

**PETROS BOURAS-VALLIANATOS**

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## 1. PERSONAL DATA

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## 2. RESEARCH INTERESTS

- History of medicine and science with a particular focus on late antiquity and the middle ages.
- Reception of ancient Greek medicine and science from late antiquity to the early modern period.
- Intellectual history and history of scientific ideas in late antiquity and the middle ages.
- History of cross-cultural transfer of medical and scientific knowledge in the middle ages (mainly between Byzantium and the medieval Latin and Islamic worlds).
- Reception of the Arabic and Persian medical and scientific literature in Byzantium.
- Critical editions and translations (into English) of late antique and medieval Greek texts with an emphasis on medical and scientific literature.
- Greek Palaeography and codicology with an emphasis on medical and scientific manuscripts.

## 3. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### **14 September 2022-today:**

Associate Professor in History of Sciences from Late Antiquity to the Early Modern Period

School of Sciences, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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Taking office on 14 September 2022, Act of Rector no. 5561/14-09-2022

Since November 2024, I have been a member of the Institute for Ethnopharmacological Studies & Phytotherapy at the NKUA. I have taken on the organisation and direction of the Section of Historical Research of the Institute.

**11 September 2022-today:**

Honorary Fellow in History

School of History, Classics and Archaeology/Department of History

University of Edinburgh/United Kingdom

**31 January 2022–13 May 2023:**

Part-time Teaching Staff, University of Nicosia, Cyprus

**10 March 2019–10 September 2022:**

Wellcome Lecturer in History of Medicine

School of History, Classics and Archaeology/Department of History

University of Edinburgh/United Kingdom

[Permanent post (open-ended contract). This position included the term “Wellcome” because it was co-funded for the first five years by the Wellcome Trust and the University of Edinburgh, after which it was fully funded by the University of Edinburgh. This was a newly established post in the subject of History of Medicine at the School of History, Classical Studies and Archaeology.]

**10 March 2016–9 March 2019:**

Wellcome Research Fellow in Medical Humanities

Department of History

King’s College London, University of London, United Kingdom

\*Note that I turned down my election as a Junior Research Fellow at Cambridge University St Catharine’s College to accept the Wellcome Research Fellowship. After a telephone conversation with the College President, Professor Dame Jean Thomas, I was informed that my application was one out of 2 successful ones in the Humanities section among about 600 applications from around the world.

**21 September 2015–11 December 2015:**

Teaching Fellow in History

Department of History

King’s College London, University of London, United Kingdom

**November 2013–June 2014:**

Visiting Lecturer in History

Department of History

Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom

**February–April 2013:**

Fellow, John W. Kluge Research Center, Library of Congress

Washington, DC, United States of America

**4. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS****October 2011–March 2015: Doctor of Philosophy in History of Medicine**

Department of History, King's College London, University of London, United Kingdom. Thesis title:

'Medical Theory and Practice in Late Byzantium: The Case of John Zacharias Aktouarios (ca. 1275 – ca. 1330)'

Supervisors: Prof. Ludmilla Jordanova, Prof. Dionysios Stathakopoulos

Examiners: Prof. Manfred Horstmanshoff (Leiden University, Netherlands)

Prof. Peregrine Horden (Royal Holloway, University of London/University of Oxford)

\*My dissertation was accepted without corrections and it was awarded the Elsevier Outstanding PhD Thesis Prize (one out of two best doctoral dissertations in the School of Humanities, consisted of 16 departments, of King's College London in the first semester of 2015). I enclose the confirmation email.

\*\*In Fall Semester 2013-2014, I attended various seminars at the Sorbonne Université (Paris IV) and did extensive manuscript research at the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) as an Erasmus student under the supervision of Professor Béatrice Caseau.

**October 2010–July 2011: Master of Studies in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies,**

Department of History, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. Dissertation title:

'On Pharmacological Medications for Epilepsy in Byzantium'

\*My dissertation was awarded with *Distinction*, and it was proposed for publication.

Supervisor: Bywater and Sotheby Prof. Marc Lauxtermann

Examiners: Prof. Mark Whittow (University of Oxford)

Prof. Ruth Macrides (Birmingham University)

**October 2007– July 2010: BA in Ancient History,**

Department of Classics, King's College London, University of London, United

Kingdom. Degree mark: *First Class*. Dissertation Title:

'Alexander of Tralles *On Epilepsy*: A Critical Commentary'

\* My dissertation was awarded the Katie Lentakis Prize (best undergraduate dissertation in the field of Hellenic studies in 2010).

**October 2001–July 2007: Bachelor of Pharmacy,**

Department of Pharmacy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece.

**Diploma for teaching in higher education institutions in the United Kingdom:**

Preparing to Teach in Higher Education, Department of Education & Professional Studies, King's College London, University of London, United Kingdom.

Awarded: 09/10/2015.

Recognition of the diploma by the Higher Education Academy in the UK and award of the title of Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Recognition reference: PR105834, 31/05/2016.

