

# ORESTIS MELKONIAN

## PERSONAL DATA

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PLACE | DATE OF BIRTH: Athens | December 1992  
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## EDUCATION

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SEP 2019 - NOW PhD in COMPUTER SCIENCE @ **University of Edinburgh**, Scotland  
*Institute:* Laboratory for Foundations of Computer Science (LFCS)  
*Supervisor:* Philip Wadler  
*Topic:* Formalizing Blockchain Semantics in Agda

SEP 2017 - JUL 2019 M.Sc. in COMPUTING SCIENCE @ **Utrecht University**, The Netherlands  
*GPA:* 8.99/10 (*cum laude*)  
*Specialization:* Programming Technology  
*Supervisors:* Wouter Swierstra (UU), Manuel M.T. Chakravarty (IOHK)  
*Thesis:* Formalizing Extended UTxO and BitML Calculus in Agda

OCT 2010 - APR 2016 B.Sc. in COMPUTER SCIENCE @ **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**, Greece  
*GPA:* 8.6/10 (*distinction*)  
*Specializations:* Knowledge and Data Management, Software  
*Supervisors:* Panos Rondogiannis, Angelos Charalambidis  
*Thesis:* RHEA - A Reactive, Heterogeneous, Extensible and Abstract Framework for Dataflow Programming

FEB 2014 - Jul 2014 Erasmus exchange student in COMPUTER SCIENCE  
**Universita della Svizzera Italiana**, Lugano, Switzerland  
*Coordinators:* Ioannis Emiris, Marc Langheinrich

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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FEB 2021 - NOW Haskell Reviewer (part-time) @ **MigaMake**, Singapore  
*Reviewing code, technical reports, and scientific articles*  
*Supervisor:* Michal Gajda

JAN 2019 - JUL 2019 Haskell Developer (part-time) @ **QBayLogic**, The Netherlands  
*Implemented a GUI to inspect optimization steps in the Clash compiler*  
*Supervisor:* Christiaan Baaij

DEC 2017 - DEC 2018 Haskell Developer (part-time) @ **Utrecht University**, The Netherlands  
*FORMALZ: A tower-defence game for learning Hoare-style specifications*  
*Developed the SMT-based checker between teacher and student formulas*  
*Supervisor:* Wishnu Prasetya

JUN 2017 - AUG 2017 Research Intern @ **Max Planck Institute for Software Systems (MPI-SWS)**, Germany  
*Software Analysis & Verification Group*  
*Proof mechanization of a novel C/C++11 memory model in Coq*  
*Supervisor:* Viktor Vafeiadis

MAY 2016 - MAY 2017 Technical Intern (*Backend Web Developer*) @ **CERN**, Switzerland  
*INVENIO project: Video workflows for the Cern Document Server (CDS)*  
*Supervisor:* Ludmila Marian

OCT 2015 - APR 2016 Research Intern @ **National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos"**, Athens, Greece  
*Software & Knowledge Engineering Laboratory (SKEL)*  
*Design and implementation of a dataflow framework for robotics*  
*Supervisor:* Angelos Charalambidis

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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SEP 2020 - MAR 2021 **Reasoning & Agents** @ University of Edinburgh  
*Demonstrator & Marker*

SEP 2019 - MAR 2020 **Types and Semantics for Programming Languages** @ University of Edinburgh  
*Teaching Assistant*

SEP 2019 - MAR 2021 **Introduction to Computation: Functional Programming** @ University of Edinburgh  
*Teaching Assistant & Tutor & Marker*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Functional Programming
- Programming Languages, Semantics
- Type Systems, Formal Semantics
- Verification, Formal Methods
- Compilers, Static Analysis
- Category Theory
- Proof Theory, Theorem Provers
- Algorithmic Music

