

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS:

2011 - **University of Athens, Greece**  
Professor of Philosophy

2020 - 2024 **Bielefeld University/Leibniz University Hannover, Germany**  
Mercator Fellow, DFG Research Training Group "Ethics and Epistemology of Science"

2019 - **Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France**  
Correspondant Etranger, Centre de Philosophie Contemporaine de la Sorbonne

2016 - **Hertie School of Governance, Germany**  
Guest Lecturer

### EDUCATION

2004 **University of Tübingen, Germany**  
Ph.D. in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy  
Best Dissertation Award

1999 **University of Bayreuth, Germany**  
*Habilitation* in Economics, Department of Law and Economics

1992 **University of Tübingen, Germany**  
Ph. D. in Economics, Department of Economics

1989 **University of Würzburg, Germany**  
Visiting Graduate Student, Department of Philosophy

- 1989 **University of Athens, Greece**  
Bachelor in Economics, Department of Economics.  
Bachelor earned in 5 semesters instead of the normal 8 - a first time in the history of the department. Grade: Excellent.
- 1980 - 1986 **German School of Athens, Greece**  
Final Grade: 20/20. Best grade in school. First among ca. 145.000 high-school students in Greece in the National Greek Entrance Exams for the Greek universities in June 1986

#### **PAST APPOINTMENTS**

- 2004 - 2011 **Witten/Herdecke University, Germany**  
Professor of Economics and Philosophy  
Chair Holder of the Endowed Chair in Economics and Philosophy
- Fall Term 2008/2009  
and  
Spring Term 2006 **Maison des Sciences de l' Homme, Paris, France**  
Visiting Scholar
- Spring Term 2004 **Harvard University, U.S.A.**  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy
- 2001 - 2004 **Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn, Germany**  
Senior Fellow
- Fall Term 2002 **Harvard University, U.S.A.**  
Visiting Scholar, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies
- 2000 - 2001 **Stanford University, U.S.A.**  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
- 1999 - 2000 **University of Freiburg, Germany**  
*Privatdozent*, Department of Economics
- 1999 - 2000 **University of Bayreuth, Germany**  
*Privatdozent*, Department of Law and Economics
- Spring Term 1999 **University of Freiburg, Germany**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
- 10/1997 - 3/1999 **Military Service in the Greek Army**
- 1995 - 1997 **University of Freiburg, Germany**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

**SHORT-TERM  
VISITING  
APPOINTMENTS**

- 02/2019 – 03/2019      **University of Heidelberg**  
Visiting Scholar, Philosophisches Seminar
- 09/2018 – 10/2018      **Maison des Sciences de l' Homme, France**  
Directeur d' Études Associé
- 04/2015 – 05/2015      **Technical University of Munich**  
Visiting Professor
- 10/2013 - 11/2013      **Princeton University, University Center for Human Values,  
U.S.A.**  
Visiting Scholar
- 11/2003 - 12/ 2003      **Andrássy University Budapest, Hungary**  
Visiting Professor
- 11/1994 - 12/1994      **George Mason University, Center for the Study of Public  
Choice, U.S.A.**  
Visiting Scholar

**INVITED LECTURES  
(SELECTION)**

- 2019** University of Heidelberg (Philosophisches Seminar)
- 2018** University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Centre de Philosophie Contemporaine de la Sorbonne)
- 2018 Keynote** University of Stuttgart (Max Bense Lecture in Aesthetics)
- 2017 Keynote** University of Hamburg (Hamburg Lectures in Law and Economics)
- 2016** New York University Abu Dhabi (Faculty of Social Sciences)
- 2015 Keynote** University of Athens (Greek Society of Philosophy of Science)
- 2015** University of Munich (Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy)
- 2015 Keynote** Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar, Cartagena (School of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 2015 Keynote** EAFIT University, Medellín (School of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 2013** University of Pittsburgh (Center for Philosophy of Science)
- 2013 Keynote** University of Hannover (Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsphilosophie, Inaugural Conference)
- 2012** University of St. Gallen (School of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 2012** Technical University of Munich (Munich Center for Technology in Society)

