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Main Academic Interests

My research endeavours relate primarily to Construction Grammar (CxG) and Cognitive Linguistics, while also extending or opening up to insights from Applied Construction Grammar and Applied Linguistics. In the context of my doctoral research, my focus was mainly directed to conventionalised discourse-level constructions, dialogicity (in the sense of perspectivisation and intersubjectivity), (non-)compositionality/idiomaticity and their interrelationship with the Imperative and the semantic class of mental state verbs. Possible future lines of investigation are expected to include further constructional research, encompassing insights from syntax, semantics and discourse-pragmatics at a genre-specific level, with emphasis on emergent social media language use.

EDUCATION

- ◆ **PhD in Linguistics - School of Philosophy**, Dept.: English Language & Literature, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
 - Hons
 - 2014-2021
- ◆ **MA in Applied Linguistics - School of Philosophy**, Dept.: English Language & Literature, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
 - Valedictorian Summa Cum Laude, GPA:9.42/10
 - 2009-2011
- ◆ **BA in English & Greek Language & Literature** (Major: Linguistics) - School of Philosophy, Dept.: English Language & Literature, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
 - Valedictorian Summa Cum Laude, GPA:9.76/10
 - 2005-2009

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

- ◆ 2014 – 2017, **Fund no. 70/4/11099/2014-2017**, awarded for my doctoral research by the Special Funds Research Committee (EAKE) of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (Scientific Advisors: Prof. S. Marmaridou & Prof. K. Nikiforidou)
- ◆ 2015-2016, **1st Prize as Best Poster Presentation in the 6th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Bangor**, Wales, UK (18 – 22/7/2016), Poster Presentation Title: Mental state verbs in dialogic constructions" (V. Geka & S. Marmaridou); including part of my doctoral research
- ◆ 2015-2016, **The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leader Scholarship by Tokyo Sylff Foundation**, Japan; awarded for my doctoral research
- ◆ 2009, **Scholarship, Prize & Commendation by the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY)** for being the valedictorian summa cum laude for the Academic Year: 2008-2009
- ◆ 2009, **Pantia Ralli Scholarship, Prize & Commendation by the Department of Bequests of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens** for my study ethics and for being the valedictorian summa cum laude for the Academic Year: 2008-2009
- ◆ 2008, **Scholarship, Prize & Commendation by the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY)** for being the valedictorian summa cum laude for the Academic Year: 2007-2008
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- ◆ 2006, **Scholarship, Prize & Commendation by the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY)** for being the valedictorian summa cum laude for the Academic Year: 2005-2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ◆ 2022 – present **Teaching Faculty & Trainer of the National Centre of Public Administration and Local Government (EKDDA)**; the Greek strategic agent for the development of the Human Resources of the Public Administration and Local Government, supervised by the Minister of Interior.
- ◆ 2021 – present **Adjunct Professor of the Air Force NCO Academy** (Teaching English to 1st year students, undergraduate programme, Fall & Spring Semester)
- ◆ 2021 - present **Adjunct Professor of the Hellenic American University*** (Teaching Second Language Acquisition (SLA) at the post-graduate programme (Master's programme in Applied Linguistics, Fall Semester))

*Hellenic American University is a non-profit, United States Institution of higher education (established May 11, 2004) through an Act of the General Court of the State of New Hampshire, chartered in the Granite State.

- ◆ 2020- present **Deputy Director of the Centre for Applied Linguistics & Language Studies, Hellenic American Union**

- ◆ 2015- present **Adjunct Professor of the Hellenic Police Academy** (Teaching ESP to 3rd and 4th year students, undergraduate programme, Fall & Spring Semester)
- ◆ 2014-2020 **Academic Co-ordinator of the English Language Programme, Hellenic American Union**
- ◆ 2010-2014 **EFL Instructor, Hellenic American Union** (Teaching English to Young Learners, Adolescents & Adults)
- ◆ 2008 – 2016 **Research Associate of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens**
 - Junior Assistant in the Research Centre for the English Language (RCeL) of NKUOA
 - Project 1: Developing assessment and certification tools for foreign language competence: Preparing assessment tools measuring English language competence, responsible for quality control, EPEAEK II (1/2/2008 – 15/12/2008)
 - Project 2: Differentiated & Integrated National Foreign Language Competence Exams: Differentiated, Integrated and Adaptive Assessment tools measuring English language competence, ESPA (1/7/2011 – 28/2/2013)
 - Project 3: New policies for foreign language learning at school, The project of English for Young Learners (EYL/PEAP) – Development & Implementation, ESPA (1/3/2013 – 30/11/2013 & 8/1/2014 – 30/4/2014)
 - Project 4: Differentiated & Integrated National Foreign Language Competence Exams – Appraisal of Organisation and Administration of National Foreign Language Exams (KPG), ESPA (8/1/2014 – 30/4/2014 & 1/10/2014 – 31/12/2014)
 - In my capacity as a PhD Candidate, I participated in the research project of the Department of English Language & Literature: ‘Conducting Research in Language Corpora’, 1/3/2015 – 30/4/2015
 - In my capacity as a PhD Candidate, I participated in the research project of the Department of English Language & Literature: ‘Identifying expressions and language patterns of orality in language corpora, statistical analysis aiming at validity and representativeness, preliminary observations and annotations’, 23/5/2016 – 30/6/2016 & 10/10/2016 – 10/11/2016

