

**Melina G. Mouzala**  
**Assistant Professor**

Education

- Ptychion (MA) in Classical Philology, The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Philosophy, Department of Philology
- Ptychion (MA) in Philosophy, The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, Section of Philosophy
- PhD in Philosophy, The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, Section of Philosophy  
PhD Thesis: *Το πρόβλημα της κινήσεως και της μεταβολής στην Φυσικήν ακρόασιν του Αριστοτέλους (The Problem of Motion and Change in Aristotle's Physics)*

Specialization

Ancient Philosophy

The Greek Commentaries and the Platonic-Aristotelian Tradition including the Byzantine period

Academic Employment

- Part-time Faculty Member: Adjunct Lecturer, Research associate, Teaching assistant: The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, Section of Philosophy, 2002-2006.
- Part-time Faculty Member: Adjunct Lecturer: University of Patras, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Philosophy, 2006-2009.
- Faculty Member: Lecturer: University of Patras, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Philosophy, 2009- 2014.
- Faculty Member: Assistant Professor: University of Patras, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Philosophy, 2014- present.

Administrative Posts

- Departmental Erasmus Coordinator of the Department of Philosophy, University of Patras
- Coordinator and Member of the Consultative Committee for Undergraduate students of the Department of Philosophy, University of Patras

### Research Programmes

- Researcher in a Programme of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, winter semester of the academic year 2005-2006. Research project: Translation and Interpretation of Alexander Aphrodisias' Commentary on the first Book of Aristotle's *Metaphysics*. Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. D. Moukanos
- Researcher in a Programme of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, spring semester of the academic year 2006-2007. Research project: Translation and Interpretation of the first Book of Aristotle's *Physics* in the light of the commentaries of Simplicius, Philoponus and Themistius. Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. D. Moukanos

### Membership in International Scientific Societies

- Member of the International Plato Society
- Member of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies
- Member of the International Society for Socratic Studies

### Teaching Mobility

- May 2011: Erasmus Teaching staff mobility to University Adam Mickiewicz-Poznan (Poland)
- November 2012: Erasmus Teaching staff mobility to University Roma II-Tor Vergata (Italy)
- December 2016: Erasmus Teaching staff mobility to University Complutense de Madrid (Spain)
- October 2017: Erasmus Training staff mobility to Russian State University of Humanities (Moscow)
- April 2018: Erasmus Teaching staff mobility to University Sapienza of Rome
- May 2019: Erasmus Training staff mobility to Russian State University of Humanities (Moscow)

### Academic Activities

Member of the Scientific and Organizing Committee of the National Students' Philosophy Essay Competition (from 2011 till now)

### Organizer or Co-organizer of Conferences and Workshops

- Organizer of the Workshop: Dialectic and Theology in Plato: The logical foundation of the Socratic ethical theology. Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, Patras, June 2010, with the participation of Professor V. Kalfas (University of Thessaloniki) and Professor S. Rangos (University of Patras)
- Co-organizer of the Conference "When I look into your eyes. Readings of the Platonic Alcibiades Major". Departments of Philology and Philosophy, University of Patras, Patras, May 2011.
- Co-organizer of the one-day Conference "The Philosophy in Education II", Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, Patras, March 2012.

- Co-organizer of the Conference “The ontological status of number. Ancient and Modern approaches”, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, Patras, May 2013.
- Co-organizer of the Panhellenic Conference of Ontology “The philosophical quest of Ontology”, Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, Patras, May 2017.
- Co-organizer of the Panhellenic Conference “Philosophy, Self-knowledge and Care of Self/Soul” Department of Philosophy, University of Patras, Patras, December 2018.

