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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

- [Chrysostomos Mantzavinos](#), [the European Academy of Sciences](#) in the Social Sciences and Humanities Divisions Section. Professor of Theoretical Philosophy (PHS), was elected [Ordinary Member of](#)

Research News

- The research project "ANDROMEDA - The epistemology of dark matter and modified gravity" led by Prof. **Theodore Arabatzis** and postdoctoral researcher **Antonis Antoniou** was launched in September 2024 at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science and the Institute for Astronomy, Astrophysics, Space Applications and Remote Sensing of the National Observatory of Athens. The main aim of the project is to study the philosophical

implications of dark matter and modified gravity theories as competing explanations of certain phenomena in cosmology. The project is funded by the European Union under the [HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) scheme.

- We are very pleased to announce that our proposal entitled “**Cooperation of Cognitive Science and Philosophy: A Research and Teaching Proposal**” was

approved. The proposal was submitted to the framework “Visiting Professors /Visiting Researchers” and concerns the collaboration of Professor **Orly Shenker** from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with Prof. **Irini Skalióra** and Assist. Prof. **Stavros Ioannidis**, members of the PHS Department. The collaboration will last 16 months, during which the team will organize lectures, seminars and workshops and work towards the aim of joint publications.

Past Events – Talks

- Professor **Katerina Ierodiakonou** gave a talk on “**Peripatetic Views on Light in the *De coloribus***”, in the framework of the International Conference [L’oiel et le soleil. Réflexions sur la lumière et le feu dans la pensée antique](#), which took place at the University of Ioannina, 18-19, **October 2024**. She also gave a lecture entitled “**Aristotle on the Perception of Mixed Colours**” in the framework of the Research Seminar [Kanon: Epicurus’ Epistemology and Its Roots Aristotle on Perception, Phantasia and Truth](#), **29 November 2024**.

- Professor **Chrysostomos Mantzavinos** gave a talk on “**The Constitution of Science**”, in the framework of the Philosophisches Seminar, Universität Tübingen, **23 October 2024**.

- Emeritus Professor **Jean Christianidis** gave a talk on «[Τα Αριθμητικά του Διόφαντου: ένα έργο της προμοντέρνας άλγεβρας](#)» in the framework of the research seminar at the Department of Mathematics, University of the Aegean, **24 October 2024**.

- Professor **Aristides Hatzis** gave a talk on “**Autocratic Decision-Making in a State of Emergency: Ioannis Kapodistrias’ Management of the 1828 Epidemic**”, in the framework of the Annual Conference of the Modern Greek Association, which took place at Princeton in **October 2024**.

- Professor **Anthony Hatzimoysis** gave a seminar on epistemology in the framework of the doctoral programme of Pepperdine University, Malibu (28/10-1/11/2024), and one invited talk at the Department of Philosophy, University of California at Santa Barbara on **4 November 2024**.

- Assoc. Professor **Petros Bouras-Vallianatos** gave a talk on “**Byzantine *materia medica*: identification and modern utilisation**” in the framework of the [Journée d’étude, La science des plantes médicinales: Remèdes, thérapies et images paradigmatiques dans les traités médicaux grecs entre Antiquité tardive et Bas Moyen Âge](#), which took place at the Collège de France in Paris on **6 November 2024**.

- The [3rd International Conference on Big Data in Museums](#) (Museum Big Data - MBD2024,) took place on **18-19 November 2024** at the “Ioannis Dracopoulos” Amphitheater of the Central Building of the University of Athens (NKUA), Panepistimiou 30 in Athens, with the possibility of online participation. The MBD2024 conference was organized by the professors **Georgios Papaioannou**, Laboratory of Museology, Department of Archives, Library Science and Museology, Ionian University, **Matthew Damigos**, Laboratory of Digital Libraries and Electronic Publishing, Department of Archives, Library Science and Museology, Ionian University, and **Christos Papatheodorou**, Laboratory of Electronic Processing of Historical Archives, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The conference is a meeting point for academics, museum professionals, big data experts and digital technology innovators, with the aim of exploring the contribution of big data to the management and promotion of cultural heritage. In addition, it aimed to present experimental works as well as best practices from cultural heritage and memory institutions, such as galleries, library archives, whose work can provide inspiring examples for the museum sector. The conference themes were:

- Big data analysis in cultural institutions;
- Data-driven decision-making for museum management;
- Technologies for digitization and pre-

servation of cultural material;

- Enhancing the visitor experience through data;
- Ethical and privacy issues arising from the use of big data in museums.