## 5. LANGUAGES AND OTHER COMPETENCES

- Ancient Greek (excellent knowledge)
- Latin (excellent knowledge)
  
- Modern Greek (mother tongue)
- English (proficient)
- Italian (very good knowledge)
- French (intermediate-level knowledge)
- German (intermediate-level knowledge)
- Arabic (readings skills)
- Spanish (readings skills)
  
- Greek Palaeography and Codicology (excellent knowledge)

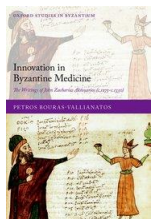
## 6. LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

(PUBLICATIONS AFTER FOR MY ELECTION TO THE RANK OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ARE MARKED IN BOLD)

## A. PhD THESIS

2015. *Medical Theory and Practice in Late Byzantium: The Case of John Zacharias Aktouarios (ca. 1275 – ca. 1330)*. pp. 458. King's College London, University of London.

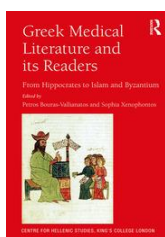
## B. MONOGRAPHS



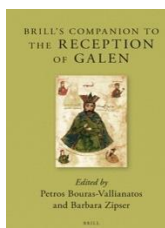
1. 2020. *Innovation in Byzantine Medicine: The Writings of John Zacharias Aktouarios (ca. 1275 – ca. 1330)*. pp. 361. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780198850687. [Winner, 2021 Prize for Young Historians, International Academy of the History of Science]

2. (under contract, expected publication date: 2026). *Medieval Greek Recipe Books: Four New Medical Witnesses in Context*. London; New York: Routledge. (Gold Open Access, CC-BY).

## C. EDITED VOLUMES/SPECIAL ISSUE



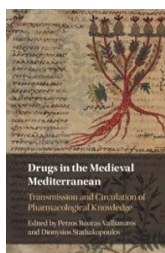
1. 2018. *Greek Medical Literature and its Readers: From Hippocrates to Islam and Byzantium*. pp. 252. London; New York: Routledge, co-edited with Sophia Xenophontos. ISBN: 9780367593209.



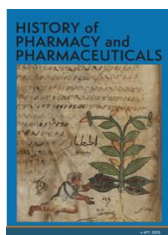
2. 2019. *Brill's Companion to the Reception of Galen*. pp. 710. Leiden: Brill, co-edited Barbara Zipser. ISBN: 9789004394353.



3. 2020. *Exploring Greek Manuscripts in the Library at Wellcome Collection in London*. pp. 213. London; New York: Routledge. ISBN: 9781138601598. (Gold Open Access, CC-BY).



4. *Drugs in the Medieval Mediterranean: Transmission and Interaction Across Cultures in Medicine and Beyond*. pp. 448. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, co-edited with Dionysios Stathakopoulos. [Honorable Mention, The Mediterranean Seminar Prize for the Best Essay Collection, 2025]



5. *Premodern Pharmacology Between Theory and Practice*. pp. 139. *History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals* 67:1. Special Issue

6. (under review). *Ecologies of Healing*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, co-edited with Zubin Mistry.

#### D. JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

1. 2014. 'Clinical Experience in Late Antiquity: Alexander of Tralles and the Therapy of Epilepsy,' *Medical History* 58: 337-353. (Gold Open Access, CC-BY).
2. 2015. 'Galen's Reception in Byzantium: Symeon Seth and his Refutation of Galenic Theories on Human Physiology,' *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies* 55: 431-469. (Open Access, CC-BY).
3. 2015. 'Greek Manuscripts at the Wellcome Library in London: A Descriptive Catalogue,' *Medical History* 59: 275-326. (Gold Open Access, CC-BY).  
[Shortlisted for The William Bynum Prize, best article on history of medicine by young scholars, year 2015.]
4. 2015. 'A New Witness to Michael Psellos' Poem *On Medicine (De Medicina)*,' *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* 65: 9-12.
5. 2016. 'Miraculous Fish Therapy for Leprosy ('Elephant Disease') and other Skin Diseases in Byzantium,' *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* 40: 170-175. (Green Open Access).
6. 2016. 'Η Ιατρική Τέχνη στο Βυζάντιο,' *ΝΕΥΣΙΣ* 24: 189-223.
7. 2016. 'Modelled on Archigenes *theiotatos*: Alexander of Tralles and his Use of Natural Remedies (*physika*),' *Mnemosyne* 69: 382-396.
8. 2018. 'An Unrecorded Use of the Word Κλίμαξ,' *Classical Quarterly* 68: 739-40.
9. 2020. 'Bridging the Gaps: Bole and Terra Sigillata as Artefacts, as *Simples* and as Antibacterial Clays,' *Minerals* 10.4: 348.1-11. [with Danae Venieri, Iosifina Gounaki, George E. Christidis, Charles W. Knapp and Effie Photos-Jones]
10. 2021. (forthcoming, October 2021). 'Cross-Cultural Transfer of Medical Knowledge in the Medieval Mediterranean: The Introduction and Dissemination of Sugar-Based Potions from the Islamic World to Byzantium,' *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies* 96.4: 963-1008. [J. Worth Estes Prize, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2022]
11. 2024. 'Two Byzantine Medical Texts in Verse Translated into English: Diagnosis and Treatment of Disease,' *Deltos* 52: 23-31. (Gold Open Access, CC-BY).