## Publications

### Books

- *Το πρόβλημα της κινήσεως και της μεταβολής στην Φυσικήν ακρόασιν του Αριστοτέλους (The Problem of Motion and Change in Aristotle’s Physics)* PhD Thesis. The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, Section of Philosophy, Athens 2003, pp. 544.
- *Ουσία και Ορισμός. Η Προβληματική της ενότητας εις τα οικεία κεφάλαια των Μετά τα φυσικά του Αριστοτέλους (Ousia and Definition: The Problem of Unity in the central books of Aristotle’s Metaphysics)*, Athens 2007: Harnos Editions, pp.215.
- *Περί του καθ’ετερότητα μη όντος στον Σοφιστή του Πλάτωνος [=Peri tou kath’ heterotēta mē ontos in Plato’s Sophist]*, Athens 2007: Armos Editions, pp.118.
- *Ζητήματα Γνωσιολογίας, Οντολογίας και Μεταφυσικής στην φιλοσοφία του Αριστοτέλους, Υπό το φως αρχαίων και βυζαντινών υπομνημάτων [Issues of Epistemology, Ontology and Metaphysics in Aristotle’s Philosophy, In the light of Ancient and Byzantine Commentaries]*, Athens 2013: Gutenberg-Dardanos Publications, pp.395.

### Books edited

- Μουζάλα Μ.Γ. (επιμ.), *Θέματα Οντολογίας-Μεταφυσικής, Φιλοσοφίας των Μαθηματικών και Λογικής. Συλλογικός τόμος in memoriam Δημ. Μούκανου*, Αθήνα 2018: Εκδ. Gutenberg, σσ. 316 [Mouzala M.G. (ed.), *Issues of Ontology-Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic. A Collection of Essays, In Memoriam of Dem. Moukanos*, Athens 2018: Gutenberg Editions, pp. 316].
- Μουζάλα Μ.Γ. (επιμ.), *Αυτογνωσία και Επιμέλεια Ψυχής/Εαυτού: Αρχαία· Ελληνιστική· Νεοπλατωνική· Βυζαντινή· Νεοελληνική Φιλοσοφία*, Αθήνα 2019: Εκδ. Παπαζήσης [Mouzala M.G. (ed.), *Self-knowledge and Care of Soul/ Self: Ancient· Hellenistic· Neoplatonic· Byzantine· Neo-Hellenic Philosophy*, Athens 2020: Papazēsēs Editions, pp. 314].

### Articles

- «Το πρόβλημα της σχέσεως του ορισμού προς την ουσίαν στα κεφάλαια Z10-Z12 των Μετά τα φυσικά του Αριστοτέλους» (“The Problem of the Relation between Definition and Ousia in Chapters Z10-Z12 of Aristotle’s Metaphysics”), *Skepsis*, A Journal for

Philosophy and Inter- disciplinary Research, Volume XIII-XIV, Athens-Olympia 2002-2003, 171-180.