The conference keynote speeches gave a sense of current research and the importance of cultural heritage data management:

- Prof. **Erik Champion** (Enterprise Fellow, Director, Playful Cultures Lab, Australian Research Centre for Interactive and Virtual Environments (IVE), University of South Australia): “Immersive Visualisation and the Emergence of Collaborative XR in the Museum Sector”.

- Prof. **Panos Constantopoulos** (Professor Emeritus in the Department of Informatics, Athens University of Economics and Business, UNESCO Chair on Digital Methods for the Humanities and Social Sciences): “Random thoughts on big data in museums”.

- **Jill Cousins** (Retired Director & CEO of The Hunt Museum; Europeana founder): “Why Might a Common Vision Matter for Cultural Data?”

- Prof. **Laurent d’Orazio** (Professor at Univ Rennes, CNRS, IRISA, France): “Big Data in museum, a brief history of cloud data management and perspectives”.

- The [18th International Conference on Metadata, Ontologies and Semantics Research](#) (MTSR 2024) was held on **20-22 November 2024** at the “Ioannis Drakopoulos” Amphitheatre of the Central Building of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Panepistimiou 30, Athens. The conferen-

ce was organized by the professors **Emmanuel Garoufallou**, Laboratory of Metadata, Data and Information Management, Department of Library, Archival and Information Studies, International Hellenic University, **Christos Papatheodorou**, Laboratory of Electronic Processing of Historical Archives, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and **Michalis Sfakakis**, Laboratory of Digital Libraries and Electronic Publishing, Department of Archives, Library Science and Museology, Ionian University.

MTSR is an annual international interdisciplinary conference, which brings together academics, researchers and practitioners in the specialized fields of metadata, ontologies and semantics research. The conference provided an opportunity for participants to share knowledge and novel approaches in the implementation of semantic technologies across diverse types of information environments and applications. These include Open Access Repositories and Digital Libraries, Cultural Informatics, Digital Humanities, E-learning applications, Search Engine Optimization and Information Retrieval, Research Information Systems and Infrastructures, e-Science and e-Social Science applications, Agriculture, Food and Environment, Bio-Health & Medical Information Systems.

The conference program included, in addition to the main track that extends throughout its duration, day-long special tracks that focused on domains that require special methods for metadata management. This year, the following special tracks were hosted:

- Agriculture, Food & Environment (AgroSEM'24);
- Cultural Collections & Applications;
- Digital Libraries, Information Retrieval, Big, Linked, Social & Open Data;
- European and National Projects;
- Open Repositories, Research Information Systems & Data Infrastructures;
- Digital Humanities and Digital Curation;
- Decentralized Applications, Blockchains and P2P systems.
- **Kostas Raptis** (postdoctoral researcher) and **Katerina Vlanti** (assistant professor) participated in the International Symposium "[POLITICS OF TECHNOLOGIES IN THE DIGITAL AGE II: THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC SPHERE](#)" that took place in the University of Ioannina, **November 21-23, 2024**. They presented the paper entitled "**Digital Transformations and Testing during the COVID-19 Health Crisis**", which is part of their ongoing research in the context of the project "[CrisisTesting](#)".
- In **November 2024**, the MSCA postdoctoral researcher **Vanessa Seifert** presented "**The many laws of the periodic table**" at the 29th Biennial Conference of the Philosophy of Science Association. She was also invited speaker in the Emergence, Causality and Complexity workshop organised on the **25-26 November** at the University of Aachen, giving a talk titled "**Does special science realism imply emergence?**".

- At his capacity as professor at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, NKUA, **Aristotle Tympas** was invited in **2024** by Greek and European institutions to give a series of lectures. The list of institutions includes: Linköping University, Sweden; European University Viadrina, Germany; Doctoral Summer School of the research network 'Tensions of Europe: Europe, Technology, History'; EU Project Planul Național de Redresare și Reziliență; Greek Sociological Society; Digital Humanities Lab "ΨΗΦΙΣ", Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Greek Department of The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH); Hellenic Research Foundation; Greek Cinema Centre; Education Department of the Rodopi Region & Centers of Environmental Education of Maronia and Philippi; Society for Spartan Studies; Seminar "State and Law in the 21st Century", Panteion University, NGO "Civilizational Roots".

