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Dr. Alkis (Alkiviadis) Gounaris was born in Athens, Greece. He teaches philosophy in postgraduate and lifelong learning programs. His areas of expertise are the Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, Philosophy of Cognitive Sciences, Ethics, Meta-ethics and Applied Ethics.

He studied Sports Sciences and then Philosophy at the University of Athens. From the same school he got a master's degree in Ethics and a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Mind under the supervision of Prof. Theodosios Pelegrinis. His Ph.D thesis, titled "Intentionality and the Emergence of Meaning" attempts a naturalistic approach to the human cognition, combining classical phenomenological theories with contemporary theories of emergence. According to this hypothesis, the cognitive procedure that we use to call "the meaning", is an emergent property of a certain system that includes each thinking subject together with its world.

He is a research fellow of the Applied Philosophy Research Lab since 2015 and his research interest focus on the Philosophy of Human Cognition and Artificial Intelligence.

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Education

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| PhD | Phd Degree in Philosophy of Mind, Department of Philosophy National and Kapodistrian University of Athens 2010 |
| MSc | Master Degree On Ethics, Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology National and Kapodistrian University of Athens 2007 |
| BA | University Degree in Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology National and Kapodistrian University of Athens 2006 |
| BSc | University Degree in Sport Science, School of Physical Education and Sport Science National and Kapodistrian University of Athens 1997 |

**Research - Publications - Announcements in Areas of Expertise:
Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, Philosophy of Cognitive Sciences and A.I.**

Since 2015 he is a Faculty Member and Pro Bono Research Fellow at the Applied Philosophy Research Lab | Department of Philosophy | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens | Greece. His area of expertise is the Philosophy of Human Cognition and Artificial Intelligence.

- 2018 Why Embodied Artificial Intelligence is not so Embodied? *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy*. V. 45, Philosophy of Cognitive Sciences. pp 9-14. (co authoring Georgina Abou Elkheir) DOI: 10.5840/wcp23201845911
- 2016 Information at Ockham's Razor. Symposium: Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence: Needs for New Foundations. 4th National Conference on the Philosophy of Science, Athens, Greece. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.21523.12325
- 2014 Can we talk about Intentionality in Eliminative Materialism? The point of view of Embodied Cognition Theories. 3rd National Conference on the Philosophy of Science, Athens, Greece. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.18587.11041
- 2013 Human Cognition and Artificial Intelligence: Searching for the fundamental differences of meaning in the boundaries of metaphysics. 4th National Conference on Cognitive Science, Athens Greece. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.17433.67681
- 2012 A Naturalistic Explanation of Meaning within Embodied Cognition Theories. 2nd National Conference on the Philosophy of Science. Athens, Greece. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.12610.22723/1
- 2011 Heidegger and Motorcycle Riding: The notions of embodied cognition and skillful coping as a research topic in Cognitive Sciences. 3rd National Conference on Cognitive Science. Paros, Greece.
- 2011 Heidegger, Neurosciences and the Exemption from the Descartes' Error. Philosophy and Neurosciences: Dasein Lab Workshop. Athens Greece. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.21334.70727
- 2011 Intentionality and the Emergence of Meaning. *Philosophia*. Annual Journal of the Research Centre for Greek Philosophy of the Academy of Athens, v.41. pp 319-321. ISSN 1105-2120
- 2010 Heidegger and Artificial Intelligence. Preface in Greek translation of the paper: Dreyfus, H. (2007). Why Heideggerian AI Failed and How Fixing It Would Require Making it More Heideggerian. *Philosophical Psychology*, (Routledge) Vol. 20, No. 2, 247-268

Publications - Announcements and Papers on Ethics:

- 2015 Is There Ethical Business? The quest for values in social entrepreneurship. Workshop: Ethics, values and economy: the role of social entrepreneurship. Municipality of Athens
- 2012 Corporate Social Responsibility. Express Newspaper Supplement 6/12 pp.16-17
- 2012 Six Easy Pieces of Political Philosophy. Original digital publication koutipandoras.gr
- 2012 Is There Ethical Voting? Original digital publication koutipandoras.gr
- 2008 Diagnostic Criteria on Psychiatric Ethics. *Journal of Hellenic Society of Phenomenological and Existential Analysis and Psychotherapy*. v4, pp.61-65
- 2008 From Business Ethics to Forced “Fair Play”. in: *Business Ethics*. pp. 191 -210.Athens:Sakkoulas A. Publications
- 2008 Business and Moral Responsibility. *CSR Review* [the Corporate Social Responsibility Magazine]. v3. pp.66-67
- 2008 Sexual Deviations: The Problem of Normality and the Ethical Tolerance. Dasein Lab Workshop
- 2007 Psychiatric Ethics: An Introduction to Ontological and Ethical Problems of Mental Health
- 2006 An approach to the meaning of the term “physei” in the Aristotelian political theory - connections with the modern ecology. Proceedings of the Symposium: Nature- Values and Environment, organized by University of Athens and the Messinian Prefecture
- 2006 Social Ecology and Communalism in Murray Bookchin’s Philosophy. Digital Proceedings of 2nd International Conference of Environmental Ethics, 2010 (2007, 2006)
- 2006 Terrorism, Civil Disobedience and the Right of Resistance in Modern Democracies. PGPEP. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 2006 The ontological foundation of environmental ethics in Heidegger. Workshop of PGPEP, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 2006 Heideggerian Ecophenomenology: Dasein- centricism or Deep Ecology?, PGPEP, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 2005 The concept of Kantian Perceptual Peace and the Convergence of Ethics and Politics. *Ithiki*. v 1.pp.23-31