12. 2024. 'Treating with minerals in the Middle Ages: the rare substance *mūmiyā*' (pitch-asphalt) and its medicinal uses in Byzantium,' *Medical History* 68.3: 223-236. [with Fabian Käs] (Gold Open Access, CC-BY).
13. 2025. 'Premodern Pharmacology Between Theory and Practice,' *History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals* 67.1: 5-15.
14. 2025. 'Pharmacological Substances from Asia in Late Antique Medical Works: Myths and Facts,' *History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals* 67.1: 187-230.
15. 2025. 'Byzantine Medicine,' *Oxford Bibliographies in Medieval Studies* (Oxford University Press), ca. 30,000 words.
16. 2025. 'Palliative care in pre-modern medicine: The sixth-century physician Alexander of Tralles and his use of alleviating agents,' *Antiquité Tardive* 33, ca. 10,000 words.

#### E. CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDITED VOLUMES (PEER-REVIEWED)

1. 2013. 'Simon of Genoa's *Clavis Sanationis*: A Study of Thirteenth-Century Latin Pharmacological Lexicography,' in *Simon of Genoa's Medical Lexicon*, ed. Barbara Zipser. Berlin: W. de Gruyter, 31-48. (Open Access).
2. 2015. 'Contextualizing the Art of Healing by Byzantine Physicians,' in '*Life is Short Art Long*': *The Art of Healing in Byzantium*, ed. Brigitte Pitarakis. Istanbul: Pera Museum Publication, 104-122. [English text with parallel Turkish translation: 'Bizanslı Hekimlerin Şifa Sanatı Bağlamının İncelenmesi'.]
3. 2016. 'Case Histories in Late Byzantium: Reading the Patient in John Zacharias Aktouarios' *On Urines*,' in *Homo Patiens: Approaches to the Patient in the Ancient World*, ed. Georgia Petridou and Chiara Thumiger. Leiden: Brill, 390-409.
4. 2016. 'Häufige Krankheiten,' in *Byzanz: Historisch-kulturwissenschaftliches Handbuch* [Der Neue Pauly, Supplemente 11], ed. Falko Daim. Stuttgart: J. B. Metzler, 1035-1038. [Translated into English: 2019. 'Common Illnesses,' in *Brill's New Pauly Supplements II - Volume 10: History and Culture of Byzantium*. Leiden: Brill.]
5. 2016. 'Medizinisches Shriftum,' in *Byzanz: Historisch-kulturwissenschaftliches Handbuch* [Der Neue Pauly, Supplemente 11], ed. Falko Daim. Stuttgart: J. B. Metzler, 1025-1031. [Translated into English: 2019. 'Medical Writings,' in *Brill's New Pauly Supplements II - Volume 10: History and Culture of Byzantium*. Leiden: Brill.]
6. 2018. 'Reading Galen in Byzantium: The Fate of *Therapeutics to Glaucon*,' in *Greek Medical Literature and its Readers: From Hippocrates to Islam and Byzantium*, ed. Petros Bouras-Vallianatos and Sophia Xenophontos. London: Routledge, 180-229. (Open Access, CCBY-NC-ND).

7. 2018. 'Enrichment of the Medical Vocabulary in the Greek-Speaking Medieval Communities of Southern Italy: The Lexica of Plant Names,' in *The Art of Healing in Byzantium-New Perspectives*, ed. B. Pitarakis. and G. Tanman. Istanbul: Istanbul Research Institute, 155-84. (Gold Open Access, CC-BY).
8. 2019. 'Galen in Late Antique Medical Handbooks,' in *Brill's Companion to the Reception of Galen*, ed. Petros Bouras-Vallianatos and Barbara Zipser. Leiden: Brill, 38-61. (Gold Open Access, CC-BY).
9. 2019. 'Galen in Byzantine Medical Literature,' in *Brill's Companion to the Reception of Galen*, ed. Petros Bouras-Vallianatos and Barbara Zipser. Leiden: Brill, 86-110. (Gold Open Access, CC-BY).
10. 2020. 'The Wellcome Greek Collection,' in *Exploring Greek Manuscripts in the Library at Wellcome Collection in London*, ed. Petros Bouras-Vallianatos. London; New York: Routledge, 1-11. (Open Access, CCBY-NC-ND).
11. 2020. 'Theories on Pneuma in the Work of the Late Byzantine Physician John Zacharias Aktouarios,' in *The Concept of Pneuma After Aristotle*, ed. Sean Coughlin, David Leith and Orly Lewis. Berlin: Edition-Topoi, 365-399. (Open Access, CCBY-NC-ND). [The chapter was published into Greek translation in the following edited volume: *Αρχαία Φιλοσοφικά Θέματα στην Πατερική και Βυζαντινή Φιλοσοφία*, ed. M. Mouzala, Athens: Papazisis, 2023, 333-379.]
12. 2021. 'Pseudo-Galenic Texts on Urines and Pulse in Late Byzantium,' στο *Pseudo-Galenica: The Formation of the Galenic Corpus from Antiquity to the Renaissance*, ed. Caroline Petit, Simon Swain and Klaus-Dietrich Fischer. London: The Warburg Institute, 98-128.
13. 2022. 'Diagrams in Greek Medical Manuscripts,' στο *The Diagram as Paradigm: Cross-Cultural Approaches*, ed. Jeffrey Hamburger, David Roxburgh and Linda Safran. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 287-329.
14. 2023. 'Breastmilk as a Therapeutic Agent in Ancient and Early Byzantine Medical Literature,' in *Breastfeeding and Mothering in Antiquity and Early Byzantium*, eds. S. Constantinou and A. Skouroumouni-Stavrinou. Abingdon: Routledge, 105-129. (Open Access, CCBY-NC-ND).
15. 2023. 'Medieval Mediterranean Pharmacology,' in *Drugs in the Medieval Mediterranean: Transmission and Circulation of Pharmacological Knowledge*, eds. P. Bouras-Vallianatos and D. Stathakopoulos. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1-33.
16. 2024. 'Examining a Previously Unknown Pharmacological Potpourri: A New Witness to Late Byzantine Therapeutics and Its Expansion through Appropriations

from the Islamicate and Latin Medical Traditions,' in *A Key to Locked Doors*, eds. F. Käs, J. Kley, and F. Hedderich. Leiden: Brill, 450-504.