- “Antisthenes the Cynic: *Theses* in his Logik, Ontology and Knowledge Theory”, *Journal of Classical Studies (Zbornik za klasicne studije MS)*, Volume 11, 2009, 47-54.
- “Names and Falsity in Plato’s *Cratylus*”, *Journal of Classical Studies (Zbornik za klasicne studije MS)*, Volume 13, 2011, 51-77.
- “The Cognitive Value of *Ousia* as absolute Reality in Plato: Epistemological ramifications of Platonic Ontology”, *Parnassos*, Volume 53, 2011, 221-230.
- “Aristotle’s Method of Understanding the First Principles of Natural Things in the *Physics* I.1”, *Peitho- Examina Antiqua-* ,1(3), 2012, 31-50.
- “On the Cratylean Argumentation in Support of the Correctness of Names in Plato’s *Cratylus*”, *Journal of Classical Studies ( Zbornik za klasicne studije MS)*, Volume 14, 2012, 73-86.
- «Η οντολογική κλίμακα του Αγαθού στο ΣΤ΄ βιβλίο της πλατωνικής *Πολιτείας*: μία προσέγγισης με αφετηρία την πρόκληση ανάγνωση», (“The ontological climax of the Good in Book VI of the *Republic*: an approach having as starting-point Proclus’ lecture”), *Philosophiein* 10, 2014, 265-282.
- “Olympiodorus and Damascius on the Philosopher’s Practice of Dying in Plato’s *Phaedo*”, *Peitho- Examina Antiqua-* ,1(5), 2014, 177-198.
- «Κίνησις, Νους και Ζωή στην αριστοτελική οντολογική Θεολογία του Λ΄ Βιβλίου των *Μετά τα φυσικά*», (*Kinēsis, Nous and Zōē* in the Aristotelian Ontological Theology of Book *Lambda* of the *Metaphysics*) *Philosophiein* 11, 2015, 195-219.
- “Syrianus on the Platonic Tradition of the Separate Existence of Numbers”, *Peitho- Examina Antiqua-* ,1(6), 2015, 167-195.
- «Διαλεκτική και Θεολογία στον Πλάτωνα. Η λογική θεμελίωσις της σωκρατικής ηθικής θεολογίας στον *Ευθύφρονα*», συμμετοχή στον τιμητικό τόμο για τον Καθ. Αυ. Μπαγιώνα, στο Χ. Τερέζης (επιμ.) *Τόκος εν καλώ*, Αθήνα 2016, 131-154 (“Dialectic and Theology in Plato. The logical foundation of the Socratic ethical theology in the *Euthyphro*”.Contribution to a memorial volume in honour of Prof. August Bagionas, in Ch.Terezis, *Tokos en kalō*, Athens 2016, 131-154.
- «Διαλεκτική, Δραματουργία και Αυτογνωσία στον *Χαρμίδα* του Πλάτωνος-Dialectic, Drama and Self-knowledge in Plato’s *Charmides*”, *Studia Gilsoniana* 5:1(January-March 2016), 179-194.
- “Aristotle’s Criticism of the Platonic Forms as Causes in *De Generatione et Corruptione* II.9. A Reading Based on Philoponus’ Exegesis”, *Peitho- Examina Antiqua-* ,1(7), 2016, 123-144.

- “Aristotle’s Criticism of the Platonic Idea of the Good in the *Nicomachean Ethics* A6”, (Participation to the World Congress for the 2400 years of Aristotle “The Philosophy of Aristotle”. Athens, July 2016), *Peitho- Examina Antiqua-*, 1(8), 2017, 309-341.
- «Αριστοτέλης, Θεών ο Σμυρναίος, Συριανός: μαθηματικοί (ή μοναδικοί) και ειδητικοί αριθμοί» (“Aristotle, Theon of Smyrna, Syrianus: mathematical [or monadic] and eidetic numbers”) in Μουζάλα Μ.Γ. (επιμ.), *Θέματα Οντολογίας-Μεταφυσικής, Φιλοσοφίας των Μαθηματικών και Λογικής*. Συλλογικός τόμος in memoriam Δημ. Μούκανου, Αθήνα 2018: Εκδ. Gutenberg, 235-279 [Mouzala M.G. (ed.), *Issues of Ontology-Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic*. A Collection of Essays, In Memoriam of Dem. Moukanos, Athens 2018: Gutenberg Editions, 235-279].
- “*Logos* as ‘sumplokē or koinonia tōn peri tēn ousian dēlomatōn’ in Plato’s *Sophist* (Speech as weaving together or communion of indications about *ousia* in Plato’s *Sophist*)”, *Platonic Investigations* 10, No. 1, 2019, 35-75.
- “Simplicius on the principal meaning of *phusis* in Aristotle’s *Physics* II. 1-3”, forthcoming in *Analogia*, Vol. 7, 2019, 43-82.
- «Έρως, Αυτογνωσία, Τέχνη και Τεχνική στον πλατωνικό *Μείζονα Αλκιβιάδη*» (“Erōs, Self-knowledge, Technē and Technique in the Platonic Alcibiades Major”, in Μουζάλα Μ.Γ., *Αυτογνωσία και Επιμέλεια Ψυχής/Εαυτού: Αρχαία·Ελληνιστική·Νεοπλατωνική·Βυζαντινή·Νεοελληνική Φιλοσοφία*, Αθήνα 2020: Εκδ. Παπαζήσης, 95-145 [Mouzala M.G. (ed.), *Self-knowledge and Care of Soul/ Self: Ancient· Hellenistic· Neoplatonic· Byzantine· Neo-Hellenic Philosophy*, Athens 2020: Papazēsēs Editions, 95-145]
- Forms as *paradigms* in Plato’s *Parmenides* 132c-d: Proclus’ response to Aristotle’s and Alexander of Aphrodisias’ attacks on the Forms considered as patterns (forthcoming)
- Proclus on the Forms as *Paradigms* in Plato’s *Parmenides*: The Neoplatonic Response to Aristotle and Alexander of Aphrodisias’ Criticisms (forthcoming)

