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Maria Kaltsa is a postdoctoral researcher in the area of Psycholinguistics at the Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, School of English, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. She studied English Language and Literature at AUTH, and she holds an MPhil in Linguistics from the University of Cambridge (Funding: Cambridge European Trust 2006-2007), and a PhD from AUTH (2012). Her doctorate research (Dissertation Title: The Acquisition of Telicity in the Native Language) was funded by Heracleitus II (Award No: 86348). Prior to her employment at Aristotle University, she worked as a postdoctoral researcher for the Thalís Project: Bilingual Acquisition & Bilingual Education: The Development of Linguistic & Cognitive Abilities in Different Types of Bilingualism (BALED) in AUTH (2012–2015) and at the Centre for the Greek Language (2011-2015). In 2016, she received a Postdoctoral Research Award of Excellence & Innovation from the AUTH Research Committee and she is working on the lexical processing of Alzheimer's patients and since 2017 she has been working as a lecturer at Hellenic Open University. She has been lecturing at undergraduate and postgraduate courses on Psycholinguistics, Language Development, Language Processing, Applied Linguistics, Psychology of Reading and Research Methods. Her scientific interests involve lexicon, (morpho)syntax, interface phenomena, L1/L2 acquisition, multilingualism, first language attrition, language processing and developmental disorders. Currently her research focuses on the evaluation of language and cognitive skills in pre-term infants through the use of eye-tracking methodology, she holds a Postdoc Research Scholarship by IKY (Title: The Mental Lexicon of Bilingual Children: The Role of Linguistic & Cognitive Factors in Lexical Processing) and she is the Project Coordinator and Principal Investigator of the DemLENS project (Title: Linguistic Perspectives on Dementia: an investigation of lexical, syntactic & content complexity in the narratives of Greek speaking patients with Mild Cognitive Impairment and Alzheimer's Disease) funded by the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI).