

Curriculum vitae

Name: Jannis Pissis
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Postal address: Department of Philosophy, University of Crete,
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Marital Status: married, 2 children.

Academic posts

2018- Assistant Professor of Logic, Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science, Department of Philosophy Philosophy (before 2024 Department of Philosophy and Social Studies), University of Crete.

2016/17 Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Department of Philosophy of the University of Patras.

2012/13 Visiting Assistant Professor at the Philosophy Department of the University of Tübingen.

2012 Adjunct Lecturer at the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies of the University of Crete.

2011 Teaching assignment at the University of Athens.

Education

PhD in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, November 2010. Dissertation: *On the Systematic Significance of Kant's Transcendental Dialectic* [*Zur systematischen Bedeutung von Kants transzendentaler Dialektik*], supervisor Prof. Dr. Andreas Arndt. Grade: summa cum laude.

Master's degree in History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, interdisciplinary graduate programme at the University of Athens and the National

Technical University of Athens, September 2002. Thesis: *Ludwig Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Mathematics*, supervisor Prof. Dr. Aristides Baltas.

Diploma in Electrical and Computer Engineering (specialization: Computer Science), National Technical University of Athens, October 2000. Diploma thesis: *Modal Logic*, supervisor Prof. Dr. George Koletsos.

High School Graduation from the German School of Athens, June 1995.

Funded Research

2017 Research Grant from the Center of Modern Greece (CeMoG), Freie Universität Berlin. Research project: *The reception of Classical German Philosophy in the Greek World of the 19th Century: The case of Stefanos Doungas.*

Scholarships and Awards

2005-2008 Scholarship by the A.G. Leventis Foundation.

2002-2005 Scholarship by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

2002 Prize for distinction in graduate studies, awarded by the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY)

2014 Funded participant at the International Summer School *Transcendental Logic: Its Origin and Development* (Organization: Prof. P. Franks, Prof. U. Schlösser), Universität Tübingen, 6-9 July 2014.

2006 Funded participant at the 1. International Workshop *Klassische Deutsche Philosophie* for PhD students and Postdocs (Organization: Prof. B. Sandkaulen, Prof. J. Stolzenberg), Altes Schloss Dornburg near Jena, 30 June-2 July 2006.

Languages

German (fluent), English (fluent), French (reading), Modern Greek (native speaker)

Publications

Books

Monograph

- *Kants transzendente Dialektik. Zu ihrer systematischen Bedeutung*, Berlin/Boston: Walter de Gruyter 2012 (*Kantstudien-Ergänzungshefte* 169), 233 p. <http://www.degruyter.com/view/product/181950>

Reviews

1. Peter Heintel, in: *Kant-Studien* 107/2 (2016), σ. 411-413 (in German).
<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/kant.2016.107.issue-2/kant-2016-0027/kant-2016-0027.xml?format=INT>
2. Jacco Verburgt, in: *Pluriloque. Politics and Philosophy Reviews*, 2013
<http://www.pluriloque.com/2013/01/kants-transzendente-dialektik-zu.html>
3. Stelios Gadris, in: *Critica*, 2013 (in Greek)
<http://www.philosophica.gr/critica/2013-04.html>

Translation with introduction and commentary

- Immanuel Kant, *Four essays in critical philosophy* (in Greek), translated with introduction (29 p.) and commentary (16 p.) by Jannis Pissis, Athens: nissos 2012, 144 p.