Works in preparation or under review

Books in preparation

- *Πλάτωνος Κρατύλος ή περί ορθότητος ονομάτων :Γλώσσα και Πραγματικότητα (Plato’s Cratylus or On the Correctness of names : Language and Reality )* in Greek.
- *Επιστήμη και Αυτογνωσία στον Χαρμίδα του Πλάτωνος (Scientific knowledge and Self-knowledge in Plato’s Charmides)* in Greek

## Articles under review

- “Socratic and Sophistic Dialectic: Tracing Socrates in the sixth definition of the sophist in Plato’s *Sophist*”
- «Η υπεράσπιση του πλατωνικού περί ειδών λόγου έναντι της αριστοτελικής κριτικής στο “Περὶ ὧν Ἀριστοτέλης πρὸς Πλάτωνα διαφέρεται” του Γεωργίου Γεμιστού ή Πλήθωνος» (“Plētho’s Defence of the Platonic Theory of Forms against Aristotle’s Criticism in the *De Differentiis*”)
- «Η Πυθαγόρεια σύλληψη των αριθμών ως αρχών και στοιχείων στον Αριστοτέλη και τους αρχαίους υπομνηματιστές του» (“The Pythagorean conception of numbers as Principles and Elements in Aristotle and his Ancient Commentators”)

## Research interests

The main areas of Melina Mouzala’s research interests and research aims include: Plato and Aristotle (Ontology-Metaphysics-Theology, Epistemology, Philosophy of Nature, Logic), the Sophistic Movement (Ontology, Epistemology, Theology, Philosophy of Language), the Socratic Schools, the pre-Socratics (Theology, Ontology, Philosophy of Language), the Ancient Commentators on Plato and Aristotle, especially the Peripatetics, the Neopythagoreans, the Middle Platonists, the late Neoplatonists, and some of the most important Byzantine Commentators on Plato and Aristotle.

Language skills: Greek, English, French, German

## Courses

Programme of Undergraduate Studies

Plato’s Theory of Ideas

Plato’s Socratic Dialogues

Aristotle’s Epistemology and Metaphysics

Aristotle’s Physics

The philosophy of the Pythagoreans in the Aristotelian and Platonic Tradition

Ancient and Byzantine Commentators on Plato and Aristotle

Peripatetics: Alexander of Aphrodisias, Themistius

Neoplatonists: Simplicius, Philoponus, Proclus, Syrianus, Ammonius, Asclepius, Olympiodorus, Damascius

Byzantines: Michael Ephesius, Eustratius, Heliodorus, Pletho (Georgius Gemistus)

Programme of Postgraduate Studies

Ethical and political philosophy:

“Teleology and the Good in Plato and Aristotle”

Epistemology, Metaphysics:

Plato, Aristotle and Proclus: “The Platonic Idea of the Good in the *Republic*”

Plato’s *Sophist*

Analysis of Ancient and Byzantine Commentaries

#### PhD Supervising

- Anna Venetē: “The Ontology of Numbers in the Platonic texts and its contribution to the understanding of the theory of Forms”
- Poluxenē Daskalopoulou: “Divine Providence, Divine Knowledge and Free Will. An approach based on the relevant texts of Alexander of Aphrodisias, Proclus and Ammonius”

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