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The **Newsletter** of the **Department of History and Philosophy of Science (PHS)** aims to inform about activities of its members of staff and students. The History and Philosophy of Science is an interdisciplinary academic field, which studies science as a complex historical, social, and cultural phenomenon and highlights the philosophical dimensions of its theories and practice. It examines the philosophical, conceptual, and historical approaches to science in general, as well as to a variety of particular research fields, including the humanities and social sciences, natural sciences, psychology and cognitive sciences, life and medical sciences, mathematics and logic, and new technologies. The [faculty members](#) of the Department include some of the world experts in their respective fields, while several of the members lead or collaborate in [international research projects](#). The Department consists of three Divisions: History of Science and Technology, Philosophy and Theory of Science, and Technology, and Cognitive Science. It offers the sole [undergraduate programme](#) of studies on History and Philosophy of Science in Greece and 9 [postgraduate programmes](#) of studies in both Greek and English, which cover a wide range of philosophical topics, the history of science and technology, studies in society, science and technology, digital humanities and augmented textual studies, and cognitive psychology. PHS is among the highest rated of humanities departments in Greece, in terms of international research citations.

Awards and Distinctions

- The official induction of Professor [Chysostomos Mantzavinos](#) (PHS, NKUA) to Academia Europaea took place in Munich in the framework of the [34th Annual Conference of the Academia Europaea](#) (9-11 November, 2023). Professor Mantzavinos will serve as an Ordinary Member in the Section of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies.



*Official induction of Prof. Mantzavinos to the
Academia Europaea*

- Assoc. Professor **Stathis Arapostathis** (PHS) has been appointed in the **multidisciplinary Scientific Advisory Board for the Reconstruction of the Prefecture of Thessaly**. The Advisory Board has been instituted by the newly

elected Governor of Thessaly to provide policy advice, and to plan the sociotechnical transition of Thessaly in the aftermath of the latest floods and within the context of the Climate Crisis.

Research Projects

- [Governing Just Sociotechnical Transitions: A Co-productionist Model of Sustainable Futures in the Agrifood sector](#) (Go-JuST). The overarching aim of Governing Just Sociotechnical Transitions (Go-JuST) is to identify and analyse the critical factors and dimensions conditioning the potential to achieve just agrifood transitions. It studies the history of regional transitions to draw policy insights that will aid stakeholders in Greece's regional transition initiatives to maximise justice and anticipate and reduce injustices. Under the leadership of Assoc. Professor **Stathis Arapostathis** (PHS), a group of six researchers will work on the topic. Our novel methodology engages stakeholders in the co-creation of just transition pathways, offering a co-productionist model of governance for transitions in the Greek agrifood sector. Go-JuST is oriented to the following objectives: (1) Review and enrich the theoretical approaches of just transitions. Create the setting for interdisciplinary research and societal engagement; (2) Introduce a model that identifies types of injustices (visible or hidden) and analyses the context of their emergence and configuration; (3) Provide policy insights grounded in critical and evaluative approaches of analysis that establish "transition platforms" to

support deliberation and reflexivity in the making of transition; (4) Empower stakeholders to prioritize justice as they enact and assess transformational innovations and sociotechnical change. Go-JuST centers our analysis in Thessaly, which is a key center of the Greek agrifood sector. Go-JuST offers a replicable model for other regions and a model that can function as a governance tool at national scale.

- [PANGEA4CALVAL Horizon Europe 2022-2025](#). It is part of a major project the is run and coordinated by the Hellenic Observatory of Athens aiming in establishing a Geophysical Observatory for the Mediterranean basin in the island of Antikythira. This is a project of atmospheric physics and modeling. Under the leadership of Assoc. Professor **Stathis Arapostathis**, a postdoc researcher **Chrysa Karpantziani** will work in Work Package 6 and will conduct analysis of the data management and ownership, the management of knowledge, and the protocols of ethical conduct of research. The analysis will follow the Responsible and Open Research and Innovation approach and aims to result in standard setting and the establishment of best practices.

- The PhD Candidate **Panagiotis Kalyvas** of the HPS Department gained

a **three-year scholarship** (2023-2026) from the **Hellenic Foundation for Research & Innovation** (4th Call for H.F.R.I. Scholarships to PhD Candidates) working on the research

project “Contemporary Perspectivism as a Conceptual-Methodological Framework of Scientific Inquiry in Modern Physics and Beyond”. Scientific advisor of the project is Professor **Vassilios Karakostas** (PHS).