## PUBLICATIONS

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- HASKELL '22 (ICFP)** **Reasonable Agda is correct Haskell: writing verified Haskell using AGDA2HS**  
J.Cockx, O.Melkonian, L.Escot, J.Chapman, U.Norell  
*15th International Haskell Symposium. ACM*
- ECOOP '20** **Reconciling Event Structures with Modern Multiprocessors**  
E.Moiseenko, A.Podkopaev, O.Lahav, O.Melkonian, V.Vafeiadis  
*34th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming*
- ISoLA '20** **UTXO<sub>ma</sub>: UTXO with Multi-Asset Support**  
M.Chakravarty, J.Chapman, K.MacKenzie, O.Melkonian, J.Müller, M.Jones, P.Vinogradova, P.Wadler  
*9th International Symposium On Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation*
- ISoLA '20** **Native Custom Tokens in the Extended UTXO Model**  
M.Chakravarty, J.Chapman, K.MacKenzie, O.Melkonian, J.Müller, M.Jones, P.Vinogradova, P.Wadler  
*9th International Symposium On Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation*
- WTSC'20 (FC)** **The Extended UTXO Model**  
M.Chakravarty, J.Chapman, K.MacKenzie, O.Melkonian, M.Jones, P.Wadler  
*4th Workshop on Trusted Smart Contracts*
- SRC'19 (ICFP)** **Formalizing BitML Calculus in Agda**  
Orestis Melkonian  
*Student Research Competition, Poster Session*
- TyDe'19 (ICFP)** **Formal Investigation of the Extended UTxO Model**  
Orestis Melkonian, Wouter Swierstra, Manuel M.T. Chakravarty  
*4rd ACM SIGPLAN International Workshop on Type-Driven Development. ACM*
- FARM'19 (ICFP)** **Music as Language: Putting Probabilistic Temporal Graph Grammars to Good Use**  
Orestis Melkonian  
*7th ACM SIGPLAN International Workshop on Functional Art, Music, Modeling, and Design. ACM*
- FARM'19 (ICFP)** **What Constitutes a Musical Pattern?**  
Orestis Melkonian, Iris Yuping Ren, Wouter Swierstra, Anja Volk  
*7th ACM SIGPLAN International Workshop on Functional Art, Music, Modeling, and Design. ACM*
- ICSE'19** **Having Fun in Learning Formal Specifications**  
Wishnu Prasetya, Craig Leek, Melkonian Orestis *et al.*  
*41th International Conference on Software Engineering: Software Engineering Education and Training. ACM*
- REBLS'18 (SPLASH)** **RHEA: A Reactive, Heterogeneous, Extensible and Abstract Framework for Dataflow Programming**  
Melkonian Orestis, Charalambidis Angelos  
*5th ACM SIGPLAN International Workshop on Reactive and Event-Based Languages and Systems. ACM*
- ESSLLI'18** **D<sup>3</sup> as a 2-MCFL**  
Kogkalidis Konstantinos, Melkonian Orestis  
*Student Session of the 30th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information. Springer*

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- Nov 2022** Organiser @ **31<sup>st</sup> Agda Implementors' Meeting**, Edinburgh, Scotland
- JUN 2022** Artifact Evaluation Committee Member @ **ICFP: International Conference on Functional Programming**
- MAR 2022** (Invited) Paper Reviewer @ **Post-TYPES** proceedings
- FEB 2022** Artifact Evaluation Committee Member @ **ESOP: European Symposium on Programming**
- JUL 2021** (Invited) Paper reviewer @ **APLAS: Asian Symposium on Programming Languages and Systems**
- AUG 2021** (Invited) Paper Reviewer @ **MSCS: Mathematical Structures in Computer Science**  
*special edition in memory of Martin Hofmann*

## AWARDS

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JUN 2022 Travel Grant @ **Programming Language Mentoring Workshop (PLMW)**, PLDI, San Diego, US  
JUN 2019 Travel Grant @ **ZuriHac: A 3-day Haskell Hackathon**, Zurich, Switzerland  
APR 2019 Travel Grant @ **School and Workshop on Univalent Mathematics**, Birmingham, UK  
AUG 2018 Registration Grant @ **European Summer School on Logic, Language & Information (ESSLI)**, Sofia, Bulgaria  
JUL 2018 Travel Grant @ **DeepSpec Summer School**, Princeton, US  
JUL 2017 Travel Grant @ **CAV Conference**, Heidelberg, Germany  
JAN 2016 Travel Grant @ **Programming Language Mentoring Workshop (PLMW)**, POPL, Florida, US  
MAR 2016 Travel Grant @ **Meddays '16**, Sophia-Antipolis, France

## LANGUAGES

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GREEK: Native speaker  
ENGLISH: **Fluent**, *Certificate of Proficiency, University of Michigan*  
GERMAN: **Intermediate**, *Zertifikat B1, Goethe Institute*  
FRENCH: **Beginner**, *A2.1, Supercomm Suisse SA*

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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**Musical Instrument:** Electric jazz guitar (Intermediate)  
**RGT Grade 6** (*distinction*)  
*UWLQ Level 3 Certificate in Music Performance*  
University of West London  
*Examiner:* Adam Moore BA(Hons), MMus, PGCE, FLCM

(Algorithmic) Music Composition, Films, Philosophy, Literature, Traveling

## REFERENCES

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**Philip Wadler**  
University of Edinburgh  
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**Wouter Swierstra**  
Utrecht University  
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