17. 2026. 'The Reception of the Classical Tradition in Byzantine Literature and Thought,' in *The Oxford History of the Classical World*, Volume VII: *The Classical Afterlife*, ed. H. Beck, C. Constantakopoulou, and J. J. McInerney. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [with Sophia Xenophontos] ca. 10,000 words.

18. (under review). 'Miraculous Healing in Disguise: Sacred Drugs in Byzantine Medical Works,' in *Ecologies of Healing*, ed. P. Bouras-Vallianatos and Z. Mistry. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, ca. 10,000 words.

## F. ESSAY BOOK REVIEWS

1. 2017. 'Andreas K. Demetriades (ed.), *iatrosophikón. Folklore Remedies from a Cyprus Monastery: Original text and parallel translation of Codex Machairas A.18*. Nicosia: A. G. Leventis Foundation, 2015,' *Byzantina Symmeikta* 27: 485-498.

2. 2019. 'Alain Touwaide, *A Census of Greek Medical Manuscripts. From Byzantium to the Renaissance*. London; New York: Routledge, 2016,' *Plekos: Elektronische Zeitschrift für Rezensionen und Berichte zur Erforschung der Spätantike* 21: 153-176.

## G. BOOK REVIEWS

1. 2013. 'Patricia Ann Clark, *A Cretan Healer's Handbook in the Byzantine Tradition: Text, Translation and Commentary*. Farnham: Ashgate, 2011,' *Social History of Medicine* 26: 809-811.

2. 2015. 'Timothy S. Miller and John W. Nesbitt, *Walking Corpses: Leprosy in Byzantium and the Medieval West*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014,' *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 26.01.

3. 2015. 'Demetrios Michaelides (ed.), *Medicine and Healing in the Ancient Mediterranean World*. Oxford: Oxbow, 2014,' *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 20.12.

4. 2018. 'Emmanuel Paschos and Christos Simelidis, *Introduction to Astronomy by Theodore Metochites (Stoicheiosis Astronomike 1.5-30)*. New Jersey; Hackensack, NJ: World Scientific Publishing, 2017,' *Early Science and Medicine* 23: 279-280.

5. 2019. 'Lennart Lehmhaus and Matteo Martelli (ed.), *Collecting Recipes: Byzantine and Jewish Pharmacology in Dialogue*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018,' *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 93: 272-274.

6. 2020. 'Lorenzo Perilli (ed.), *Galenī vocum Hippocratis Glossarium/Galeno, Interpretazione delle parole difficili di Ippocrate. Testo, Traduzione e Note di Commento*.

Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017,' *Plekos: Elektronische Zeitschrift für Rezensionen und Berichte zur Erforschung der Spätantike* 22: 119-122.

7. 2020. 'Luis Marcos Nogales, *An Epic History of Pharmacy. Pharmacy in the Ancient World*. Salamanca: Salamanca University Press, 2018,' *Pharmacy in History* 62.1-2: 76-78.

8. 2022. 'O. Overwien, *Medizinische Lehrwerke aus dem spätantiken Alexandria. Die Tabulae Vindobonenses und Summaria Alexandrinorum zu Galens De sectis*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2022,' *Plekos* 24: 139-145.

9. 2022. 'W. Black, *Medicine and Healing in the Premodern West: A History in Documents*. Peterborough, Ontario: Broadview Press, 2022,' *Speculum* 97: 789-790.

10. 2025. 'I. Grimm-Stadelmann, Untersuchungen zur Iatromagie in der byzantinischen Zeit. Zur Tradierung gräkoägyptischer und spätantiker iatromagischer Motive,' *The Byzantine Review* 7: 442-446.

11. 2026. 'R. Yoeli-Tlalim, ReOrienting Histories of Medicine: Encounters along the Silk Roads,' *Social History of Medicine*.

## H. GENERAL PUBLIC TEXTS

1. 2011. 'Il medico bizantino Alessandro di Tralle e la terapia di alopecia,' *Esthete* 6: 55-63.

2. 2015. 'Greek manuscripts at the Wellcome library: a new catalogue,' Wellcome Library Blog, <http://blog.wellcomelibrary.org/2015/09/greek-manuscripts-at-the-wellcome-library-a-new-catalogue/>

3. 2017. 'The Hippocratic Oath,' *Iris Online*, <http://irisonline.org.uk/index.php/features/519-the-hippocratic-oath>

4. 2017. 'Sugar versus honey in Byzantine Recipes,' *The Recipes Project*, <https://recipes.hypotheses.org/tag/petros-bouras-vallianatos>

## 7. GRANTS AND AWARDS

- **June 2010:** Katie Lentakis Memorial Fund Award (Best undergraduate dissertation in the field of Hellenic studies, year 2007), Department of Classics, King's College London. Prize: £750
- **July 2011:** Central European University (Budapest), Scholarship to participate in the International Summer School on Medieval Codicology and Palaeography. Prize: £1.500

- **February–March 2012:** King's College London Small Grant to pursue research trip to Italy, Austria, and Germany to consult unedited manuscripts. Prize: £300
- **September–October 2012:** Wellcome Trust Small Grant to pursue research trip to France, Belgium, and the Netherlands to consult unedited manuscripts. Prize: £2,000.
- **June 2013:** King's College London Small Grant to attend an international conference in Mainz. Prize: £300
- **December 2013:** Wellcome Library Open Access Fund for covering the open access publishing costs of my article in *Medical History* Cambridge University Press (*Clinical Experience in Late Antiquity: Alexander of Tralles and the Therapy of Epilepsy*). Prize: £2,054
- **February 2014:** Wellcome Library special Grant for the production of the first descriptive catalogue of the Greek collection. Prize: £2,000
- **June 2014:** Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies, Travel bursary to attend the International Medieval Congress at Leeds, United Kingdom. Prize: £300
- **August 2014:** Grants by the A. G. Leventis Foundation and the Institute of Classical Studies in London for the organisation of International conference on 'Greek Medical Texts and their Audience' at King's College London. Prize: £2,500
- **December 2014:** Wellcome Library Open Access Fund for covering the open access publishing costs of my article in *Medical History* Cambridge University Press (*Greek Manuscripts at the Wellcome Library in London: A Descriptive Catalogue*). Prize: £2,054
- **June 2015:** Elsevier Outstanding PhD Thesis Prize, King's College London (one out of two best doctoral dissertations in the School of Humanities, consisted of 16 departments, of King's College London in the first semester of 2015). Prize: £300
- **December 2017:** Wellcome Library Open Access Fund for covering the open access publishing costs of an edited volume by Routledge (*Exploring Greek Manuscripts in the Library at Wellcome Collection in London*). Prize: £10,000
- **January 2017:** Wellcome Library Open Access Fund for covering the open access publishing costs of a chapter published in an edited volume by Routledge (*Reading Galen in Byzantium: The Fate of Therapeutics to Glaucon*). Prize: £2,600

- **November 2017:** Grant by the Oxford Bibliographical Society to cover travel costs for the consultation of Greek unedited manuscripts at Oxford, Bodleian Library. Prize: £450
- **December 2017:** Wellcome Library Open Access Fund for covering the open access publishing costs of two chapters published in an edited volume by Brill (*Galen in Late Antique Medical Handbooks; Galen in Byzantine Medical Literature*). Prize: £5.600
- **December 2018:** Wellcome Library Open Access Fund for covering the open access publishing costs of my forthcoming monograph, which will be published by Routledge in 2022 (*Medieval Greek Recipe Books: Four New Medical Witnesses in Context*). Prize: £10.000

## 8. SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

(Total amount awarded: €588.378,00)

- **October 2024–September 2026:** Project Leader and Principal Investigator (PI) of the research project “‘Ex Oriente Scientia’: The medieval Greek translations of Arabic medical works and their influence in Byzantine medicines’ funded by H.F.R.I. 5th Call for Action “Science and Society. Ever to Excel – Theodoros Papazoglou”. The project also includes Professor Christos Papatheodorou (HPS/NKUA) and Professor Elvira Wakelnig (University of Vienna). Total amount awarded: €25.410,00
- **March 2019–March 2024:** Project Leader and Principal Investigator (PI) of the research project ‘Making and Consuming Drugs in the Italian and Byzantine Worlds (12th–15th c.)’ funded by the Wellcome Trust (University Award in Humanities and Social Sciences, approx. rate of success 8%). Total amount awarded: £258.885,00
- **March 2016–March 2019:** Project Leader and Principal Investigator (PI) of the research project ‘Experiment and Exchange: Byzantine Pharmacology between East and West (ca. 1150–ca. 1450’ funded by the Wellcome Trust (Medical Humanities Fellowship, approx. rate of success 10%). Total amount awarded: £170.068,00
- **2012–2014:** Alexander S. Onassis Foundation Scholarship for two years for the completion of my doctoral degree at King’s College London, University of London (£24.500,00).

- **2011–2014:** Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) for three years for the completion of my doctoral degree at King's College London, University of London (£13.500,00).
- **2011–2014:** A. G. Leventis Foundation Scholarship for three years for the completion of my doctoral degree at King's College London, University of London (£16.000,00).

## 9. INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **2025-2031:** Member of the Advisory Board of the ERC Synergy Grant Project "Mapping Occult Sciences Across Islamicate Cultures" of five Universities from Europe and the USA (University of Bologna, UCLouvain, Universität Erlangen-Nuremberg, University of South Carolina, University of Barcelona). Webpage: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101167040>
- **2024-2027:** I lead a 5-member team of historical research participating in the European Program ETHCSTWIN – Reinforcing the Scientific Excellence of the Institute for Ethnopharmacological Studies and Phytotherapy (IESP) through Twinning with Computer Science (CS), under the scientific direction of Prof. Nektarios Aligiannis (Department of Pharmacy, NKUA), with the goal of developing an innovative database for future ethnopharmacological studies of ancient Greek and Byzantine medical texts. The 36-month programme, with a total budget of €1,496,750.00, is part of the HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS02 (Twinning) framework and includes the participation of 5 Universities from four countries (Greece, Germany, Italy and Kosovo).
- **2016–2021:** Research collaborator for the international research project: 'Ibn al-Gazzars Zad al-musafir (Buch I und II) - Kritische Edition des arabischen Originals, der lateinischen Bearbeitung von Constantinus Africanus, der hebräischen Übersetzung von Moses ibn Tibbon sowie der mittelgriechischen Version Ephodia tou apodemountos.', directed by Prof. Gerrit Bos (Universität zu Köln) and funded by Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) - Projektnummer 318593138. Webpage: <http://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/318593138>
- **2019–2021:** Research collaborator for the international research project: 'Lactating Breasts: Motherhood and Breastfeeding in Antiquity and Byzantium (4th Century BCE–7th Century CE)', directed by Prof. Stavroula Constantinou (University of Cyprus) and co-funded by the European Regional Development