- The **Department of History and Philosophy of Science** of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, continuing the established tradition of organising the panhellenic conference on philosophy of science, organised the **8th Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science (December 5-7, 2024**, lecture rooms of the HPS Dept, University Campus). The thematic sections of the 8th PCPS included all areas of philosophy of science (general philosophy of science, philosophy of special sciences), as well as areas of philosophy (metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, philosophy of language, philoso-



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phy of mind, history of philosophy, political philosophy) to the extent that they were related to issues concerning science.

More than 154 speakers participated in the Conference, from Greece and Cyprus as well as from the international academic community - more than ever before. **The programme included 99 presentations of individual papers and 12 symposia, as well as 4 book symposia**, covering a wide range of topics in the philosophy of science. For the first time, the languages of the Conference were both Greek and English, thus consolidating its international character.



Registration Committee

See [here](#) the Conference programme and the Book of Abstracts.

Invited speakers:

-**Stéphanie Rupy** (Ecole normale supérieure (ENS Paris) - Université PSL)

-James Ladyman (University of Bristol)

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Sakellariou, Konstantinos Sakoutis, Vanessa Seifert, Amalia Tsakiri, Lisa Zorzato.



Organising Committee

Forthcoming Events – Talks

• **Departmental Talk Series: “[Science and Religion](#)”.** Central University Building, Amphitheatre “Ioannis Drakopoulos”, 30 Panepistimiou street, 7-9pm on Tuesdays.

-14 January, **Isidoros Katsos** (Theology, NKUA): «Ορθόδοξη θεολογία και επιστήμη: Ένας διάλογος υπαρκτός και συνάμα ανύπαρκτος».

-11 February, **Efthymios Nicolaidis** (National Hellenic Research Foundation), «Η εικόνα της φύσης των χριστιανών θεολόγων από τον τέταρτο μέχρι τον έκτο αιώνα μ.Χ. ».

-11 March, **Stavros Ioannidis**, (PHS, NKUA): «Θρησκεία και εξελικτική θεωρία».

-8 April, **Zenon Tsikrikas** (Universität Tübingen): «“falsum index sui et veri”. Μια αντίληψη της αλήθειας στην επιστήμη με θρησκευτική χροιά».

-13 May, **Alexandra Barmprouti** (Oxford Brookes University): «Το ανθρώπινο σώμα υπό το πρίσμα της χριστιανικής βιοηθικής: Η σχέση της ιατρικής επιστήμης με τη θρησκεία».

-10 June, **Kostas Tampakis**, (National

Hellenic Research Foundation): «Αθεία και μελέτη της φύσης: Ιστορικές και ιστοριογραφικές προσεγγίσεις».

• We are pleased to announce the continuation of the **Monthly Seminar Series of the MSc in Cognitive Science**, which began last year and includes presentations by graduates of the Programme. This year’s seminars will be held according to the schedule below, at **6pm**, in the new building of the **PHS department (room 2)**. The series will continue for the entire 2024-25 academic year and the rest of the schedule will be announced in a future newsletter.

-20 December, **Laoura Ziaka** (2014), “From “strooping” to “shoking”: how large is the gap between research on cognitive control and on violent criminal behaviour”.

• The [Athens Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy](#) is being organised for the second year 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

Thursdays at 7 pm, at the **Elli Lambridi Philosophical Library** (9 Ypsilantou Str., 10675 Athens). Each talk lasts between 30 to 40 minutes, followed by an extensive, open, and focused critical discussion, which can last up to 60 minutes. – The programme for the academic year 2024-25 is as follows:

- 16 January, **Giouli Korobili**: “On the Intersection of Medicine, Astronomy and Meteorology at the Time of Orion”.
- 20 February, **Scarlett Kingsley**: “Drink or Be Doused’: Diogenes Laertius, Empedocles, and Tyranny at the *Symposium*”.
- 20 March, **Pantelis Basakos**: “The art of judgment”.
- 10 April, **Francesca Pentas-suglio**: “Desiring Reason, Epistemic *Erōs*: The Legacy of Socrates’ Erotics”.
- 15 May, **Federico Maria Petrucci**: “The Philosophical Outlook of the *Critias*”.

