



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens

School of Economics and Political Sciences

Faculty of Turkish Studies and Modern Asian Studies

Faculty Presentation

External Evaluation Process

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National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- Founded on April 14, 1837: the first University of Greece, in the Balkan peninsula and in the Eastern Mediterranean region
- Its first name was “Otto's University”, taken from the first King of Greece, Otto (1832-1862)
- 1837: 4 Faculties and 52 students
- Until the first decades of the 20th century, it had developed into the areas of *Medicine, Physics, Social Sciences, Law, Economics, Archaeology, Education* and the *Clergy*
- During the many years of its operation, it has evolved into a centre of excellence and science for Greece, with a significant contribution to the country's political, social, scientific, research and economic standing
- It is established as a centre of active participation in the social life of the country and beyond



National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- Addressing the challenges of our times, the steps taken by the UoA towards its rapid expansion are:
 - the establishment of new Faculties and Departments offering undergraduate programmes in new domains
 - the establishment of inter-Faculty and interdisciplinary postgraduate studies programmes, addressing modern societal and economic needs
 - the development of new laboratories, research centres and libraries, with a special focus on ICTs
 - the deployment of the University-wide e-class platform
 - consultancy and support services for academic and career progression
 - organised programmes and bilateral agreements with EU and other foreign academic and research institutions
 - the improvement of conditions for studying foreign languages and for teaching Greek as a foreign language, to the University's foreign students
- The UoA is a dynamic organisation with an evolving profile that actively supports the mobility of citizens and social change



National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- **2014:** UoA is the largest higher education institute in Greece
 - 8 Schools
 - 32 Faculties with 110,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 postgraduate students
 - 102 postgraduate studies programmes
 - 158 Scientific and Research Laboratories
 - 69 medical clinics (deployed in 4 University hospitals and in many other hospitals of Greece's NHS)
 - 6 central libraries
 - School of Greek as a Foreign Language (currently educating 1,600 students)
 - School of Foreign Languages
 - 2 student Halls of residence
 - more than 35 new free-access multimedia laboratories for students
 - a modern swimming pool
 - 2 modern physical training halls
- Currently, the largest higher education institute in Greece, one that is dynamically expanding despite the negative socio-economic conjuncture



National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

The Schools of the University

- *Law* (Faculty of Law)
- *Education* (Faculties of Early Childhood Education and of Primary Education)
- *Health Sciences* (Faculties of Dentistry, of Medicine, of Nursing and of Pharmacy)
- *Physical Education and Sport Science* (Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Science)
- *Philosophy* (Faculties of Philology, of English Language and Literature, of French L&L, of German L&L, of Italian L&L, of Spanish L&L, of Slavic Studies, of Theatre Studies, of History and Archaeology, of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology, and of Music Studies)



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The Schools of the University

- *Theology* (Faculties of Theology and of Social Theology)
- *Science* (Faculties of Biology, of Chemistry, of Geology and Geoenvironment, of Informatics and Telecommunications, of Mathematics, of the Philosophy and History of Science, and of Physics)

The School of Economics and Political Sciences

- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Communication and Mass Media
- Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration
- Faculty of Turkish Studies and Modern Asian Studies



Faculty Profile - Introduction

- Establishment: 2003, School of Philosophy
- June 2013: Merger with the (new) School of Economics and Political Sciences
- Long-standing requirement, both within the University of Athens and the academic community in general
- A Faculty in the domain of *Area Studies* (*Études Régionales, Raum Wissenschaften*)
- A Faculty focusing on the cognitive and cultural world of the Turkish language, history and culture; an innovation for the Greek academia





Faculty Profile - Introduction

• Aims and objectives

- bring the scientific study of language, history and culture of Turkey to Greece, leaving behind amateur approaches and non-scientific vulgarisations that have relied merely on sentiment;
- shed light on the long historical course of a cultural space, with which Hellenism, in its widest sense, has maintained close contacts for many centuries;
- produce scientists and specialised researchers with a thorough knowledge and understanding of the geographical and geo-cultural system of the Turkish world, and of its Middle Eastern and Asian geographical, geo-economic and geopolitical super-system;
- support the understanding and perception of the Turkish world, *inter alia*, by Greece's scientific and research community; and
- contribute to a better communication between the two neighbouring countries, on all levels of scientific, cultural, political, social and economic activity.