Edited volume

- *Deutschland und Griechenland im Spiegel der Philosophiegeschichte*, Berlin: Edition Romiosini/CeMoG (Centrum Modernes Griechenland), Freie Universität Berlin 2018 [with Dimitris Karydas], 277 p., introduction: 10 p. [with Dimitris Karydas].
<https://bibliothek.edition-romiosini.de/catalog/book/38>

Papers under review

1. “Kant’s table of the concepts of nothing”
2. “Alexius Meinong on objects with no being”

Papers in scientific journals

1. “Hegel and the infinitesimal calculus” (in Greek), *Neusis* 31/2 (2025), 117-147.
<https://ejournals.epublishing.ekt.gr/index.php/neusis/article/view/41050/31523>
2. “[...] the monstrous system of Laokiuon’, Kant and the Eastern philosophies of unity” (in Greek), *Ariadne* 31 (2024/25), 231-248.
3. “Kant’s essentialist account of the laws of nature”, *Revue roumaine de philosophie* 66/2 (2022), pp. 229-242.
<https://www.institutuldefilosofie.ro/page.php?146>
[Extended English version of (4). Invited contribution to a special issue on Kant’s theory of science under the title: *The Kantian Theory of Science. Kant’s Theoretical Program and the Lawfulness of Science*. Editors: Ilie Pârvu/Marius Augustin Drăghici]
4. “Kant and the laws of nature” (in Greek), *Deucalion* 35/1-2 (2021), pp. 60-76.
[Invited contribution to the special issue: *The philosophy of Kant I*. Editors: Stelios Virvidakis/Stavroula Tsinorema]
5. “Heinz Widerporst’s Epicurean Confession of Faith.” Philosophical poem by Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schelling (1799). Introduction – translation – notes: Jannis Pissis (in Greek), *Ariadne* 27 (2020/21), pp. 17-41.
6. “The Mediation of Nature through Society in Marx” (in Greek), *Axiologika* 30 (2016), pp. 161-172.
7. „Kants radikal dynamische Theorie der Materie im Blick auf Newton und Leibniz”, *Giornale di Metafisica* 37 (2015), pp. 70-87.
8. “Critique and Dialectic in Kant” (in Greek), *Axiologika* 28 (2012), pp. 7-27.

Papers in conference proceedings and collective volumes

1. „Falsum index sui. Warum Kants transzendente Logik eine eigene Logik des Scheins enthalten muss“, in: Martin Hammer/Axel Gelfert (ed.), *Das Denken des falschen Denkens denken. Epistemische Negativität bei Kant im Kontext*, Stuttgart: J.B. Metzler, 2025, 339-352.

2. “Alexandre Koyré: A novel historiography of science” (in Greek), in: Aristides Baltas/Thodoris Dimitrakos (ed.), *Philosophy and science in the twentieth century II. Social sciences and sciences of man: the French way of the concept*, Heraclion: Crete University Press 2023, pp. 281-304.
3. “Theses on the place of philosophy in the university” (in Greek), in: Angela Kastrinaki/Eleni Katsarou (ed.), *Discussing Education: Difficulties, Challenges, Perspectives*, Rethymno: School of Humanities of the University of Crete 2021, pp. 136-142.
4. “Adorno on Philosophy, Childhood and Play” (in Greek), in: Gerasimos Kouzelis et. al. (ed.), *Play, topica XVII*, Athens: nissos, forthcoming.
5. “‘Δος μοι που στω’. Jacobi on Reason and Faith” (in Greek), in: Stavros Zoumboulakis (ed.), *Faith*, Athens: Artos Zoes 2019, pp. 204-224.
6. “The Concept of Nature in Kant’s *Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science*”, in: Violetta L. Waibel/Margit Ruffing/David Wagner (ed.), *Natur und Freiheit. Akten des XII. Internationalen Kant-Kongresses*, Berlin/Boston: Walter de Gruyter 2018, pp. 1519-1526.
7. „Hegels Kritik an Kants Antinomienlehre”, *Hegel-Jahrbuch 2016*, pp. 286-295.
8. „Kants Naturbegriff”, in: Sarah Schmidt/Dimitris Karydas/Jure Zovko (ed.), *Begriff und Interpretation im Zeichen der Moderne*, Festschrift for Andreas Arndt, Berlin/Boston: Walter de Gruyter 2015, pp. 51-62.
9. “The pantheism and atheism controversies in classical German philosophy” (in Greek), in: Stavros Zoumboulakis (ed.), *The God of the Bible and the God of the Philosophers*, Athens: Artos Zoes 2012, pp. 402-419.
10. „Begründung im Unbedingten als unabweisbares Problem. Die Funktion von Kants transzendentaler Dialektik“, in: Elena Ficara (ed.), *Die Begründung der Philosophie im Deutschen Idealismus*, Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2011, pp. 209-220.

