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Stamatia Michalopoulou holds a B.A. (Hons) from the School of German Language and Literature of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2000).

In 2003 she was awarded a Master's Degree with Distinction in Applied Linguistics from the Department of Linguistics of the School of Philology of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), specializing in Acquisition of German as a Second Language (L2) by Greeks.

She is currently working towards the completion of her PhD, which focuses on the Acquisition of German as a Third Language by Greeks with L2 English.

Her main supervisor is Prof. Melita Stavrou – Sifaki (Department of Linguistics, School of Philology), the two other members of her supervising committee are Prof. Ianthi – Maria Tsimpli (School of English Language and Literature) and Prof. Athina Sioupi (School of German Language and Literature).



She worked as a German language teacher in private language schools for 4 years and in the private Primary School Arsakeio for 3 years. Since 2006 she has been teaching German in secondary state schools.

For two academic years (2007-2009) she was seconded from her school to the Department of German Language and Literature of AUTH in order to tutor the undergraduate students in the courses of language teaching methodology and to coordinate their microteaching training in the faculty and their teaching practice at the primary and secondary schools.



She was awarded scholarships from several institutions in order to attend seminars and training courses across Europe:

- Scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for studying *one semester* at the University of Konstanz, Germany (1999-2000)
- Scholarship from AUTH and the University Paul Valéry – Montpellier III for attending a *4-weeks summer course on French language and culture* in Montpellier, France (2002)
- Scholarship from the Greek Ministry of Education and the Hungarian Government for attending a *4-weeks summer course on Hungarian language and culture* at the University of Debrecen, Hungary (2003)

- Comenius-Scholarship for a 2-week *in-service training for Teachers of German as a foreign language* in Actilingua Academy in Wien, Austria (2006)
- Three scholarships from Goethe Institute in order to attend the following 2-weeks seminars in Germany:
 - *Teaching German as a foreign language at the primary education*, in Bremen (2005)
 - *German as a foreign language in the context of multilingualism*, in Berlin (2010)
 - *The 'political' Berlin*, in Berlin (2012)
- Grant award from the scholarship program "*Go Styria!*" for one-month research stay at the University of Graz, Austria (2012)



Her main research interests lie primarily in the areas of Second and Third Language Acquisition with special emphasis on Syntax within the Universal Grammar framework and Bilingualism.

She has presented her research work at several national and international conferences and seminars and has published her papers in the conference proceedings:

- Michalopoulou, St. (submitted) *The Null Subject Parameter in Greek and in German. A comparative study with regard to Foreign Language Acquisition*. Talk held at the International Congress: "Languages and Cultures in (inter)action", organized by the School of German Language and Literature of AUTH, on 25-28 May in Thessaloniki. (in Greek)
- Michalopoulou, St. (2011) *Null vs. Non-Null-Subject Languages. The case of acquiring German as a foreign Language by Greek adults with English as L2*. http://www.del.auth.gr/lessons/Kolloquium_Stamatia_Michalopoulou.pdf (in Greek)
- Michalopoulou, St. (2011) *Review of Theoretical and Experimental Approaches on Third Language Acquisition*. "Studies in Greek Linguistics", Proceedings of the 31st Annual Meeting of the Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Philosophy, AUTH, 16-18 April 2010, Thessaloniki, pp: 615-625. (in Greek)
- Michalopoulou, St. (2008) *Interdisciplinary in teaching a second foreign language at the primary education. A mythos that can become true*. "Issue of summaries of the talks given at the seminars of the Action 2.2 "Applying Foreign language programs at the primary education" of the Greek Ministry of Education", Athens, pp: 47-49. (in Greek)
- Michalopoulou, St. (2004) *Foreign Language Acquisition. An experimental approach on acquisition of word order by Greek adults who are learning German as a foreign language*. "Studies in Greek Linguistics", Proceedings of the 24th Annual Meeting of the Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Philosophy, AUTH, 9-11 May 2003, Thessaloniki, pp: 494-505. (in Greek)

She has attended and participated actively in numerous conferences, seminars and symposia on linguistics, educational matters and didactics.



She is a proficient user of English, German, French, Italian and Spanish and a basic user of Dutch and Hungarian.