• The **Seminar of the Division of Philosophy and Theory of Science and Technology** hosts a series of lectures as follows (**New Building, PHS, 7pm**):

- 18 February, **Stefanos Regkas**: tbc
- 18 March, **Marialena Karabatsou**: tbc
- 20 May, **Valantis Stergiou**: «Περί της αξίας των τυπικών μεθόδων στη φιλοσοφία της επιστήμης».

• **Logic Seminar (2024-2025)**. The [Inter-institutional Program of Graduate Studies “Logic”](#) will run a monthly seminar, concerning logic in a wide sense. The seminar will be hybrid, i.e., speakers and members of the audience can attend either by physical presence in **room NB2** or through the link <https://uoa.webex.com/meet/cdimitr>.

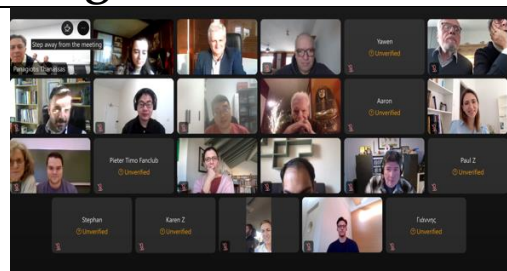
Talks will be given **18.00-20.00 on Tuesdays**, in English or Greek. The preliminary program of the seminar is as follows:

- January 15: **World Logic Day** (several short talks).
 - February 4: **Doukas Kapantaīs**, Academy of Athens.
 - March 4: **Phokion-Gerasimos Kolaitis**, UCSC & IBM
 - April 1: **Petros Stefaneas**, NTUA
 - May 6: **Yannis Stephanou**, NKUA
 - June 3: **Dimitra Christopoulou**, NKUA
- Notes.** 1. Lecture room NB2 is in the new building of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (near the main entrance of the campus of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens on Oulof Palme street in Ilissia). 2. Titles and short abstracts for lectures will be sent a week in advance. 3. The day and time for lectures may change, depending on the circumstances (e.g., time zone of the speaker).

Graduation Ceremonies, Postgraduate Students

• The graduation ceremony for the first graduates of two postgraduate programmes hosted in our department took place on **December 12, 2024**:

- [The Athens M.A. in Ancient Philosophy](#)



Graduation Ceremony

- [M.A. in Contemporary Philosophy / Philosophy of Science](#)

From the first programme, 11 students took the oath; from the second 7. The Ioannis Loizides Award of Excellence, accompanied by a monetary prize of €1,500, was presented to Julia Zgurzynski, the graduate of The Athens M.A. in Ancient Philosophy with the highest academic performance.

- The graduation ceremony (4 students) of the postgraduate programme on

[History and Philosophy of Science and Technology](#) took place at the New Building of PHS on **13 December 2024**



Graduation Ceremony, IFET

Graduation Ceremonies, Undergraduate Students

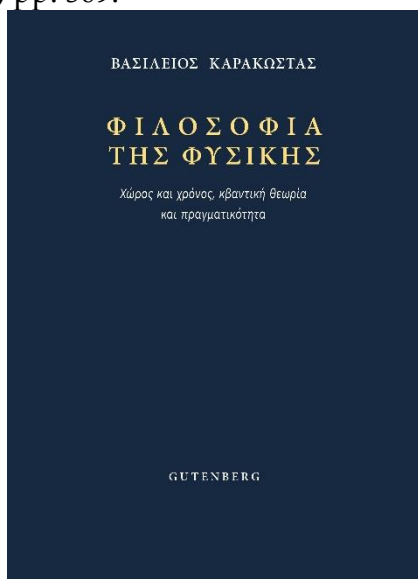
- The graduation ceremony (27 students) of the undergraduate programme on **History and Philosophy of Science** took place at the Central Building of the University on **17 December 2024**.

Graduation Ceremony



Publications of Members of the Department

- **Monograph:** Karakostas Vassilios, *Philosophy of Physics*, Athens: Gutenberg, 2024, pp. 509.

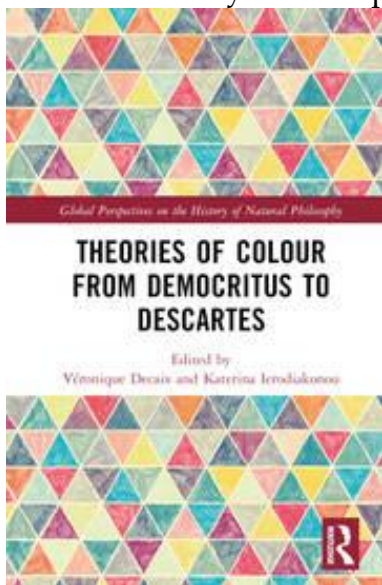


- **Edited Volume:** Συλλογικός Τόμος: Decaix, Véronique and Ierodia-

konou, Katerina (ed.), *Theories of Colour from Democritus to Descartes*, New York: Routledge, 2024, pp. 306.

