

Presentation of the facilities of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science

MA in History and Philosophy of Science and Technology

MA in Science, Technology and Society-Science and Technology Studies

A very warm welcome to the Department of History and Philosophy of Science of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. My name is Anthony Hatzimoysis, and it is my honour to be currently the Head of the top academic unit in Greece for the philosophical and historical study of Science and Technology.

Our Department engages with the twin questions of how human beings create science, and of how science shapes the life and culture of human beings; it is an issue that has several dimensions: philosophical, historical, social, psychological, political, economic, and, of course, ethical. The complex nature of those issues is reflected in the six postgraduate programs that we are pleased to offer.

The first and longest-living postgraduate program of its kind in our country is the Greek-Language **MA program in the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology**. It is a program, which approaches science and technology as rich historical and cultural phenomena, and which identifies the philosophical background of the developments in the domains both of natural and social sciences.

The complexity of the issues involved necessitates the interdisciplinary character of the topics addressed in the individual courses, which purport to identify and reflect upon the presuppositions, the prospects, as well as the possible epistemic limitations of current scientific and technological innovations.

The **MA on Science Technology and Society-Science and Technology Studies** – widely known in the academic community as “STS” – is a truly pioneering postgraduate program, in which, for the first time in our country, there are addressed all the rapid developments in the domain of contemporary technology, from Big Data, to Biomedicine, and from the sophisticated ways of dealing with Climate Change, to the novel forms of storing and communicating different types of knowledge.

It is a program that attracts an international team of professors, researchers, and students, who come to our Department with a view to exchange ideas, and invent new intellectual tools, that we need in order to make sense of the technological advances that we experience in our era.