- 2011** University of Bielefeld (Department of Philosophy)  
**2009** University of Oxford (Balliol College)  
**2009** Université Paris Sorbonne-Paris IV (Department of Philosophy and Sociology)  
**2009** University of Hannover (Center for Philosophy and Ethics of Science)  
**2008** Université Paris Sorbonne-Paris IV (Department of Economics)  
**2007** University of Duisburg-Essen (Department of Economics)  
**2006** Université Paris Sorbonne-Paris IV (Department of Economics)  
**2006** Université Paris Dauphine-Paris IX (Department of Organizational Studies)  
**2005** University of Athens (Department of Philosophy and History of Science)  
**2005** Max Planck Institute for Research into Economic Systems, Jena  
**2005** Tilburg University (Center for Law and Economics)  
**2004** Harvard University (Department of Government)  
**2004** Yale University (Department of Political Science)  
**2004** Rotterdam University (Department of Philosophy)  
**2003** **Keynote** Guatemala City Twelfth Cycle of Economic Lectures (Bank of Guatemala)  
**2002** University of Erfurt (Faculty of Social Science)  
**2001** Stanford University (Hoover Institution)  
**2000** Stanford University (Institute for International Studies)  
**1997** University of Jena (Department of Economics)  
**1996** Washington University in St. Louis (Department of Economics)  
**1995** University of Bayreuth (Faculty of Law and Economics)  
**1994** University of Freiburg (Institute for Economic Development)

## EDITORSHIPS

**Philosophy Section** Editor for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the **International Encyclopedia for the Social and Behavioral Sciences**, 2015 (succeeding Philip Pettit and Axel Honneth).

Member of the **Comité de rédaction de L' Année Sociologique**

Associate Editor, **Nefsis**

**COURSES TAUGHT** Contemporary Philosophy, Introduction to Logic, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind, Hermeneutics, Causality: Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice, Theories of Explanation, Philosophy of Economics, Ethics, Ethics and Economics, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Political Philosophy, Social Philosophy, Philosophical Dialogues, History of Economic Thought, Political Economy, Principles of Economic Policy, European Union: Institutional Aspects, Competition Theory and Policy, International Economics, New Institutional Economics, Theory of Institutions

**CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

Universität Witten/Herdecke, June 11-14, 2007, on **Explanation in the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice**

Stanford University, June 25-27, 2001 on **Ideas about Social, Political and Economic Change. Theory and Empirical Evidence** co-organized with Douglass North

Stanford University, February 1-3, 2001, on **Politics, Markets, and Social Change** co-organized with Douglass North

Washington University at St. Louis, December 1-3, 2001, on **Beliefs, Institutions and Social Change** co-organized with Douglass North

The Airlie Conference Center, Arlington, Virginia, October 27-29, 2000 on **Cognition, Learning and Social Change** co-organized with Douglass North

**PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

**8<sup>th</sup> European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences Conference**, Athens, August 2019

**4<sup>th</sup> European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences Conference**, Helsinki, August 2016

**3<sup>rd</sup> European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences Conference**, Madrid, September 2014

**23<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Philosophy**, Athens, August 2013

**14<sup>th</sup> Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science**, Nancy, July 2011

**IX Conference of the International Network for Economic Methodology**, Helsinki, September 2011

## OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Organizer of the **Witten Lectures in Economics and Philosophy** (<http://wittenlectures.org>). Announcement:

"An annual prize of 15000 EURO is awarded to a major figure in the area of Economics and Philosophy who delivers two lectures. For 2007 the prize has been awarded to Kenneth Arrow, Nobel Laureate of Economics in 1972, for 2008 the prize has been awarded to Thomas Schelling, Nobel Laureate of Economics in 2005 and for 2009 to George Akerlof, Nobel Laureate of Economics in 2001. An international committee decides the recipient of the award and the appointment as Witten Lecturer. It consists of:

Prof. C. Mantzavinos, University of Athens, Chairman (ex officio)

Prof. Christian List, London School of Economics and Political Science

Prof. Hans Albert, University of Mannheim

Prof. Luc Bovens, London School of Economics and Political Science

Prof. Geoffrey Brennan, Australian National University and Duke University

Prof. John Broome, University of Oxford

Prof. Uskali Mäki, Academy of Finland

Prof. Philip Pettit, Princeton University"

## AWARDS, GRANTS

**Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)**, Project Name: *On the Compatibility of the Unificationist and Mechanistic Approach of Explanation*, 2010-2011, 90.000 €

**Fritz Thyssen Foundation**, Project Name: *What Kind of Problem is the Hermeneutic Circle?*, 2008-2009, supporting a visit at Maison des Sciences de l' Homme, Paris, 12.000€