Fund and the Republic of Cyprus through the Research and Innovation Foundation (Programme “Excellence Hubs”). Webpage:

<https://ucy.ac.cy/motherbreast/el/to-programma>

- **2019–today:** Research collaborator for the international research network ‘Medicines Across Asia’, directed by Prof. Michael Stanley-Baker (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) and funded by NTU Institute of Science and Technology for Humanity. Webpage: <https://michaelstanley-baker.com/drugs-across-asia/bencaojingjizhu/>

## 10. ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- **3-4 June 2013:** International two-day workshop, King’s College London. Subject: ‘Arabo-Greek Medical Translations’ (co-organised with D. Stathakopoulos). Funded by the ERC project ‘Sharing Ancient Wisdoms’.
- **12-13 December 2014:** International Conference, King’s College London. Subject: ‘Greek Medical Texts and Their Audience: Transmission, Perception, Reception’ (co-organised with S. Xenophontos). Funded by the A. G. Leventis Foundation and the Institute of Classical Studies, London.
- **24 August 2016:** Round Table in the framework of the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Belgrade. Subject: ‘The Dialectics of Theory and Practice in Byzantine Medicine and Science’ (co-organised with D. Stathakopoulos). Funded by the International Association of Byzantine Studies.
- **25 May 2017:** International Symposium, Wellcome Library, London. Subject: ‘Greek Manuscript at the Wellcome Library’. Funded by the Wellcome Trust.
- **7-8 December 2018:** International Conference, King’s College London. Subject: ‘Drugs in the Medieval World (ca.1050–ca.1400)’. Funded by the Wellcome Trust. (co-organised with D. Stathakopoulos).
- **7-8 September 2022:** International Conference, University of Glasgow, Subject: ‘The Medical Paratext’. Funded by the Wellcome Trust. (co-organised with S. Xenophontos).
- **9-10 September 2022:** International Conference, University of Edinburgh, Subject: ‘Ecologies of Healing in the Premodern World (600-1350 CE)’. Funded by the Wellcome Trust. (co-organised with Z. Mistry).
- **12-13 July 2023:** 1<sup>o</sup> International Symposium, University of Bologna, Subject: ‘New Perspectives on MS Bononiensis 3632’. Funded by the University of Bologna. (co-organised with M. Martelli).

- **3-4 November 2023:** International Conference, University of Patras, Subject: 'Colours in Ancient Medicine'. Funded by HPS/NKUA, the University of Geneva, and the University of Patras. (co-organised with K. Ierodiakonou and G. Kazantzidis).
- **7-8 November 2023:** International Symposium, NKUA, Subject: 'Premodern Pharmacological Approaches: Europe and China'. Funded by the Center of Greek and Chinese Civilisation.
- **18-19 July 2024:** 2<sup>o</sup> International Symposium, University of Bologna, Subject: 'New Perspectives on MS Bononiensis 3632'. Funded by the Wellcome Trust. (co-organised with M. Martelli).
- **17-18 October 2025:** 1<sup>n</sup> Symposium for the History of Science and Technology. Funded by the HPS and the Department of Pedagogy (NKUA), the NHRF and the Academy of Athens. (co-organised with G. Katsiampoura, G. Merianos, Th. Barlagiannis and K. Tampakis).

## 11. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **September 2013–March 2016:** Member of the Membership Committee, Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies
- **March 2016–March 2019:** Member of the Strategy Committee, Centre for Hellenic Studies, King's College London
- **January–April 2018:** Convener and organiser of the Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar, King's College London
- **March 2019–September 2022:** Member of the Steering Committee of the Byzantine Research Group, History of Science, Medicine and Technology Group, and the History of Knowledge Group, University of Edinburgh
- **March 2020–June 2022:** Convener and organiser of the Byzantine Studies Seminar, University of Edinburgh
- **September 2020– September 2022:** Convener and co-organiser of the History of Science, Medicine and Technology Group Seminar
- **April 2021–today:** Manager of the largest (more than 800 members) and most important international list for scholars interested in all aspects of premodern medicine, health, and disease (MEDMED) <https://www.ed.ac.uk/history-classics-archaeology/research/research-groups/medieval-medicine-list-medmed>
- **November 2022–today:** Regular member of the Admissions Examination Committee, HPS, NKUA