Abstract: *Theories of Colour from Democritus to Descartes* investigates issues of the ontological status and perception of colours, such as: What is the nature of colours? Do they exist independently of the subjects who perceive them? And if so, how are they generated and how do they differ from one another? These are some of the questions raised by philosophers, but what has been lacking is an account of the various theories about colours through different periods of the history of philosophy. Exploring philosophical debates on the nature and perception of colours from a historical perspective, this

book presents how different theories from Antiquity through the Middle Ages to the early modern era explain the nature of colours, their generation, and the way they are perceived. Twelve eminent historians of philosophy analyse the theories of colours prevailing at critical points in the history of Western philosophy, from its beginnings with Democritus to Descartes and the early modern period.



This book will appeal to students and scholars working on the history of philosophy (ancient, medieval, Arabic and Latin, and early modern) as well as those interested in contemporary philosophy: philosophy of the mind, philosophy of perception, phenomenology, metaphysics, and neurosciences. A broader audience may also include researchers in psychology, cultural history, and the history of art.

• **Articles:**

- Gotsis, G., Grimani, A. (2025). [“Person-Centered Medicine: Inclusive Leadership and Spirituality in Personalized Healthcare”](#). In: Marques, J.(eds), *Encyclopedia of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Spirituality*. Springer.

- Ierodiakonou, K. [“Colour changes in pseudo-Aristotle’s *De mirabilibus auscultationibus*”](#), in *The Aristotelian Mirabilia and Early Peripatetic Natural Science* (eds. A. Zucker, R. Mayhew and O. Hellman), New York: Routledge 2024, 265–87.

- Ierodiakonou, K. [“The Stoics on conceptions and concepts”](#), in *Conceptualising Concepts in Greek Philosophy* (eds. G. Betegh and V. Tsouna), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2024, 237–58

- Ierodiakonou, K. [“Plato on the ontological status of colour”](#), in *Colour Theories from Democritus to Descartes* (eds. V. Decaix and K. Ierodiakonou), New York: Routledge 2024, 32–51

- Ierodiakonou, K. «Τρόποι αναπαράστασης της ανθρώπινης σκέψης: Käthe Kollwitz και Auguste Rodin», στο [Τρόποι του Φιλοσοφείν. Τιμητικός Τόμος για τον Στέλιο Βιρβιδάκη](#) (επιμ. Β. Κιντή και Φ. Παιονίδης), Αθήνα: Εκκρεμές 2024, 411-19.

- Seifert, V.A. [“The value of laws in chemistry”](#). *Found Chem* (2024).

- Skalióra, I. (2024). [“Perception and Cognition in Ancient Greek Philosophy and Contemporary Neuroscience”](#) In: *Cognition in Ancient Greek Philosophy and its Reception: Interdisciplinary Approaches*. Ed: MG Mouzala, Baden-Baden: Academia Verlag/Nomos.

- Michailidis, D., Khutsishvili, K., Konstantis, K., Tympas, A., Ibrahim, I.A., Ghebream, S. (2024). [“Enabling Inclusive Urban Transport Planning Through Civic Artificial Intelligence”](#). In: Keseru, I., Basu, S., Ryghaug, M., Skjølvold, T.M. (eds), *Strengthening European Mobility Policy*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham., Chapter 9, 115-127.

• **Βιβλιοκρισίες:**

- Drakopoulos, S. Review of: Nima Bassiri (2024) *Madness and Enterprise: Psychiatry, Economic Reason and the*

Emergence of Pathological Value, Chicago: *The University of Chicago Press*, *Social History of Medicine* (2024).