- 2005 Terrorism and Armed Violence: Conceptual Differences, Ethical Valuation and Observation of the phenomenon in Democracy, focusing on the Greek experience. PGPEP. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
- 2005 Wittgenstein: Lecture On Ethics: The notion of Absolute Values and the naturalistic fallacy. PGPEP, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 2005 Wittgenstein: Lecture On Ethics: The influence of Paul Ernst. PGPEP, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Other Publications and Announcements:

- 2018 The Mission Box, without Alexandrou. Studio Mavromichali
- 2013 Hannah Arendt and the Banality of Evil. Original digital publication bookpress.gr
- 2013 Talking with Alice: The Philosophy as Answer to Stupidity. Original publication bookpress.gr
- 2012 Foucault and the Barbarian Invasions. Original digital publication koutipandoras.gr
- 2012 Philosophy for the masses vol.2. Original digital publication bookpress.gr
- 2011 Marquis de Sade: The Ethics of Evil. *Eleftherotypia* Newspaper. 5.2.11, Viliothiki supplement v.641
- 2011 Cognition and Reality. *Litteraterra*. v.4. pp. 47-62
- 2011 Prostíbulo Poético (Poetry and Philosophy). Original digital publication bookpress.gr
- 2010 Inception: The Metaphysics of a blockbuster film. Original digital publication bookpress.gr
- 2010 Philosophy for the masses. Original digital publication bookpress.gr.
- 2010 Sein zum Tode. Original digital publication filosofia.gr
- 2009 The classical arguments for the proof of existence and inexistence of God. Dasein Lab Workshop
- 2009 Why do we need philosophy today? Original digital publication filosofia.gr

Teaching Activities:

- 2018 Invited lecturer | Business Ethics | Athens Development and Destination Management Agency | Municipality of Athens | Greece.
- 2017- 18 Lecturer | History of Philosophy | Dasein Lab.
- 2014- 16 Adjunct lecturer | Introduction to Epistemology and Philosophy of Science | Specialized Educational Programs for Graduates Students | Plato Academy (MIS: 364499) | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens | Greece.
- 2013- 15 Adjunct lecturer | Bioethics and the development of Science | Short-term Educational Programs for Adult Citizens | Plato Academy (MIS: 364499) | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens | Greece.
- 2012- 15 Adjunct lecturer | Philosophy and Ethics of Technology | Postgraduate Program on Ethics | Faculty of Philosophy - Pedagogy and Psychology | Department of Philosophy | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens | Greece.
- 2012-15 Adjunct lecturer | Introduction to Philosophy: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics | Specialized Educational Programs for Graduates Students | Plato Academy (MIS: 364499) | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens | Greece.
- 2013 Adjunct lecturer | Philosophy of Language | Specialized Educational Programs for Graduates Students | Plato Academy (MIS: 364499) | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens | Greece.

Services the Academic Community:

- 2006- Today Organizer and Director of the Dasein Lab and Dasein Philosophy Café (2006 -2016). An open to public educational and philosophy program, affiliated with Hellenic Society for Ethics and the Postgraduate Program on Ethics of NKUA.
- 2013 Organizer and Chair in Symposium Titled: Humans and Robots: Common Principles and Substantial Differences, 4th National Conference on Cognitive Science, Athens Greece.
- 2013 Chair and Coordinator on CP57 Philosophy of Mind Session of the 23RD World Congress of Philosophy, Athens Greece.

- 2011 Chair and Coordinator of the works of Conference “Person - Nature - Society” organized by the department of Philosophy of NKUA and Hellenic Society for Ethics, Athens Greece.
- 2006- 10 Founder and member of the Board of the Hellenic Society for Ethics | www.ethics.gr

Memberships - Fellowships:

- 2018 -Today Lifetime Member of the Aristotelian Society UK
- 2018 - Today Research Fellow | “Progress in Practice” Research Institute | Hellenic Parliament
- 2011- Today Member of Hellenic Cognitive Science Society
- 2006 - Today Member of Hellenic Society for Ethics

Other Activities:

Besides his academic duties he writes scripts and he is a research consultant in documentary films. In 2011 his documentary titled “Only Words Continue” won the Grand FIPRESCI Award at the Thessaloniki Film Festival. In 2015 his documentary about mental health titled “Ψ - Psy” was an official selection of the Berlin Filmbox Festival.