- **November 2022:** Department Representative for informing students about the HPS in the “Open Gate Day” event of NKUA
- **November 2023–today:** Editor of the HPS Newsletter, NKUA
- **November 2023:** Organisation of the Research Day for the HST Sector, HPS, NKUA
- **September 2024–today:** Regular member of the Coordination Committee of the Postgraduate Programme IFET, HPS, NKUA
- **September 2024–today:** Regular member of the Doctoral Studies Committee, HPS, NKUA
- **September 2024:** Regular member of the Evaluation Committee for candidates for the position of acquiring academic experience for young scientists of the HST Sector, HPS, NKUA
- **September 2024–June 2025:** Organiser of the Annual Lecture Series of HPS on “Science and Religion”
- **November 2024–today:** Regular member of the Committee of the Register of Research Subjects, HPS, NKUA
- **February 2025:** Regular member of the Evaluation Committee for candidates for the position of acquiring academic experience for young scientists of the HST Sector, HPS, NKUA
- **April 2025:** Regular member of the Committee for evaluating candidates for the Excellence in University Teaching Awards for the Faculty of Science, NKUA, for the academic year 2023-4
- **September 2025:** Regular member of the Committee for evaluating candidates for the Recognition Awards for Outstanding Contribution to the University and Society for Faculty members of the Faculty of Science, NKUA, for the academic year 2024-5
- **September 2025:** Regular member of the Committee for evaluating candidates for the Excellence in Research Awards for Faculty members of the Faculty of Science, NKUA, for the academic year 2024-5
- **September 2025:** Regular member of the Committee for evaluating candidates for the Excellence in University Teaching Awards for Faculty of Science, NKUA, for the academic year 2024-5

## 12. INVITED LECTURES AND TALKS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

I have given more than 90 talks in Europe, America, and Asia on the history of medieval medicine and science as an invited speaker. I have also been a keynote speaker at four conferences in Cambridge, Genova (Italy), Lodz (Poland), and Ioannina (Greece) as follows:

**10/09/2019:** (University of Cambridge, International Conference: ‘Medicine and Trade in the Classical World’): Contextualising Pharmacological Substances from Asia in Late Antique Medical Works. **[Keynote Speaker]**

**13/05/2022:** (University of Lodz, Colloquia Ceranea IV): Byzantine Medicine Matters: Current Trends and Future Avenues. **[Keynote Speaker]**

**01/03/2024:** (Ioannina, 2<sup>nd</sup> Panhellenic Congress of Ethnopharmacology): Contextualising Pharmacological Substances from Asia in Late Antique Medical Works. **[Keynote Speaker]**

**15/10/2025:** (Genova, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctoral Conference in Classical and Modern Languages and Literature): Lost in the margins: Unveiling the Hidden Medical Recipes in Greek Manuscripts. **[Keynote Speaker]**

### **13. ANONYMOUS REFEREE OF RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE**

- **January 2020–today:** Reviewer of research projects for the Wellcome Trust, Medical Humanities Section, United Kingdom.
- **February 2020–today:** Reviewer of research projects for the Pasold Research Fund, United Kingdom.
- **January 2021–today:** Reviewer of research projects for the Spanish State Research Agency (Agencia Estatal de Investigación) of the Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain.
- **January 2023–today:** Reviewer of research projects for the European Union: ERC starting grants, ERC consolidator grants, Erasmus+
- **November 2024–today:** Member of the Wellcome Trust Funding Committee, Medical Humanities Section
- **August 2025–today:** Reviewer of research projects for the Polish National Funding Body

### **14. INVOLVEMENT IN AWARD COMMITTEES, EDITORIAL COMMITTEES OF JOURNALS AND BOOK SERIES**

- **March 2018–today:** Contributing editor, responsible for articles on antiquity, the middle ages, and the early modern period submitted to the international journal *History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals* of the American Institute of the

History of Pharmacy. Webpage: <https://aihp.org/pharmacy-in-history-journal/editorial-team/>

- **May 2018–today:** Member of the Scientific Committee of the Book Series *Médica Graecolatina*, which specialises in the edition of medieval medical texts (Greek, Latin, Arabic etc). Webpage: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Medica-Graecolatina-102680427854430/posts/>
- **January–December 2019:** Member of the Award Committee for the J. Estes Worth Prize (2019), American Association of the History of Medicine.
- **January 2021–today:** Co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of the newly established international journal, *Journal of Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies*, which is published by the Edinburgh University Press. Webpage: <https://www.euppublishing.com/loi/jlaibs>
- **March 2023–today:** Co-founder and Series Editor of *Global Histories of Premodern Health and Healing*, Edinburgh University Press. Webpage: <https://edinburghuniversitypress.com/series-global-histories-of-premodern-health-and-healing/>

## 15. ANONYMOUS REFEREE OF ARTICLES AND BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

–Anonymous referee of more than 50 articles submitted to the following journals:

- *Medical History*
- *Social History of Medicine*
- *Early Science and Medicine*
- *Mnemosyne*
- *Classical Philology*
- *Latomus*
- *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies*
- *Ancient Society*
- *Ancient History*
- *Journal of Archaeological Science*
- *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*
- *Archives Internationales d'Histoire des Sciences*
- *European Journal for the History of Medicine and Health*
- *Near Eastern Archaeology*
- *Byzantinoslavica*
- *Sudhoffs Archiv*
- *Oxford Journal of Archaeology*

- *Βυζαντινά Σύμμεικτα*
- *Studies Ceranea*
- *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*
- *Acta Medico-Historica Adriatica*
- *Revista de Estudios Bizantinos*
- *Deltos*
- *History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals*
- *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies*

– Anonymous referee of 12 monographs submitted to the following presses:

- *Oxford University Press*
- *Peter Lang*
- *Crete University Press*
- *Palgrave*
- *Routledge*
- *Cambridge University Press*
- *W. De Gruyter*
- *Brill*

## 16. MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIETIES

- **January 2009–today:** Member of the *Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies*.
- **January 2009–today:** Member of the *American Institute of the History of Pharmacy*.
- **January 2011–today:** Member of the *American Association for the History of Medicine*.
- **March 2015–today:** Member of the *Onassis Scholars' Association*.
- **March 2015–today:** Member of the *A. G. Leventis Scholars' Association*.
- **May 2016–today:** Associate Fellow of the *Higher Education Academy*, United Kingdom.
- **August 2020–today:** Fellow of the *Royal Historical Society*, United Kingdom.

