

## PERSONAL INFORMATION



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Sex: Female | Date of birth: 25/02/1994 | Nationality: Greek

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

November 2019 – May 2023

### PhD candidate

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- PhD thesis title: "Morphosyntactic production and processing in agrammatic aphasia"
- Advisory Committee: prof. Spyridoula Varlokosta, prof. Valantis Fyndanis, prof. Athanasios Protopapas

2017 – 2018

### Master in Cognitive Neuroscience of Language

Final Grade: 8,73 / 10

University of the Basque Country (UPV) in collaboration with the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language (BCBL)

- M.A. thesis: "Time processing during sentence comprehension: an eye-tracking study" (Final Grade: 8,8 / 10)
- Thesis advisors: Dr. Simona Mancini & Dr. Nicoletta Biondo

2012 – 2016

### Bachelor of Arts in Philology

Final Grade: 9,12 / 10

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- Specialization on linguistics
- B.A. thesis: "The acquisition of verbs with non-active morphology in Greek as a native language: the case of reflexive verbs" (Final Grade: 10 / 10)
- Thesis advisor: prof. Spyridoula Varlokosta

January 2015 – June 2015

### Erasmus exchange

Lund University, Faculty of Humanities and Theology, Centre for Languages and Literature

- Sociolinguistics
- Grammar
- Swedish courses

2012

### Certification of Secondary Education

Final Grade: 19,6 / 20

1<sup>st</sup> Senior High School of Thebes

## PUBLICATIONS & APPEARANCES

### Publications

Biondo N., **Soilemezidi M.**, Mancini S. 2021. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery: an eye-tracking investigation of the processing of past and future time reference during sentence reading. *Journal of Experimental Psychology Learning Memory and Cognition*. DOI: 10.1037/xlm0001053

### Posters

Biondo N., **Soilemezidi M.**, Mancini S. "Time in language: past and future are differently processed and both verbs and adverbs matter". Poster presentation at the *Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL 2020)*. October 2020, online conference.

### Conference Presentations

**Soilemezidi M.**, Fyndanis V., "The role of cognitive functions and education in verb-related morphosyntactic production". *42th Annual Meeting of the Department of Linguistics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AMLG42)*. May 2022, online conference (to be presented in May 2022).

Fyndanis V., **Soilemezidi M.**, Kalpakidou, T., "Impaired production of time reference in Greek aphasia: Disentangling encoding from retrieval deficits". *42th Annual Meeting of the Department of Linguistics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AMLG42)*, online conference (to be presented in May 2022).

### Other

**Soilemezidi M.** & Fyndanis V., Translation – Adaptation to Greek of the *Language Experience and Proficiency Questionnaire (LEAP-Q)*, by Marian, Blumenfeld, & Kaushanskaya (2007). Available at: <https://bilingualism.northwestern.edu/leapq/>

## ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

February 2021 – May 2021

### CIVIS courses for PhD students

offered by the University of Stockholm to PhD students from Universities within the CIVIS alliance.

- Academic writing for International Publication (7,5 ECTS)
- Open Science (5 ECTS)

July 10 – 21, 2017  
Rethymnon, Crete

### CreteLing 2017

two-week summer school of Linguistics organized by the University of Crete

**Topics:** Sign Language; Syntax; Language & Animal Communication in Evolution; Phonology; Agreement Beyond Phi; Aspect

November 2016 – April 2017

### Statistics for the Social Sciences Using SPSS

online course from National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (REA platform)

**Topics:** Descriptive and Inferential statistics; SPSS software.

January 2017 – March 2017

### Essentials of Clinical Neuroscience

online course from the University of Utrecht (ELEVATE platform)

**Topics:** Connectivity; Neural circuit Development; Synaptic Plasticity; Genetics in Neuroscience; Neural Disorders (neuromuscular, psychotic, developmental)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

March 2020 – present

### Research Assistant

University of Oslo (UiO)

– Boks 1072 Blindern Oslo, Norway – +47 22856227

- Data collection for Dr. Fyndanis project '*Morphosyntactic Production in Stroke-induced Agrammatic Aphasia: A Cross-linguistic Machine Learning Approach*'
- Assisted with preparation for experiments (e.g. experimental stimuli, questionnaires)

October 2014 – November 2014

### Internship as Research Assistant

National Hellenic Research Foundation (N.H.R.F), Institute of Historical Research (I.H.R),  
Section of Byzantine Research

– 48 Vassileos Constantinou Avenue, Athens – +30 210 7273516

- Text editing and database updating ("Institutions, Society, Internal and Foreign Policy of Byzantium" formerly Byzantine History Data Bank)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