Past Events – Talks

- Professor **Stavros Drakopoulos** (PHS) gave a talk on “**Happiness Economics and Psychology: An Historical and Methodological Approach**” in the framework of the 26th European Conference for the History of Economics, in Liege, Belgium (**June 2023**).

- Professor **Theodore Arabatzis** gave an invited talk on “**The Perils and Promises of History and Philosophy of Science**” (**21 September 2023**), in the framework of the international conference “What place for history of science?”, ESHS in-between meeting in Bucharest, Romania.

- The Centre of Greek & Chinese Ancient Civilisation in collaboration with the PHS organised a successful international two-day workshop on “**Cultures of Therapy in Ancient Greece and China**”. Talks were given by speakers from the USA, the UK, Italy, Germany, Singapore, China, and Greece. The event was introduced by Vice Rector Professor **Sophia Papaioannou**, who emphasised the important role of the Centre and the PHS in the comparative study of various aspects of Ancient Greek and Chinese civilisations. The event was also attended by Vice Rector Professor Aristeidis Samitas and a large number of participants. The event also included the film screening of the

documentary “**Health and Healing in Ancient Greece and China**”, an initiative that was brought into fruition by **Chloe Balla**, Professor of the University of Crete. The event took place between 7-8 November 2023 in “Kostis Palamas” Building. The programme is available [here](#).



Participants “Cultures of Therapy in Ancient Greece and China”, “Kostis Palamas” Building

- Professor **Panagiotis Thanassas** gave a talk on “**Parmenides in Freiburg**” (**16 Noember 2023**), in the framework of the **Athens Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy** at the Elli Lambridi Philosophical Library (9 Ypsilantou Street, 10675 Athens).

- The **Division of History of Science and Technology** of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science organised successfully the **First “Research Celebration Day”** of the Division, which informed the public about the research of the members of the

division and how their research appeals to the wider society. The event took place on **Thursday 23 November** in “Kostis Palamas” Building. The members of the Division gave 13 talks focusing on their recent publications and research projects, which emphasised the high level of research activity taking place at the Division. For more information about the presentations click [here](#). The celebration was attended by the Rector Professor **Gerasimos Siasos**, the Vice-Rector Professor **Aristides Samitas**, the Dean of the Faculty of Science Professor **Ioannis Emmanouil**, researchers and students of the PHS, as well as other members of the academic community and the general public with interests in the history and philosophy of science.



Participants First “Research Celebration Day”

- Professor **Katerina Ierodiakonou** gave an invited talk on “**Mixed Colours in the *De Coloribus*” (24 November 2023)**, in the framework of the international conference “From Plato to Plotinus. A Conference in Honour of Eyjólfur Kjalar Emilsson” in Oslo, Norway.

- The [1st STS NKUA Conference, entitled *STS in Greece: What we have so far, how to move forward*](#), was organized by the anglophone Interdepartmental Graduate Program ‘Science, Technology, Society—Science and Technology Studies’, which is offered jointly by the Department of History and Philosophy of Science & the Department of Informatics and Telecommunications, School of Science, NKUA. The conference included 30 presentations, which were all well attended. It took place at the amphitheaters of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science on the **25th and 26th of November 2023**. According to the data presented by its director, Professor **Aristotle Tympas**, the theses completed in the context of this program are 32, plus 12 theses who were written by visiting Erasmus students, from the ESST European network (the data was collected with the valuable assistance of Eleftheria Savva, the program secretary). These 44 theses cover a range of fields and topics from an STS perspective: Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Telecommunication: 26 (Artificial Intelligence: 8, Algorithms: 2, Big Data: 6, Automation, Robotics and other relevant topics: 12), Science, Technology, Economics: 3, Science and Technology Policy & Law, Science, Technology: 9, Biosciences, Biotechnology, Medicine: 11, Environment and Sustainability: 8, Gender, Science, Technology: 5, Science, Technology, Ethics & Philosophy of Science and Technology & Science, Technology, Literature: 13.