Work in progress

1. “Kant and the God of Spinoza. From the *Only Possible Argument* to the Transcendental Ideal and the *Opus Postumum*”
2. “Salomon Maimon on the relation between formal and transcendental logic”

Book Reviews

1. Review of the volume: Dieter Henrich, *Between Kant and Hegel. Lectures on German Idealism*, Greek translation: Thodoris Dritsas, Heraclion: CUP 2018, 423 p., *Critica* 2020-02, <<http://www.philosophica.gr/critica/2020-02.html>> [in Greek]
2. Review of the volume: Nicholas F. Stang, *Kant's Modal Metaphysics*, Oxford: Oxford UP 2016, 360 p., *Kant-Studien* 110/4 (2019), pp. 676-681 [in German].
3. Review of the volume: Immanuel Kant, *Metaphysiki ton ithon* [Greek translation of the *Metaphysics of Morals*], translated with introduction and commentary by Kostas Androulidakis, Athens: Smili 2013, *Kant-Studien* 108/1 (2017), pp. 155-158 [in German].

Peer review activity

- For the journal *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2024 and 2025, 2 papers)
- For the journal *Kantian Review* (2025, 1 paper)
- For the journal *Synthese* (2024, 1 paper)
- For the journal *Open Philosophy* (2022, 2 papers)
- For the journal *Deucalion* (2015, 1 paper)
- For the journal *Ariadne* (2019 and 2025, 2 papers)
- For the journal *Axiologika* (2022, 1 paper)
- For the journal *Synchrona Themata* (2023, 1 paper)
- For the *Online-Compendium der deutsch-griechischen Verflechtungen* (FU Berlin) (2021, 1 lemma)
- For the 7th Greek Conference on the Philosophy of Science (2022, 2 talks)

Organization of symposia

1. *Kant in Greece; Greece in Kant*
Online Symposium, part of the *Virtual Kant Congress with a Cosmopolitan Purpose* (VKC) organized by the North American Kant Society and the Leuven Research Group in Classical German Philosophy throughout the year 2024 (300th anniversary of Kant's birth). 29 May 2024.
Participants: Kostas Androulidakis, Stelios Virvidakis, Marialena Karampatsou, Dimitris Karydas, Jannis Pissis.
<https://www.virtualkantcongress.org/recorded-sessions>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZizGR3ZUw9A&t=1s>
2. *Kant from the standpoint of today* (in Greek)
(with Georgios Sagriotis)
Symposium, part of the 7th Greek Conference on the Philosophy of Science, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Athens. 1-3 December 2022.
Participants: Evangelos Bantekas, Marialena Karampatsou, Jannis Pissis, Georgios Sagriotis.
3. *Hegel's Logic in Context*
(with Ermylos Plevrakis)
Workshop at the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies, University of Crete. 6 May 2022.
Participants: Klaus Vieweg, Jannis Pissis, Evangelos Bantekas, Ermylos Plevrakis.
4. *Kant and the natural sciences* (in Greek)
Symposium, part of the 6th Greek Conference on the Philosophy of Science, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Athens. 3-5 December 2020.
Participants: Ermylos Plevrakis, Jannis Pissis, Dimitris Karydas, Georgios Sagriotis.
5. *On philosophy* (in Greek)
Panel, as part of the Symposium *Discussing Education: Difficulties, Challenges, Perspectives*, School of Humanities, University of Crete, Rethymno. 29 November–1 December 2019.

Participants: Jannis Pissis, Stelios Gadris, Dimitris Alexakis, Maria Kasmirli, Katerina Mostratou.