**Fritz Thyssen Foundation**, Project Name: *Explanation in the Social Sciences*, 2007, for the organization of an international conference at Witten/Herdecke University, 35.000€

**Private Sponsors**, Project Name: *Witten Lectures in Economics and Philosophy*, 2006, for the organization of the lectures and the accompanying award, 100.000€

**Best Dissertation Award** of the Faculty of Philosophy and History of the University of Tübingen, 2004

**German Marshall Fund of the United States**, Project Name: *Individuals, Institutions and Markets*, 1999, for a short visit at the Center for the Study of Public Choice, George Mason University, 5000\$

**Robert Bosch Foundation**, Project Name: *Rationality in the Social Sciences*, 1995, for a short visit at the Maison des Sciences de l' Homme, Paris, 3000 DM

**DAAD (German Academic Exchange System)**, Project Name: *Theory of Competition*, 1989-1992, full funding of Ph.D.-Thesis, 60.000 DM

**IKY (National Foundation of Scholarships)**, Best Student Award, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989

**ACADEMIC BOARDS** Member of the Advisory Board of the Reinhard Mohn Endowed Chair in Leadership, Ethics and Social Change, **Bertelsmann Foundation** (2005 – 2009)

Member of the Advisory Board of the **Independent Social Research Foundation** ([www.isrf.org](http://www.isrf.org)) (2008 - 2014).

**LANGUAGES** Greek (native), German, English, French. Ancient Greek and Latin.

**GOOGLE SCHOLAR** 1848 citations

## PUBLICATIONS

### I. BOOKS

1. **A Dialogue on Institutions**, Heidelberg, New York and London: Springer, 2021.

2. **A Dialogue on Explanation**, Heidelberg, New York and London: Springer, 2018.

3. **Explanatory Pluralism**, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

**Chinese Translation**, China Science Publishing & Media Ltd. (Science Press),  
forthcoming, 2021

4. **Naturalistic Hermeneutics**, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

**Naturalistische Hermeneutik**, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck (Series: Die Einheit der  
Gesellschaftswissenschaften), 2006.

**Herméneutique Naturaliste**, Presses Universitaires Paris Sorbonne, 2012.

5. **Individuals, Institutions, and Markets**, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,  
(Series: The Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions), 2001.

**Individuen, Institutionen und Märkte**, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, (Series: Die Einheit  
der Gesellschaftswissenschaften), 2007.

**Individus, Institutions et Marchés**, Presses Universitaires de France, 2008.

**Chinese Translation**, Chnagchun Publishing House, 2009.

6. **Wettbewerbstheorie (Theory of Competition)**, Berlin: Duncker & Humblot, 1994.

### II. EDITED BOOK

**Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice**,  
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.

**Chinese Translation**, China Science Publishing & Media Ltd. (Science Press),  
forthcoming, 2021.



### III. ARTICLES

Note: Items 10 29, 39, 41 are versions of the same article in different languages

Items 15, 23, 28, 31 are versions of the same article in different languages

Items 21 and 25 are versions of the same article in different languages

Items 36 and 40 are versions of the same article in different languages

1. **Conjunction of Explanation and Interpretation?** In: *Conjunctive Explanations: New Essays on the Nature, Epistemology, and Psychology of Explanatory Multiplicity*, (eds.) Jonah N. Schupbach and David H. Glass, London and New York: Routledge, 2021 (forthcoming).

2. **A Dialogue on Republicanism**, in: *Revue de Philosophie Économique*, 2021 (forthcoming).

- With a full paper as a reply by **Philip Pettit: A Dialogue on Republicanism: A Response**, in: *Revue de Philosophie Économique*, 2021 (forthcoming).

3. **Science, Institutions, and Values**, in: *European Journal of Philosophy*, 2020 (online version before included in an issue).

4. **Institutions and Scientific Progress**, in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 2020 (online version before included in an issue).

5. **A Dialogue on Understanding**, in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 2019, vol. 49, pp. 307-322.

6. **Normativität, Metaethik und Naturalismus**, in: *Von besten und zweitbesten Regeln. Platonische und aktuelle Perspektiven auf individuelles und staatliches Wohlergehen*, Hrsg. Föllinger, Sabine und Korn, Evelyn, Philippika - Altertumskundliche Abhandlungen, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag 2019, S. 125-139.

7. **Hermeneutik als rationale Methodenlehre der Interpretation**, in: *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung*, 2019, vol. 73, pp. 222-243.