Over 90 students have so far graduate from this program. In the last three years, 44 candidates from 4 continents have applied to it, representing a broad range of countries (USA, China, Brazil, Germany, UK, Belgium, Norway, Japan, Russia, Georgia, Israel, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Ghana, Cameroon, Nigeria, The Philippines, Pakistan, Bangladesh). 14 of them were admitted to the program, including graduates of some of the highest-ranking US universities (e.g. Harvard, MIT, UCLA). The 12 ESST

students who came to the program through Erasmus agreements to write their theses also came from a range of countries (Germany, UK, The Netherlands, Austria, Italy, Spain, Norway, Bulgaria, India). Noticeably, the students of the program come from all areas of science (from biology to informatics) and engineering (especially electrical and electronics engineering), as well as from most of the disciplines of the human and social sciences.

Forthcoming Events – Talks

- The book presentation of Ludmilla Jordanova, *Η Ιστορία στην Πράξη*, Εκδόσεις Πλέθρον, μτφρ. Βασίλης Πατσογιάννης will take place on **Monday 11 December** at 7pm in ETERON (38-40 Leokorion street, Psyrri, 10553). Speakers include: Professor **Theodore Arabatzis** (PHS), Ass. Professor **Dimitra Lampropoulou** (NKUA), Assoc. Professor **Petros Bouras-Vallianatos** (PHS), Ass. Professor **Dionysios Stathakopoulos** (UCY), and the Emeritus Professor of History and Visual Culture **Ludmilla Jordanova** (Durham University).

- The presentation of **volume 37/1-2** of the academic journal *Δευκαλίων* focusing on the *Tractatus* by **Ludwig Wittgenstein** will take place on **Monday 11 December** at 7pm in EKKREMES Publications (20-22 Tzortz street, Athens 10682). Speakers include: Professor **Vasso Kindi** (PHS), Professor **Anthony Hatzimoysis** (PHS), Ass. Professor **Eugenia Mylonaki** (University of Patras), and Dr. **Kostas Garitsis**. The event will be coordinated by the Director

of *Δευκαλίων*, Emeritus Professor **Stelios Virvidakis** (PHS).

- The **Division of Philosophy and Theory of Science and Technology** (PHS) organises the following seminar sat the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (Goudaroulis Hall, 7pm):

12.12.2023, Ermis Plevrakis:

«Ο Χέγκελ και οι επιστήμες»

16.1.2024, Aristidis Hatzis:

«Οι “απόλυτοι βάρβαροι” ως θύματα: Εκδοχές δικαιολόγησης της σφαγής στην Τριπολιτσά»

20.2.2024, Vanessa Seifert:

«Metaphysics of Chemistry: What are chemical reactions?»

- The Wellcome Funded research project “Making and Consuming Drugs in the Italian and Byzantine Worlds (12th-15th c.)” directed by Assoc. Professor **Petros Bouras-Vallianatos** in collaboration with the PHS cordially invites you to attend the talk of Emeritus Professor **Ludmilla Jordanova** (University of Durham) on “**Traces of Life: Portraits as Historical Evidence**” on

Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 7pm in “Kostis Palamas” Building, 48 Akadimias street, Athens 10679.

- **One-day Conference:** The research project CONEF organises the following one-day hybrid conference: “[From Autarky to Sustainability: Transition Politics, History and Futures in Food systems](#)”, 14 December 2023, NKUA.

- The **Athens Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy** is a forum for scientific research and exchange on all topics and aspects of Ancient Philosophy, including its modern reception. It is organised by **The Athens MA in Ancient Philosophy**, in cooperation with the Research Centre for Greek Philosophy of the Academy of Athens. The talks take place once a month, on a Thursday at 7 pm, at the Elli Lambridi Philosophical Library (9 Ypsilantou Street, 10675 Athens). The duration of the talks is between 30-40 minutes, followed by an extensive, free, focused, critical discussion that can last up to 60 minutes. The programme for the academic year 2023-24 is as follows:

- 16 Nov. **Panagiotis Thanassas:**

“Parmenides in Freiburg”

- 14 Dec. **Stasinios Stavrianeas:**

“Aristotle's chemistry in his Meteorology”

- 11 Jan. **Stavros Kouloumentas:**

“The Derveni Cosmogony: Is the God a Good Mathematician?”

- 15 Febr. **George Karamanolis:**

“A forgotten aristotelian ethical work: the case of *Magna Moralia*”

- 14 Mar. **Chloe Balla:**

“Socrates in the *Phaedo*”

- 18 Apr. **Doukas Kapantais:**

“‘Necessary conclusion’ in Kripke frames and in *Prior Analytics*, I, 10”

- 16 May **Ioanna Tigani:**

“Ten Categories as models of dialectical problems and premisses”

- 13 June **Alexander Nehamas:**

“What Do We Learn About Philosophers and Philosophy in *Republic V*?”