Presentations at Conferences

1. “Alexius Meinong on Nonexistent Objects”
Invited talk at the International Conference *Philosophy of Non-Being: On the History of Negative Ontology – Part III: Non-Being from the 19th Century to the Present*, University of Patras. 14-15 March 2025.
2. “Kant on the dawn of philosophy”
Online Symposium *Kant in Greece; Greece in Kant*, part of the *Virtual Kant Congress with a Cosmopolitan Purpose* (VKC). 29 May 2024.
3. „Falsum index sui. Warum muss Kants transzendente Logik eine eigene Logik des Scheins enthalten?“
Invited talk at the International Conference *Negativität bei und mit Kant. Das Denken des falschen Denkens denken*, Technische Universität Berlin. 27-28 October 2023.
4. „Kants Tafel der Begriffe von Nichts“
Invited talk at the International Conference *Philosophy of Non-Being: On the History of Negative Ontology – Part II*, University of Bonn. 23-24 October 2023.
 - “Kant’s Table of Nothing (CPR, A 290-292/B 346-349)” (in Greek)
Invited talk at the Conference *Kant among us (300 years after his birth)*, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras. 16-17 May 2024.
5. “Kant and modern physics”
Symposium *Kant from the standpoint of today*, 7th Greek Conference on the Philosophy of Science, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Athens. 1-3 December 2022.
6. “Salomon Maimon on the relation between formal and transcendental logic”
Leuven Kant Conference 2022: *The Early Reception of Kant's Critical Philosophy (1781-1804)*, KU Leuven. 26-28 May 2022.

7. “Kant and the laws of nature”
Symposium *Kant and the natural sciences*, 6th Greek Conference on the Philosophy of Science, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Athens. 3-5 December 2020.
8. “Theses on the Place of Philosophy in the University” (in Greek)
Symposium *Discussing Education: Difficulties, Challenges, Perspectives*, University of Crete, School of Humanities, Rethymnon, 29 November-1 December 2019.
9. “Hegel and the infinitesimal calculus” (in Greek)
5th Greek Conference on the Philosophy of Science, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Athens. 29 November-1 December, 2018.
 - “Hegel and the infinitesimal calculus”
Workshop *Hegel’s Logic in Context*, Department of Philosophy and Social Studies. 6 May 2022.
10. “‘Δος μοι που στω’. Jacobi on Reason and Faith” (in Greek)
Conference *Faith*, held at the Gallery of the Book, Athens, 23-24 November 2018.
11. “Kant’s *Only Possible Argument*, the Transcendental Ideal and Spinozism”
V. Leuven Kant Conference, KU Leuven. 1-2 June 2017.
12. “Adorno on philosophy, childhood and play” (in Greek)
topica XVII, Scientific Workshop of the *Society for the Study of Human Sciences* (EMEA) on *Play*, Leonidio. 28-30 August 2016.
13. “The I as an object and as a subject. Kant’s critique of rational psychology”
Conference *Self-Consciousness and Rationality*, University of Patras. 16-18 June 2016.
14. “The first epoch of self-consciousness and the construction of matter in Schelling’s *System of Transcendental Idealism*” (in Greek)
Conference on Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schellings *System of Transcendental Idealism*, University of Athens. 15-16 December 2015.