Bringing peoples and states closer together is feasible only if the necessary "capital" is invested in education, by comprehending and respecting the physiognomy, the particularities and, generally, the cultural level of the "Other"





Faculty Profile - Introduction

- **Basic operational facts and milestones**

- During the last years, the Faculty relies, almost exclusively, on specialised scientists
- Launch of co-operation schemes with Turkish Universities (Erasmus mobility programme)
- Recent election (and subsequent employment) of faculty members and pursuance of election procedures for appointing new faculty members
- Graduation of the first students

- **Prospects of the Faculty: promising and far-reaching**

- **Sound belief** that our academic presence will widen the scientific horizons of the current academic space, suppressing superficialities and allusion, eliminating brinkmanship in political theory and thought, overcoming deadlocks and syndromes

Significant contribution towards a self-confident knowledge and understanding, not only of the other side of the Aegean, but also of the wider super-systemic area of the Greater Middle East and Central Asia





Faculty Profile - People

Faculty Staff

- Ioannis Mazis, Professor, *Economic Geography and Geopolitics*
- Eleni Sella, Professor, *General Linguistics & Comparative Linguistics: Greek-Turkish*
- Eleni Kondyli, Associate Professor, *Arabic Studies: Classical Literature and Civilisation*
- Aimilia Themopoulou, Associate Professor, *Ottoman History*
- Ioannis Saridakis, Assistant Professor, *Corpus Linguistics and Translation*
- Antonis Deriziotis, Lecturer, *Turkey and Middle East*
- Efthymia Kanner, Lecturer, *Turkish Culture and Society*
- Maria Mavropoulou, Lecturer, *Turkish Language and Literature*
- Panagiotis Poulos, Lecturer, *Islamic Art*
- Vassiliki Hondroyanni, Lecturer, *Applied Linguistics: Didactics of Turkish*
- Kostas Gogos, elected Lecturer, *Modern Turkey: Political Islam*



Faculty Profile - Structure and Administration

- **Faculty Administration** (Temporary General Assembly)

- Professor Ioannis Mazis, Chair
- Professor Friederike Batsalia, Deputy Chair
- Professor Eleni Sella, member
- Eleni Kondyli, Associate Professor, member
- Aimilia Themopoulou, Associate Professor, member
- Ioannis Saridakis, Assistant Professor, member
- Antonis Deriziotis, Lecturer, member
- Efthymia Kanner, Lecturer, member
- Maria Mavropoulou, Lecturer, member
- Panagiotis Poulos, Lecturer, member

(following the recent appointment Dr. P. Poulos, the administration of the Faculty will soon become self-reliant; this will coincide with the integration of the Faculty into the School of Economics and Political Sciences)

- **Faculty Committees**

- Research Committee of the University (participation)
- ECTS Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Internal Evaluation Committee
- Hellenic National Academic Recognition Centre (participation)

- **Secretariat**

- Dimitra Pappou, Faculty Secretary





Faculty Profile - Education

Current Educational Profile, Basic Figures

- Undergraduate students (official years of studying, 2012-2013): **570**
- Student positions offered by the Faculty at Panhellenic (entry) exams: **90**
- Students admitted in 2013-2014 (active, January 2014): **101**
- Graduate students, as of January 2014: **28**
 - Student graduation (degree) average: **6.98/10**
- Teaching, basic figures
 - Two specialisation routes (cycles)
 - A: Language, Literature and Translation
 - B: History, Politics, Society and Economy
 - number of courses for graduation: **62**
 - of which compulsory: **58**
 - elective courses offered (Specialisation A: **19**; Specialisation B: **22**)
 - teaching hours required for graduation: Winter term **102**, Spring term **90**
 - number of weekly hours of supporting courses required for graduation: Winter term **12**, Spring term **9**
 - BA dissertation **compulsory** for graduation
- Postgraduate students (PhD level, January 2014): **27**





Faculty Profile - Education

E-learning programme

- Active participation in the electronic vocational training centre of the UoA and its training programmes
- At the level of the University, the programme currently runs its 33rd teaching cycle
- The Faculty has been participating in the programme since 2013

Current programme implemented by the Faculty:

- Issues of Geopolitics and Security in the Islamic Complex of Turkey and the Middle East
- Academic co-ordinator: Professor I. Th. Mazis
- Main courses taught:
 - Theory and Methodology of the Modern Systemic Geopolitical Analysis
 - Introduction to the German School of Geopolitics
 - Issues of Geopolitics and Security, and Developments in Space, in the Complex of Turkey and Middle East
 - Islam, Ideology and Politics
 - The Turkish Islamist Movement (Europe-Turkey)
 - Language and National Identity
 - Translation and Geopolitics
 - International Relations of Turkey (Russia, US, Arab countries)
 - Analysis of military capabilities and balances of power in the geo-system of the Greater Middle East
 - Applied Geopolitics, Strategy and Diplomacy in the Islamic complex of Turkey and the Middle East





Faculty Profile - Research

Laboratory of Geo-cultural Analyses of the Greater Middle East and Turkey

- Covering, on an undergraduate and postgraduate level, educational and research needs in fields, such as:
 - Economic Geography and Geopolitics, with a focus on Geo-cultural analysis and research
 - International Relations
 - Diplomatic History
 - Intercultural Studies, between Greece and countries of the Greater Middle East
- Developing educational programmes of basic and applied research in relevant fields
- Co-operating with research centres and academic institutions in Greece or abroad
- Organising lectures, workshops, seminars, symposia, conferences and other scientific activities
- Scientific publishing
- Providing services to individuals

No other similar centre in Greece for scientific development and research related to the Middle East and Turkey: A critical area for our country. Without prejudices and stereotypes, this aim covers a significant academic and research gap and addresses the need for a responsible scientific dialogue with the countries of the geographical complex, and, in all, supports not just the Greek academia, but also a wider socio-cultural dialogue.





Faculty Profile - Research

Laboratory of Socio-Linguistics, Turkish language, Translation and Interpreting

Scope

- Covering, on an undergraduate and postgraduate level, educational, research and scientific publishing needs, in fields such as:
 - Sociolinguistics
 - Translation and Interpreting Studies
 - Theoretical and Applied Linguistics*with a particular focus on Turkish, in its standard form and its sublanguages and varieties and on its relations with Greek, the rest of the European languages and the Middle-Asian languages.*
- Developing linguistic and translational resources of written and spoken discourse
- Developing methodologies and tools to support the study and research of written and spoken discourse production on an inter- and intra-linguistic level, the production of translations of reference texts, the creation of specialised lexical and terminological resources in the Faculty's areas of research and scientific focus
- Planning and offering programmes of language teaching and training and study courses
- Disseminating the Greek culture and the Greek scientific thought, through translation and interpreting
- Co-operating with research centres and academic institutions in Greece or abroad
- Organising lectures, workshops, seminars, symposia, conferences and other scientific activities
- Scientific publishing
- Providing services to individuals

The Laboratory accomplishes one of the strategic priorities of the Faculty: the study of Turkish with a specific sociolinguistic and translational approach, and hence, of the Turkish-speaking populations of Greece, Middle East and Turkey and of their relations with the Greek and European linguistic context. The Laboratory combines academic research and scientific practice – especially of Translation and Interpreting.



Faculty Profile - Academic Support Services

The Faculty Library

- Housed temporarily at the Linguistics Study Room of the School of Philosophy (at the Zografos University Campus)
- Promotes and disseminates the study of literature, language, linguistics, history, culture, political institutions and economy of Turkey
- Aims to cover all educational and research needs of the Faculty staff members and students and of affiliated researchers
- Currently holding **2,900** volumes
- A significant part of the collection comes from returns of the “Eudoxus” system of textbooks
- Part of the Faculty's budget goes to expanding the Faculty library
- On average, 15 students visit the Library on a daily basis

Other Library Services

- Subscriptions to journals and Greek unified online catalogue of collections, using the centralised system of Heal-Link (Hellenic Academic Libraries Link)
- The link partially supports also inter-library book loans
- VPN support for off-campus access to resources



Faculty Profile - Academic Support Services

The Faculty Computer Laboratory is...