- **Graduate Seminar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science**, Fall 2023. The meetings will be held live and online in the GOUDAROULIS HALL at the Secretariat Building, (first stop of the Campus), on certain Tuesdays from, 18.00-20.00. The link to join via Webex is [here](#).

- Tuesday, 19 December 2023, PhD Cand. **Iason Krontiras** (HPS/NKUA): Title to be announced.

- **Reading Group on Analytic Philosophy.** It takes places every **Wednesday** at 15:15-17:00 at Ass. Professor **Eleni Manolakaki**'s office at PHS. It starts on **Wednesday 6 December 2023** and is open to undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students, including also postdoctoral fellows and members of staffs. The first meetings will focus on the article of Donald Davidson ‘Actions, Reasons and Causes’, 1963. More information here:

<https://eclass.uoa.gr/courses/PHS609/>.

- **11th conference of the European Society for the History of Science**, Barcelona (Spain), 4 to 7 September 2024. The theme will be **Science, Technology, Humanity, and the Earth**. Conference [website](#). **Call for papers**. Proposals must be uploaded in the section proposals submission of the website of the [conference](#). In the menu proposal submission/my proposals, please select the option standalone

papers. The option for uploading standalone papers proposals will be active between **23 November 2023** and **19 February 2024**. **Call for Symposia.** Proposals must be uploaded in the section proposals submission of the website of the [conference](#). In the menu proposal submission/my proposals please select the option symposia. The option for uploading symposium proposals will be active between **1 October 2023** and **22 November 2023**.

- **DHST Call for Symposia. 27th International Congress of History of Science & Technology, New Zealand 2025.** The organising committee invites you to submit a proposal for Symposia to be considered for presentation at the

conference in **Ōtepoti Dunedin, 29 June - 5 July 2025**. We invite Symposia submissions on any topic in the history of science, technology and medicine, but we especially encourage proposals that address aspects of the conference theme, across all periods, and from a variety of methodological and historiographical approaches. Symposia proposal submissions will close on **Monday 1 April 2024**. The theme of the 27th ICHST is **“Peoples, Places, Exchanges, and Circulation”**. For more information and to download your symposia proposal template, please visit the conference [website](#). Deadline for submission of paper abstracts within symposia from **1 November 2024**.

Publications of Members of the Department

- **Textbook:**

Drakopoulos, Stavros, [Εισαγωγή στις Αρχές της Σύγχρονης Οικονομικής \(Introduction to the Principles of Contemporary Economics\)](#), 2nd Augmented Edition. Athens: Papazisis, 2023.

Abstract: The primary aim of this textbook is to present basic topics of Economic Science in as simple but accurate and scientific a way as possible. It is written at an introductory level and is the product of many years of experience of teaching undergraduate students who had not been taught economics at the university level. The first seven chapters (chapters 1 to 7) deal with fundamental issues in Microeconomics and the next six chapters deal with fundamental issues in Macroeconomics (chapters 8 to 13). In each chapter, the learning objectives and the key concepts are outlined. The level of analysis does



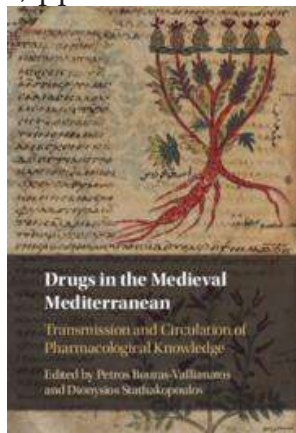
not assume knowledge of economics but introduces economic thinking using concrete examples and diagrams that facilitate the understanding of economic phenomena. Mathematical analysis is limited to where it is strictly necessary. In several cases, there are numerical examples and exercises which show how the theoretical concepts can be applied.

- **Edited Volumes:**

Bouras-Vallianatos, Petros and Dionysios Stathakopoulos, eds., [Drugs in the](#)

[Medieval Mediterranean: Transmission and Circulation of Pharmacological Knowledge.](#)

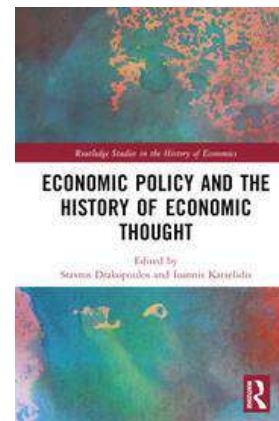
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023, pp. xviii + 426.