8. **The Nature of Science. A Dialogue**, in: *Synthese*, vol. 196, 2019, pp. 775-793.
  
9. **Hermeneutics**, in: *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2016.
  
10. (with Douglass C. North and Syed Shariq): **Aprendizaje, Instituciones y Desempeño Económico**, in: *Economía & Región*, vol. 9, 2015, pp. 11-34.  
 - Special issue with contributions dedicated to the article: *Economía & Región*, vol. 9, 2015.
  
11. **The Plurality of Explanatory Games**, in: *Theories and Social Mechanisms*, vol. I, (ed.) Manzo, Gianluca, Oxford: Bardwell Press, 2015, pp. 325-335.
  
12. **Scientific Explanation**, in: *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, vol. 21, 2015, pp. 302-307.
  
13. **Text Interpretation as a Scientific Activity**, in: *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, vol. 45, 2014, pp. 45-58.
  
14. **A Comment on the Legitimacy of Intervention**, in: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, vol. 170 (1), 2014, pp. 96-99.
  
15. **O círculo hermenêutico. Que problema é este?**, in: *Tempo Social*, vol. 26, no. 2, 2014, pp. 57-69.
  
16. **Explanatory Games**, in: *The Journal of Philosophy*, vol. CX, Nov. 2013, pp. 606-632.
  
17. **Le Cercle Herméneutique. De Quel Type de Problème S'Agit-il ?**, in: *L'Année Sociologique*, vol. 63, 2013, pp. 509-526.
  
18. **Faye's Naturalistic Reconstruction of the Humanities**, in: *Metascience*, vol. 22, 2013, pp. 105-110.
  
19. **Explanations of Meaningful Actions**, in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, vol. 42, June 2012, pp. 224-238.

20. **The Ethical Project. A Dialogue**, in: *Analyse und Kritik*, vol 34, 2012, pp. 21-38.
21. **Föderalismus und individuelle Freiheit**, in: *Zur Zukunft des Wettbewerbs*, (eds): Harald Enke and Adolf Wagner, Marburg: Metropolis Verlag, 2012, pp. 15-37.
22. **Institutions**, in: *The SAGE Handbook of Philosophy of Social Science*, (eds.) Jarvie, Ian C. and Zamora-Bonilla, Jesús, SAGE Publications, 2011, pp. 399-412.
23. **Ti Eidous Provlima Einai o Ermineytikos Kyklos**, (in Greek) in: *Festschrift for Petros Gemtos*, Sakkoulas Publishers, Athens, 2012, pp. 495-510
24. **Federalism and Individual Liberty: A Rejoinder**, in: *Constitutional Political Economy*, vol. 22, 2011, pp. 198-199.  
(Reply to Kirchgässner, G., & Schelker, M.: **Federalism and Exit Costs. A Comment on: C. Mantzavinos, Federalism and Individual Liberty**, in: *Constitutional Political Economy*, vol. 22, 2011, pp. 191-197.)
25. **Federalism and Individual Liberty**, in: *Constitutional Political Economy*, vol. 21, 2010, pp. 101-118.
26. **Der Beitrag Erich Hoppmanns**, in: *Evolution und freiheitlicher Wettbewerb. Erich Hoppmann und die aktuelle Diskussion*, (ed.) Viktor Vanberg, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010, pp. 23-33.
27. **Introduction**, in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice*, Mantzavinos C. (ed.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp.1-3.
28. **What Kind of Problem Is The Hermeneutic Circle?**, in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice*, Mantzavinos C. (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 299-311.
29. (with Douglass C. North and Syed Shariq): **Apprentissage, Institutions et Performance Économique**, in: *L'Année sociologique*, vol. 59, No. 2, 2009, pp. 469-492.