November 2021

### Guest Instructor

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUoA)

– Faculty of Philology, School of Philosophy, University Campus Zografou, Athens 15784, Greece

- Presentation of Neuroimaging Techniques used for language studies to BA students of Linguistics for the course "Psycholinguistics – Neurolinguistics" (Fall semester, 2021; instructor: Dr. E. Kyritsi)

November 2018 – July 2020

### Tutor

Alimpinisis (private afternoon tutoring school)

– 98 Elftheriou Venizelou Avenue, Nea Smyrni, Athens – +30 210 9327900

- Modern Greek Language Teaching
- Worked with students aged 12 to 17, with diverse learning needs and cultural backgrounds
- Kept records of academic performance for each student and applied this information to address areas of improvement; also communicated this information with parents and other tutors

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue

Other languages

Greek

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Proficiency of Michigan, Hellenic American Union & IELTS Academic (Overall Band Score: 8)					
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Diplôme approfondi de langue française, Dalf C2, Institut Français d'Athènes					
Swedish	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1
Courses taken during Erasmus at Lund University					
Spanish	A2	A2	A2	A2	A1
Individual courses					

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

### Communication skills

- Excellent oral and written communication skills: prepared reports and oral presentations in a regular basis for academic/research purposes (as a master's student, and later as a PhD student and RA)
- Teamwork: worked efficiently with different and culturally divergent research groups over the years
- Exemplary organization skills: conducted complicated psycholinguistic experiments administering numerous tasks, scheduling in-person testing with participants, and handling data successfully

## Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Basic user	Independent user	Independent user

Levels: Basic user - Independent user - Proficient user

- **Programming languages:** R; Python; Matlab
- **Research methods:** Eye tracking (independent user); EEG; fMRI
- **Other:** PsychoPy; ELAN; SPSS; Praat

2021 – present

Member of the organizing committee of 'Athens PyLadies', Greek chapter of the international mentorship group PyLadies (<https://pyladies.com/>). Main goal of the group is the creation of a community that will facilitate access to programming, primarily for individuals with a background in the Humanities. To date Athens PyLadies have organized:

- public events promoting the integration between Humanities & STEM study groups twice a month, offering an introduction to coding (coding fundamentals, Command Line, Basic Python, GitHub)

Fields of Interest

- Neurolinguistics & Psycholinguistics
- Acquired/Developmental Language Disorders
- Neurobiology of Language

## SCOLARSHIPS &amp; AWARDS

2021 – present

Scholarship for doctoral studies offered the Hellenic Foundation of Research & Innovation – 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Doctoral Students by the H.F.R.I.

2019 – 2020

Scholarship for doctoral studies offered by the A. G. Leventis Foundation

2017 – 2018

Tuition fee scholarship for the Master's in Cognitive Neuroscience of Language from the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language (BCBL) due to excellent undergraduate performance

2012 – 2016

Scholarship for undergraduate studies offered by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (legacy of Antonios Papadakis)

## SEMINARS &amp; CONFERENCES

October 21 – 24, 2020

12th annual meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) (in virtual format)

October 18 – 20, 2020

58th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Aphasia (in virtual format)

November 2 – 4, 2018  
Athens, Greece

Pan-Hellenic Conference "Creativity and Innovation in Educational Practice" – organized by the Institute of Educational Policy (IEP) of the Greek Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs

June 20 – 22, 2018,  
San Sebastián, Spain

"WoPP" – 1<sup>st</sup> International workshop on predictive processing, organized by the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language (BCBL)

May 2 – 4, 2018,  
San Sebastián, Spain

"BrainHack Donostia" – workshop on neuroimaging techniques, organized by the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language (BCBL)

2013 – 2015

Two-year seminar of Greek Sign Language – organized by Apostoliki Diakonia

Athens, Greece

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2017 – present

Volunteer of the volunteering group: "Reading to the Others" (Diavazo gia tous allous)  
Group's actions: recording audiobooks for libraries for blind and visually impaired people ([www.facebook.com/giatousallous](http://www.facebook.com/giatousallous))

2017 – 2018

Volunteered as a journalist for the on-line journal Citycampus.gr (articles on: student-related topics; book reviews; student news) (<http://citycampus.gr/>)

October 26 – 28, 2016  
Nantes, France

Volonteupe's 25th Annual Conference,  
Apathy or Action: Young Europeans Take a Stand

Attended as representative of the volunteering group "Young Volunteers in Action" (Saronida, Athens)

## GENERAL INTERESTS

- sports (running, aerobics, swimming)
- sketching & digital painting/graphic design
- avid reader – and (amateur) book reviewer ([Goodread's profile](#))