Abstract: In this volume a distinguished international team of scholars examines the history of drugs within all the major medical traditions of the medieval Mediterranean, namely Byzantine, Islamicate, Jewish, and Latin, and in so doing analyses a considerable number of previously unedited or barely explored texts. A Mediterranean-wide perspective permits a deeper understanding of broader phenomena such as the transfer of scientific knowledge and cultural exchange, by looking beyond single linguistic traditions or political boundaries. It also highlights the diversity and vitality of the medieval Mediterranean pharmacological tradition, which, through its close links with cookery, alchemy, magic, religion, and philosophy, had to be able to adapt to multiple contexts, not least to changing social and political realities, as in the case of drugs as diplomatic gifts.

- Drakopoulos, Stavros and Ioannis Kastelidis, [Economic Policy and the History of Economic Thought](#), London: Routledge, 2023, pp. 284.

Abstract: Most of the current and past



academic controversies in economics are, explicitly or implicitly, centred around the application and form of economic policy. This is particularly evident in the post-WWII period, with the appearance of economic policy as a distinguishable subfield, but important elements of various economic policy issues can be found throughout the history of economic thought. This book discusses various topics in economic policy – such as questions over state spending and taxation, income redistribution, and the role of money – with each chapter focusing on a particular period or major school of economic thought ranging from the ‘prehistory’ of economics up to the present day. Specific chapters of the volume cover the main schools of economic thought from different national and theoretical traditions, incorporating mercantilism, the Physiocratic School, the German Historical School, Marxism, the Austrian School, institutional economics, Keynesian economics, behavioural economics and more.

- **Special Issue:**

Arapostathis, Stathis and Frank Veraart, eds., Special Issue: [“Entangling Technological Infrastructures, Material Flows and Enviromental Modernities”](#),

ICON, *The Journal of the International Committee for the History of Technology*, 28.1 (2023).



● **Articles:**

- Arapostathis, Stathis and Frank Veraart, "[Introduction: Entangling Technological Infrastructures, Material Flows and Enviromental Modernities](#)", *ICON: Journal of the International Committee for the History of Technology* 28.1 (2023): 9-23.
- Alexakis, Sotiris and Stathis Arapostathis, "[From Exploitation to Adaptation: Entanglements, Nature, and Agricultural Practices in Greece, 1920–2000](#)", *ICON: Journal of the International Committee for the History of Technology* 28.1 (2023): 48-76
- Nakopoulou, Efi and Stathis Arapostathis, "[Material Flows and the Geopolitics of PV: Constructing the Geographies of the EU Research Networks for Solar PV Technologies](#)", *ICON: Journal of the International Committee for the History of Technology* 28.1 (2023): 148-179.
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- Grimani, Aikaterini and George Gotsis, "[Leading with a moral compass. Virtuous leadership and health management in turbulent times](#)", in: Marques, J., ed., *Innovative leadership in times of compelling changes: Strategies, reflections and tools*. Berlin: Springer, 2022, 201-218.
- Grimani, Aikaterini and George Gotsis, "[Inclusive leadership in health care organizations- promises and prospects](#)", in: Marques, J. and S. Dhiman, eds., *Leading with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Approaches, Practices and Cases*

