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Research Interests

My main research focuses on the relationship between language, emotion, and mental illness. I follow an interdisciplinary approach, which combines insights and methods from the fields of Cognitive Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, and Social Semiotics. My thesis explores the role of figurative language –mainly metaphor and metonymy– in the expression of an intense and traumatic experience like depression. I investigate the interplay of metaphor and metonymy both linguistically, through written accounts, and multimodally, through visual representations in artworks, from people who have experienced the disorder. Additionally, I'm also interested in what role sadness –and its own role in social connection– plays in language use and comprehension.

Studies

2022-present: PhD candidate in General and Applied Linguistics, School of Greek Philology, Faculty of Philosophy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Dissertation: Conceptualizing depression: the linguistic and multimodal evidence.

2022: MA in General and Applied Linguistics, School of Greek Philology, Faculty of Philosophy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Thesis: Comparing figurative linguistic and visual instantiations in the conceptual domain of depression (Grade: 10/10).

Grade: 9.11/10

2019: BA in School of Greek Philology (Linguistics major), Faculty of Philosophy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Grade: 8.36 / 10

Conference Proceedings/Presentations

2023   Apokatanidis, E. "Metaphor and metonymy in artworks: the case of DEPRESSION". *7th International Conference on Figurative Thought and Language*, Genoa, Italy.

Apokatanidis, E. Forthcoming. "Talking about depression: experience and figurative language". In: *15th International Conference on Greek Linguistics* [ICGL15], University of Belgrade.

2022   Αποκατανίδου, Ε. "The only thing that was there was my brain and the dark cloud filled with rain: metaphors and metonymies of depression" [In Greek]. In: *Μελέτες για την ελληνική γλώσσα. Πρακτικά της 42ης Ετήσιας Συνάντησης του Τομέα Γλωσσολογίας της Φιλοσοφικής Σχολής του Α.Π.Θ. 5-8 Μαΐου 2022*, 453-461. Θεσσαλονίκη: ΙΝΣ.

2022   Apokatanidis, E. "Talking about depression: what does natural discourse reveal about the use of figurative language in Greek". *6th International Conference on Figurative Thought and Language*, Poznań, Poland.

2022   Apokatanidis, E. "'Universal' and cultural elements in the figurative verbo-visual representation of depression", Online Workshop 'Social and cultural aspects of language and their figurative potential', *Thessaloniki Cognitive Linguistics Research Group*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Awards and Scholarships

2023: Young Researcher Award (3rd place), *7th International Conference on Figurative Thought and Language*, Genoa, Italy.

2018: **Scholarship** in the Linguistics Department Library from the Department of Studies, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.