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Geka, V., Marmaridou, S., & Nikiforidou, K. (2020). Dialogic constructions and discourse units: The case of THINK AGAIN. *Review of Cognitive Linguistics*, 18(2), 480-518.
- ◆ Geka, V. & Marmaridou, S. (2017). *Mental state verbs in dialogic constructions*. *Online Proceedings of UK-CLA*, Vol 4, 88-110.
- ◆ Γιαννακάκη, Μ. & Γκέκα, Β. (2013). «Η Φιλοσοφία Σχεδιασμού και Αναμόρφωσης του Εκπαιδευτικού Υλικού». Στο Β. Δενδρινού(επιμ.), *Τρία χρόνια ΠΕΑΠ. Από τον σχεδιασμό στην πράξη. Μελέτες για την Εφαρμογή του Προγράμματος Εκμάθησης της Αγγλικής σε Πρώιμη Παιδική Ηλικία* (σελ. 102-115), Αθήνα: ΕΚΠΑ. / Giannakaki, M. & Geka, V. (2013). The process of designing and revising the PEAP educational material. In V. Dendrinos (Ed.), *3 years of the EYL Programme: From Theory to Practice. Studies from the implementation of the EYL Programme* (pp. 102-115), Athens: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. [http://rcel.enl.uoa.gr/files/rcel/texts/PEAP_TOMOS.pdf, my translation]

PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ ‘Teacher Observation in HyFlex Educational Settings’ (with Karouni, K., Kontou, D., & Zimianitou, J.), (Paper accepted; Forthcoming 1-2 October 2022), 4th International Conference on Language Education & Research, Aristotle University, Research Dissemination Center, Thessaloniki, Greece
- ◆ ‘The case of MIND YOU as an intersubjective reformulation marker’ (with Marmaridou, S.), 17th International Pragmatics Conference, (27 June - 02 July 2021), IPrA, Winterthur, Switzerland
- ◆ ‘The contribution of constructions to dialogicity and discourse unit delimitation: A corpus-based analysis of THINK AGAIN, BELIEVE (YOU) ME/BELIEVE IT OR NOT and MIND YOU’, (25 November 2020), 2nd PhD Colloquium, Department of English Language & Literature, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
- ◆ ‘Dialogism and discourse constructions: The case of mind you’, The Beyond Meaning International Conference, (13 - 15 September 2017), Athens, Greece
- ◆ ‘Investigating Orality in Monologic Texts’, ESSE Doctoral Symposium, (28 – 29 August 2017), Thessaloniki, Greece
- ◆ ‘Grammatical constructions and discourse units: Mental state verbs as markers of dialogicity’ (with Marmaridou, S., & Nikiforidou, K.), 15th International Pragmatics Conference, (16 – 21 July 2017), IPrA, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- ◆ ‘Dialogic constructions: The case of Think Again’, 1st PhD Colloquium on Linguistics, (30 May 2017), Department of English Language & Literature, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
- ◆ ‘Mental state Verbs in Dialogic Constructions’, (with Marmaridou, S.) 6th International Conference in Cognitive Linguistics, (18-22 July 2016), 1st Prize Award, Bangor Wales, UK
- ◆ ‘Constructional Properties of Mental State Verbs in the Imperative’, 5th Symposium of Postgraduate Students of Applied Linguistics (18 April 2016), Department of English Language & Literature, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
- ◆ ‘A cognitive linguistic approach to idiomaticity in an EFL Context: From theory to practice’, 2nd Symposium of Postgraduate Students of Applied Linguistics, (22 December 2011), Department of English Language & Literature, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

INVITED WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

- ◆ Seminar Title: ‘Using Corpora: Getting to know the Sketch Engine Corpus Query System’, offered as part of the course: *Semantics & Lexicographic Applications* (Prof. S. Marmaridou), National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, November 2017
- ◆ Seminar Title: ‘Using Corpora: Getting to know the Sketch Engine Corpus Query System’, offered as part of the course: *Introduction to Lexicography* (Prof. K. Nikiforidou), National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, March 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATIONS

- ◆ Member of the *International Pragmatics Association* (IPrA)
- ◆ Member of the *Greek Applied Linguistics Association* (GALA), Thessaloniki

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- ◆ **Reviewer for:**
 - *Journal of Pragmatics*
- ◆ **Assessment Committee Member & Scientific Advisor, Hellenic Police Headquarters**
 - Member of the Assessment Committee responsible for assessing the linguistic competence of police personnel to be appointed as liaison officers in foreign countries (e.g., Embassy posts), November 2019
- ◆ **Educational Board Member, Assessment Committee Member, Rater & Trainer, Hellenic Police School of In-service Training & Further Education**
 - Scientific Advisor to the development of curriculum for the English training seminars on border control governance
 - Training police officers in English terminology to be used in border control governance, part of the State & European Programme 'Internal Security & Border Control' (16/5/2017 – 2/6/2017 & 1/11/2021 – 10/12/2021)
 - Rating linguistic competence of police officers for promotion purposes