Completed Doctoral Theses

• **Spilios, Iason.**

Title: [The self: philosophical approaches of analytic and phenomenological tradition.](#)

Language: Greek

Supervisor: Prof. Anthony Hatzimoy-sis

Date: 2023

Abstract: In the thesis entitled “The self: philosophical approaches of analytic and phenomenological tradition”, the question is posed as to whether there is an analogy between the concept of institution from Merleau-Ponty's phenomenology and the concept of self-constitution as it appears in the writings of Korsgaard, and the way in which the self is approached in two traditions of thought in post-Cartesian philosophy is investigated. In an attempt to show whether there is a dialogue between the two traditions in order to present its limits, three themes were used in each of the three parts of the thesis. The first refers to corporeality, the second to respect, and the third to the possible analogy between the terms institution and self-constitution. The concepts of corporeality and intersubjectivity play a crucial role in understanding the other in phenomenology. At the same time, in the Kantian tradition there is reference to the concept of respect as a limit to action and an element of understanding. In both cases under

consideration, there is a transition towards something new and analogous: from a transcendental consciousness to an embodied self in which the notion of institution is at the center, and from the independence of moral principles to the construction of a self through the action and the choice of the individual. In particular, the following analogy between the two traditions follows: unlike a consciousness that constitutes, with Merleau-Ponty's proposal, induction is possible, which enables the creation of substances in the phenomenological sense. In Korsgaard modifying the Kantian philosophy for which moral principles exist independently of individual beliefs, emphasizing a constructivism in the context of a moral philosophy and the role of practical identity, a self is presented that is constituted by a self-acting subject through choices and actions, thus creating normative principles.

• **Bebedelis, George.**

Title: [Monism and dualism in Plato and the platonic tradition.](#)

Language: Greek

Supervisor: Prof. Katerina Ierodiakonou

Date: 2023

Abstract: The purpose of this thesis was to trace Platonic philosophy from the time of its founder until the third century AD and to explore how the question of the first principles was answered first by

Plato himself and then by the main representatives of Platonic thought up to Plotinus.

A. In the first part, those Platonic dialogues were studied, in which reference is made to the first principles, such as *Phaedo*, *Republic*, *Politicus*, *Timaeus* and *Philebus*. The dominant model formed in the *Timaeus* and the *Philebus* is a model of three first principles. Notwithstanding his dualistic approach, Plato leaves room for a monistic view in the *Republic*, where the *Good* is the one and only first principle, which was identified with the Pythagorean *One*.

B. The second part includes the main representatives of the period known as Middle Platonism: Eudorus from Alexandria, Philo Judaeus, Plutarch, Atticus, and the Neopythagoreans Moderatus of Gades, Nicomachus of Gerasa and Numenius of Apamea. Reaching Plotinus, we end up with a metaphysical model systematically developed in the light of the absolute *One*. Plato is now interpreted as the originator of a hierarchical model in which everything comes from a single, completely unified first principle. But perhaps Plotinus' most distinctive contribution to Platonic thought is that this single Principle is ultimately revealed as the very nature of the Self. The subject which philosophizes is no different from the object of its quest. The ascent to the *One* turns out to be a return to the true I!

- **Asimakopoulou, Eustathia.**

Title: [Demonology: the lost link of the scientific revolution with the witch hunt?: a comparative study on the phi-](#)

[losophical and demonological positions of the empiricist Joseph Glanvill.](#)

Language: Greek

Supervisor: Prof. George Gotsis

Date: 2024

Abstract: This thesis, by relating various bibliographies to the history and philosophy of science, proposes an interdisciplinary and multispectral study to find and identify the links between the English educated naturalistic demonology, the multifactorial phenomenon of witch-hunting (as an important part of European history), and the emergence of empirical philosophy in early modern England. As such, the multifaceted role of persecutions in the connections between demonological treatises and the epistemological proposal of the Baconian experimental method cannot be ignored in any way. The lack of recognition of the extension of these theoretical and practical interactions as contributing to the witch-hunt, in the context of the disciplinary Protestant state, was the question, that the thesis attempted to answer. In addition, the dissertation's hypothesis, which claims that a systematic and systemic demonic bewitchment of the world preceded the elaboration of the mechanistic modernity inputs a fuller understanding of the paradoxical to modern eye connections between complex intellectual constructs and practices that supported in a decisive way to the transition to the modern norms and the modern subject with both positive and negative effects. Under these theoretical conditions, Joseph Glanvill was not a peculiar exception; by virtue of his position and public relations, he was an enthusiastic propo-

ment of the Baconian method and a Royal Society and the monarchy's strong representative apologist for the aspirations in the period of Restoration England.

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