15. „Der Begriff der Natur in Kants *Metaphysischen Anfangsgründen der Naturwissenschaft*“
XII. International Kant Kongress *Nature and Freedom*, Vienna, 21-25 September 2015.
16. “The mediation of nature through society in Marx” (in Greek)
Conference of the Sakis-Karagiorgas-Foundation: *Marx’ Social Theory: Its critical and emancipatory dimensions*, Athens, 20-21 Februar 2015.
17. „Hegels Kritik an Kants Antinomienlehre“
Plenary lecture at the 30th International Hegel Congress *Hegel’s Response to Kant*, Vienna, 23-26 April 2014.
<http://hegel2014.univie.ac.at/en/program/plenary-lectures/>
18. „Kants radikal dynamische Theorie der Materie (im Blick auf Newton und Leibniz)“
Congress *Understanding Matter. Philosophical Perspectives*, 1. CRF International Conference, Palermo, 10-13 April 2014.
19. “The Pantheism and Atheism Controversies in Classical German Philosophy” (in Greek)
Conference *The God of the Bible and the God of the Philosophers*, held at the National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, 2-3 December 2011
20. “The logical structure of Kant’s cosmological antinomies” (in Greek)
1st Greek Conference on the Philosophy of Science, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Athens. 15-17 October 2010
21. „Begründung im Unbedingten als unabweisbares Problem. Die Funktion von Kants transzendentaler Dialektik“
Conference *Die Begründung der Philosophie im Deutschen Idealismus*, Technical University Berlin, 10-12 October 2008

Invited talks at research seminars

1. “Kant in Horkheimer’s and Adorno’s *Dialectic of Enlightenment*” (in Greek)
Research seminar in Social Theory (semester issue: *Dialectic of Enlightenment*), Department of Sociology, University of Athens. January 2026.

2. “The ‘chiliasm of philosophy’: Kant’s philosophy of history” (in Greek)
Research seminar in Social Theory (year issue: *Philosophy of history*),
Department of Sociology, University of Athens. October 2024.

3. “[...] the monstrous system of Laokiuon’. Kant and the Eastern philosophies of
unity” (in Greek)
*Online workshops on ancient Greek philosophy and the reception of ancient
Chinese philosophy in the West*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, April
2023.
<https://philosophy-greece-china.edlit.auth.gr/en/labs-2/lab-pissis/>

4. “The Kantian foundation of legal forms and the state” (in Greek)
Research seminar in Social Theory (year issue: *State, legal forms and socio-
economic relations*), Department of Sociology, University of Athens. October
2022.

5. Response at Katharina Kraus, “Kant’s Ideas of Reason. A Contextualist
Interpretation”
Leuven Seminar in Classical German Philosophy, KU Leuven, December
2021 (online).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEKOEEB1fV0>

6. “‘Matter is the one and only’. Schelling’s *Epicurean confession of faith*” (in
Greek)
Research seminar “Kosmas Psychopedis” in the *Theory of the Social Sciences*,
University of Athens, April 2021 (online).

7. “Adorno and the problem of metaphysics” (in Greek)
Research seminar “Kosmas Psychopedis” in the *Theory of the Social Sciences*,
University of Athens, January 2020.

8. “Hegel and the infinitesimal calculus” (in Greek)
Research seminar in *Dialectics* (semester issue: *Working with concepts – and
their history*), University of Athens, March 2019.

9. “Kant and the God of Spinoza” (in Greek)

- Research seminar of the Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, December 2020.
 - Research seminar “Kosmas Psychopedis” in the *Theory of the Social Sciences*, University of Athens, April 2017.
10. “Kants radically dynamical theory of matter (in view of Newton and Leibniz)” (in Greek)
Research seminar “Kosmas Psychopedis” in the *Theory of the Social Sciences*, University of Athens, May 2014.
11. “The demarcation and foundation of logic in Kant and the Postkantians” (in German)
Logic Reading Group (JunProf. E. Ficara), University of Paderborn, January 2014
12. “Inference and idea in Kant’s theory of reason” (in German)
Research seminar in *Classical German Philosophy and Contemporary Philosophy* (Prof. U. Schlösser), University of Tübingen, November 2012
13. “Kant and the paralogsms of rational psychology” (in Greek)
Research seminar in *Dialectics* (semester issue: *The Subject*), University of Athens, December 2011
14. “Critique and dialectic in Kant“ (in Greek)
- Research seminar in *Dialectics* (semester issue: *Critique*), University of Athens, June 2010
 - Research seminar, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Patras, March 2011
 - Faculty seminar, Faculty of Philosophy and Social Studies, University of Crete (Rethymnon), February 2012
 - Research seminar „Kosmas Psychopedis” in the *Theory of the Social Sciences*, University of Athens, February 2012
 - Department of Philosophy and Education, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, February 2016
15. “The logical structure of Kant’s antinomies” (in Greek)
Research seminar “Kosmas Psychopedis” in the *Theory of the Social Sciences*, University of Athens, May 2009