- for *Integral Leadership Strategy*. Berlin: Springer, 2022, 183-201.
- Gotsis, George and Ioannis Katselidis, "[An Eastern Orthodox perspective on humanizing business](#)", in: Michel Dion, Paul Freeman and Sergiy Dmytriiev, eds., *Humanizing business: What humanities can say to business?* Berlin: Springer, 2022, 173-193.
 - Gotsis, George, "[Humanistic leadership in the Confucian context: Philosophical foundations and empirical implications](#)", in: Mai Chi Vu, Nadia Singh, Nicholas Burton and Irene Chu, eds., *Faith traditions and practices in the workplace. Vol. II. The Role of Spirituality in Unprecedented Times*. London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2022, 109-133.
 - Gotsis, Georgios, "[Η αρχαία Κινεζική ιατρική ως θεμέλιο κρατικών πολιτικών διαχείρισης της δημόσιας υγείας σε περιόδους πανδημίας](#)", *Revue Hellénique des droits de l' homme: Dikaionmata tou Anthropou*. Vol. XXIV, 93 (2022): 661-710.
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 - Gotsis, George. "[Leading with compassion: How compassion can enrich healthcare leadership in a post-COVID-19 world](#)", in: Toby Newstead and Ron Riggio, eds., *Virtues and leadership: Understanding and Practicing Good Leadership*. London: Taylor and Francis, 2023, 144-159.
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 - Manolakaki, Eleni, "[Force Cancellation and Force Liberation](#)", in *Force, Content and the Unity of Propositions*, ed. Gabriele M. Mras, Michael Schmitz, New York: Routledge, 2022, 136-154.
 - In a volume published in honor of Thomas Sfikopoulos, former Vice-Rector and Professor at the Department of Informatics and Telecommunications, NKUA, Professor **Aristotle Tympas** wrote a chapter that provides a first listing, and a historiographical evaluation, of contributions to the History of Informatics and Telecommunications in Greece. The chapter includes references to key contributions by members of the community of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science. Tympas, Aristotle, "History of Computing and Telecommunications in Greece: From Human Computers to Electronic Mainframe and Home/Personal Computers", in *Volume*

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- Tzafestas, Elpida, "[Relation Between the Public and the Private and Evolution of Food Sharing](#)", *Advances in Social Simulation*, ed. F. Squazzoni. Berlin: Springer, 2023 169-179.

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- Gotsis, George, [Review of: Dion, M. and Pava, M. \(eds.\) \(2022\). The Spirit of Conscious Capitalism: Contributions of World Religions and Spiritualities](#). Springer, in: *The Greek Review of Social Research*, 160, 175–180.

- Gotsis, George, [Review of: Bart Custers and Edward Fosch-Villaronga \(eds.\), Law and Artificial Intelligence: Regulating AI and Applying AI in Legal Practice](#). (Information Technology and Law Series, Vol.35). The Hague: T.M.C. Asser Press and Berlin: Springer, 2022, in: *e-politeia* 8 (ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΣ-ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ 2023), 570-576.

- Gotsis, George, [Review of: Conrad, M., Hálfdanarson, G., Michailidou, A., Galpin, C., and Pyrhönen, N. \(eds.\) \(2023\). Europe in the Age of Post-Truth Politics: Populism, Disinformation and the Public Sphere](#). Palgrave Macmillan, in: *The Greek Review of Social Research*, 160, 169–174.

New MSc Programme

- The [MSc in Augmented Textual Studies: Text Encoding and Text Mining](#) focuses on the Digital Humanities field area of encoding texts and mining knowledge from them. Given that the written texts covers all aspects of human life and is the main means of production, circulation and use of information, which in recent years has been accumulated and deposited on the World Wide Web, the importance of this master's program is obvious. The international reality highlights the need to encode texts and manage them exploiting the Internet and Semantic Web technologies to meet research purposes - mainly in the Humanities. In this environment of rapid transformation of texts into electronic versions with added value information, the MSc course will produce highly specialized scientists, able to participate

in research activity and deliver rich morphological, syntactic, and semantic encoding to Greek and Latin texts. Hence, the aim of the MSc in Augmented Textual Studies: Text Encoding and Text Mining is to offer scientific expertise and to be a starting point for the development and expansion of research in Textual Studies, which is an evolving and of significant scientific, social and economic importance domain. In particular the MSc aims to contribute to the post graduate studies and the research in following areas:

- Digitization and management of textual content.
- Technologies and methods for linguistic data.
- The environment and the processes for the production of digital documents and their circulation in the Internet.

- The encoding of the texts across the range of levels of their linguistic analysis.
- Text mining and the semantic annotation of texts.
- The life cycle of the curation of the information contained in the texts, ensuring integrity, preservation and long-term access.

The MSc in Augmented Textual Studies: Text Encoding and Text Mining is organized by the of the **Department of**

Digital Industry Technologies and the **Department of History and Philosophy of Science** of the Faculty of Science of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

The duration of study is four (4) academic semesters. The Curriculum includes three (3) semesters dedicated to courses. The 4th semester is devoted entirely to the preparation of a master's thesis.

More information [here](#). Email: augtext@dind.uoa.gr

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The **next Newsletter** is scheduled to be published in **early February 2024**. Please send your news to pbourasval@phs.uoa.gr by **25 January 2024**.