## 17. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE

- I have written short articles for the general public in English and Italian (see list of publications, section H). My article on the Hippocratic *Oath* is used as a basic reading by primary school pupils participating in the Iris Project, a broader

program for the dissemination of classical education in UK schools. The website that hosts the article has attracted 10,275 visitors since its publication in January 2017 (<http://irisonline.org.uk/index.php/features/519-the-hippocratic-oath>). The article has also 508 views and 128 bookmarks on academia.edu

([https://www.academia.edu/30846807/The\\_Hippocratic\\_Oath\\_2017](https://www.academia.edu/30846807/The_Hippocratic_Oath_2017) ).

I received praising comments on academia.edu, which show that I have helped people from all over the world with different backgrounds to better understand issues of Hippocratic medical ethics and ancient Greek medicine and science more broadly. Some examples are as follows:

V. S. (Cardiff, UK): 'Enables me to understand the history behind the Hippocrates Oath which I took'.

S. P. (Mumbay, India): 'Your essay is considerable interest to me, since I have been following the proposed modification of the Hippocratic Oath over the past several decades'

G. D. (Paris, France): 'Thank you for sharing good food for my historian brain'

M. P. (Athens, Greece): 'I am a Greek medical doctor extremely interested in your Hippocratic Oath article'

D. F. (Siena, Italy): 'I study the Hippocratic medicine and so for me your work on the Hippocratic Oath is very interesting to me'

I. N. (Sofia, Bulgaria): 'I am so interested in your work on the Hippocratic Oath'

Z. O. (Karachi, Pakistan): 'We swear the Hippocratic Oath and your post helped me to learn more about it'.

R. A. (Kathmandu, Nepal): 'I have been promoting ethical issues in medical practice in Nepal and I have learned a lot from what you have written'.

- I gave lectures at primary and secondary (AS-Level History and Philosophy), schools in London on the Hippocratic *Oath* and modern medical ethics. I received very positive feedback. For example, the vast majority of pupils at St Thomas More Catholic School (30/11/2016), found the event excellent or very good, and 15 out of 18 pupils thought that they learned at least two new things, which helped them to change the way they looked at the subject and open up their horizons (see attached School Newsletter).
- I received funding from the Wellcome Trust to organise a Byzantine music concert for the dissemination of Byzantine medicine and Byzantine culture in the UK. ('Singing Byzantine Medicine', Wellcome Reading Room, 25 May 2017). At this event, 3 Byzantine medical canons of the thirteenth century were performed for the first time, which were written in this ecclesiastical musical

genre so that medical students, doctors and *philiatroi* could easily memorise useful information about the diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of the disease. (I enclose the brochure of the event with my edition of the texts alongside an English translation). The event was so well received so that an excerpt along with a short interview that I gave were included in the show 'Early Music Show' of BBC Radio 3, episode: 'Why Music? The Key to Memory', 15/10/2017 (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b098gpgs>).

- I organised the first three Online Edinburgh Byzantine Book Festivals (2021, 2023, 2025). More than 80 monographs published in English, French, German, Georgian, Greek, Italian and Romanian have been presented. The festival has been attended by people from all over the world. Videos of the presentations are now available on YouTube (more than 30,000 views) (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZCv5UjsPeH4kPvSJLZGFPg/videos>). The Festival will take place every two years in an online format.
- I presented my monograph (*Innovation in Byzantine Medicine: The Case of John Zacharias Aktouarios*) at the 1st Online Edinburgh Byzantine Book Festival, 06/07/2021 ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09KAHd\\_cbYE&ab\\_channel=OnlineEdinburghByzantineBookFestival](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09KAHd_cbYE&ab_channel=OnlineEdinburghByzantineBookFestival)).
- I gave a 30-minute interview on my recent monograph (*Innovation in Byzantine Medicine: The Case of John Zacharias Aktouarios*) and more generally on Byzantine medicine to the Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation Radio 1 (Proto Programma) in the show 'Athens Calling' of Perikles Vasilopoulos, 18/01/2021 (<https://www.mixcloud.com/koinoniapoliton/athens-calling-18012021-part-b/?fbclid=IwAR3Cs8LGVUU7YReaGgt77mGTWW8Y0X6BKK7kUGXcxrwRvVyKXDj2d-6OQTW>).
- I was the main interviewee in an episode for the Apple podcast 'Ithaca Bound' by Andrew Schiestel (<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/ithaca-bound/id1559088835>) on 'Innovation in Byzantine Medicine', 28/04/2021 (<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/byzantine-physician-john-aktouarios-w-dr-petros-bouras/id1559088835?i=1000519098122>).