16. “Kant’s dialectic“ (in Greek)
Research seminar in *Dialectics*, University of Athens, November 2005
17. “Wittgenstein on contradiction in mathematics and on consistency proofs” (in Greek)
Research seminar in the *Philosophy of Mathematics*, National Technical University of Athens, June 2002

Courses taught

At the Philosophy Department (before 2024 Department of Philosophy and Social Studies), University of Crete

- *Philosophy of Science*
Obligatory introductory course, spring semester 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026.
- *Modern Philosophy II*
Obligatory introductory course, fall semester 2025/26.
- *Introduction to Philosophy*
Obligatory introductory course, fall semester 2020/21.
- *Readings of Kant*
Graduate course at the graduate programme in „Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society“, spring semester 2022.
- *Philosophy, Science and Society in the Age of the Scientific Revolution*
Graduate course at the graduate programme in „Philosophy: Knowledge, Values and Society“, fall semester 2019/20.
- *From Kant to Hegel: The Philosophy of German Idealism*
Advanced course, fall semester 2018/19, 2024/25.
- *Francis Bacon: Novum Organum*
Close reading seminar, spring semester 2026.
- *Texts of Hegel*

Close reading seminar, spring semester 2025.

- *Kant: Critique of Pure Reason*
Close reading seminar, spring semester 2012, fall semester 2018/19, spring semester 2023.
- *Descartes: Meditations on First Philosophy*
Close reading seminar, spring semester 2021.
- *John McDowell: Mind and World*
Close reading seminar, spring semester 2020.
- *Adorno: Minima Moralia*
Close reading seminar, fall semester 2019/20.
- *Spinoza: Ethics*
Close reading seminar, spring semester 2019.
- *Thought and sensibility: from Kant to the present*
Seminar, fall semester 2025/26.
- *Nature and machine*
Seminar, fall semester 2024/25.
- *Special topics in the philosophy of science: Scientific revolutions*
Seminar, fall semester 2021/22.
- *Philosophy and the Idea of the University*
Seminar, fall semester 2021/22.
- *Science and rationality*
Seminar, fall semester 2020/21.
- *Introduction to Hegel*
Seminar, spring semester 2012.

At the Department of Philosophy and Education, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

- *John McDowell: Mind and World*
Graduate course at the graduate programme in „Systematic Philosophy”, fall semester 2019/20.

At the Philosophy Department of the University of Patras

- *Epistemology and Metaphysics I: Descartes and Locke*
Obligatory introductory course, spring semester 2017.
- *Special Topics in Modern Philosophy II: German Idealism*
Advanced course, spring semester 2017.
- *Special Topics in Modern Philosophy I: The Arguments for the Existence of God from Descartes to Kant*
Advanced course, fall semester 2016/17.

At the Philosophy Department of the University of Tübingen

- *Aristotle: Metaphysics*
Introductory course (Proseminar), spring semester 2013.
- *Kant: Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science*
Advanced seminar (Hauptseminar), spring semester 2013.
- *Introduction to Kant's 'Critique of Pure Reason'*
Introductory course (Proseminar), fall semester 2012/13.
- *Kant's Transcendental Dialectic*
Advanced seminar (Hauptseminar), fall semester 2012/13.

At the Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens

- *Kant: Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science*
Graduate course at the graduate programme in “History and Philosophy of Science and Technology”, spring semester 2011.

Online course at the platform *Mathesis* of Crete University Press

- *The philosophy of Kant: The conditions and limits of knowledge* (in Greek)
Original screening in February and March 2024
<https://mathesis.cup.gr/courses/course-v1:Philosophy+PHL8.1+24A/about>