (2007-2009)
- Member of the interdepartmental administrative committee of the graduate program “Lexicographic theory and applications” (2003-2009)
- Member of the graduate program committee (2013-2021)
- Examiner for the “katataktiries” exams

Member

International Cognitive Linguistics Association (ICLA), International Pragmatics Association (IPrA), Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)