30. **A Note on Methodological Individualism**, in: *Raymond Boudon. A Life in Sociology*, (eds.) Cherkaoui, Mohamed and Peter Hamilton, Oxford: Bardwell Press, 2009, pp. 211-215.
31. **Was für ein Problem ist der hermeneutische Zirkel?** in: *Analyse und Kritik*, vol. 30, 2008, pp.601-612.
32. **On Don Ross's Defence of Neoclassical Economics**, in: *Journal of Economic Methodology*, vol. 15, 2008, pp. 305-307.
33. **Zur Verteidigung des institutionenökonomisch-evolutionären Wettbewerbsleitbildes**, in: *ORDO*, vol. 58, 2007, pp. 155-164.
34. **Interpreting the Rules of the Game**, in: (eds.) Engel, Christoph and Strack, Fritz: *The Impact of Court Procedure on the Psychology of Judicial Decision Making*, Baden-Baden, Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2007, pp. 13-30.
35. **Tradition and Evolution as a Problem in the Theory of Institutions** (in Greek), in: *Nefsis*, vol. 15, 2007, pp. 153-173.
36. **The Institutional-Evolutionary Antitrust Model**, in: *European Journal of Law and Economics*, vol. 22, 2006, pp. 273-291.
37. **The Role of Definitions in Institutional Analysis**, in: (eds.) Daumann, Frank, Mantzavinos, C. and Okruch, Stefan: *Wettbewerb und Gesundheitswesen: Konzeptionen und Felder ordnungsökonomischen Wirkens. Festschrift für Peter Oberender zu seinem 65. Geburtstag*, Schriftenreihe Andrassy Universität, 2006, pp. 85-94.
38. **Comment on Nancy Cartwright's 'Against the System'**, in: (eds.), Engel, Christoph and Daston, Lorraine: *Is there Value in Inconsistency?*, Baden - Baden: Nomos-Verlagsgesellschaft, 2006, pp. 57-62.

39. (with Douglass C. North and Syed Shariq): **Lernen, Institutionen und Wirtschaftsleistung**, in: *Analyse und Kritik*, Vol. 27, Heft 2, 2005, pp. 320-337.
40. **Das institutionenökonomische-evolutionäre Wettbewerbsleitbild**, in: *Jahrbücher von Nationalökonomie und Statistik*, vol. 225, 2005, pp. 205-224.  
 -Full paper as a reply by Schmidtchen, Dieter: **Wettbewerbsschutz durch regelgeleitete Wettbewerbspolitik – Anmerkungen zum institutionenökonomisch-evolutionären Wettbewerbsleitbild**, in: *ORDO*, vol. 57, 2006, pp. 165-189.
41. (with Douglass C. North and Syed, Shariq): **Learning, Institutions and Economic Performance**, in: *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 2. No 1, 2004, pp. 75-84.
42. **Beyond Homo Oeconomicus and Homo Sociologicus** reprint from chapter 4 of **Individuals, Institutions, and Markets**, in: (eds.) Boudon, Raymond, Cherkaoui, Mohamed and Demeulenaere, Pierre: *The European Tradition in Qualitative Research*, vol. IV, London: SAGE Publications, 2003, pp. 421-426.
43. **Comments on Ekkehart Schlicht's, Aestheticism in the Theory of Custom**, in: *Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines*, vol. 11, 2001, pp. 705-708.
44. **Kommentar zu Hermann Sautter, Menschenrechte und Menschenrechtsstandards im Globalisierungsprozess**, in: *Jahrbuch für Neue Politische Ökonomie*, vol. 19, 2000, pp. 277-279.
45. **Carl Menger und die Wettbewerbstheorie**, in: *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*, vol. 219, 1999, pp. 685-691.
46. (with Viktor Vanberg): **Sozialpolitik und Standortwettbewerb: die ordnungspolitische Perspektive**, in: (ed.) Bernhard Külp: *Arbeitsmarkt und Arbeitslosigkeit*, Rudolf Haufe Verlag, Freiburg 1996, pp. 315-343.
47. **Positive und normative Wettbewerbstheorie: der Versuch einer Systematisierung**, in: (ed.) Alfred E. Ott: *Probleme der unvollkommenen Konkurrenz*, Francke Verlag, Tübingen and Basel, 1994, pp. 65-73.

48. **Contestable Markets, das neoklassische Marktmodell und die Wettbewerbstheorie**, in: *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*, vol. 209, 1992, pp. 60-66.

## V. BOOK REVIEWS

1. Pies, Ingo und Martin, Leschke: **Karl Poppers kritischer Rationalismus**, Tübingen: J.C.B.Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1999, in: *ORDO*, vol. 51, 2000, pp. 481-484.

2. Johnson, Ronald N. and Libecap, Gary D.: **The Federal Civil Service System and the Problem of Bureaucracy**, Chicago and London 1994, The University of Chicago Press, in: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, vol. 154, no. 2, June 1998, pp. 458-460.

3. Koslowski, Peter: **Politik und Ökonomik bei Aristoteles**, 3rd. rev. ed., Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1993, in: *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*, vol. 212, pp. 566-567.