- Located on the ground level of the Faculty building
- Equipped with:
 - twenty (20) networked modern personal computers, all Linux-based (currently running Linux Mint 14 and, exceptionally, Windows OS using the VirtualBox platform)
 - one 42-inch TFT display
 - two laser printers, one monochrome and one colour
 - one colour scanner
- Accessible to undergraduate and postgraduate students, serving also as a meeting room for students and teaching staff

This equipment is complemented by:

- 7 dedicated computer systems, located in the Laboratories room, running Linux and Windows OS, and specialised Corpus Linguistics and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software, and one colour laser printer/scanner device
- 3 personal computers, one per teaching room in the Faculty building (supported by TFT screens and data projectors), running Linux Mint 14



Faculty Profile - Academic Support Services

Main E- Services

The “My Studies” platform

- Online portal of the Faculty Secretaries of the UoA
- Students can:
 - browse the programme of studies of their Faculty
 - fill in the course identification forms, for their respective curricula
 - see their grades
 - apply for certificates

The “Eudoxus” system

- Online service for the integrated and immediate ordering and availing of textbooks to Faculty students
- Includes information on available textbooks for each individual course
- Provided by the Ministry of Education

The “E-Class” system

- ... is an integrated course management system
- supports asynchronous e-learning services using simple browsing
- incorporates ICTs in the teaching and learning process
- allows remote and structured self-management, storage and presentation of teaching materials
- creates and actively supports a dynamic teaching environment



Faculty Profile - Academic Support Services

Erasmus LLP Mobility

- Active participation, since 2006-2007
- Co-operation with foreign faculties and departments, especially with those in the field of Turkish Language and Literature, so that students:
 - improve their language skills
 - enrich their knowledge related to cultural and pragmatic aspects of the Turkish-speaking community
- Co-operations with:
 - Boğaziçi University
 - Istanbul University
 - Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University
 - Yeditepe University
 - Yıldız University
 - Trakya University
 - Ankara University (co-ordinated by: A. Themopoulou, Associate Professor)
 - Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO, Paris)
- Academic co-ordinator: Professor Eleni Sella
- Information for incoming Erasmus students provided in English:
<<http://en.turkmas.uoa.gr/erasmus.html>>



Faculty Profile - Academic Support Services

Student Stage (Internship) Programme

- Programme implemented in the context of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF/ESPA)
- Implementation, in co-operation with selected institutions active in:
 - History and culture
 - Politics and Economics
 - Language, Literature and Linguistics
- Aim: to provide young scholars and and researchers with the opportunity to improve their practical skills and effectively face the challenges of the contemporary labour market
- Open for: **29** students
 - improve their language skills
 - enrich their knowledge related to cultural and pragmatic aspects of the Turkish-speaking community
- Academic co-ordinator: Anthony Deriziotis, Lecturer



Faculty Profile - Academic Support Services

National Foreign Language Exam System (KPG)

- Since 2009, the Faculty is responsible for the KPG exams of Turkish
- Academic co-ordinator for the Faculty: Professor Eleni Sella
- *Aims*
 - having ensured a funding of € 3.5 million from the European Social Fund and the Greek state, to develop graded pen-and-paper exams for the three basic levels of language competence
 - to introduce ICTs in the examination system
- Past papers and examiner training schemes available online:
<<http://en.turkmas.uoa.gr/national-foreign-language-exam-system-kpg.html>>



Faculty Profile - Research and Publications

Scientific publications of the Faculty members, 2012-2013

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
2012-2013	10	20		18	3	7	2	4	14	
2011-2012	9	18		17	2	2		7	6	9
Total	19	38		35	5	9	2	11	20	9

Legend

A: Books and monographs

B: Papers published in peer-reviewed journals

C: Papers published in journals, no peer-reviewing

D : Papers published in conference proceedings, peer-reviewed

E: Papers published in conference proceedings, no peer-reviewing

F: Chapters in edited volumes

G : Volumes edited by a Faculty member

H: Other scientific publications

I: Presentations in peer-reviewed conferences, without publication of conference proceedings

J: Book reviews by Faculty members

(A detailed list of the most recent publications has already been included in the Faculty Presentation Folder)



Faculty Profile - Research and Publications

CIVITAS GENTIUM 

cg.turkmas.uoa.gr, ISSN: 1792-9474; Open Journal Systems (OJS) platform

- Publishes scientific papers, book reviews and opinions in the fields of:
 - Geographic Analytic Method of Geopolitics and Geostrategic Science;
 - National Defence and Diplomacy;
 - Languages and Cultures;
 - International and Public Law;
 - Human Rights;
 - Environment, including Modern Technologies;
 - Energy and Transport;
 - Crisis Management;
 - Risk Management;
 - Organisation and Administration;
 - Operational Research and Economics
- Peer-reviewed
- Indexed by: Index Copernicus (IC Journals Master List 2012 ICV 2012: 5.74; Social Sciences)
- Published already: 4 volumes (1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2)
- Director: Professor I. Mazis
- Editor: I.E. Saridakis, Assistant Professor



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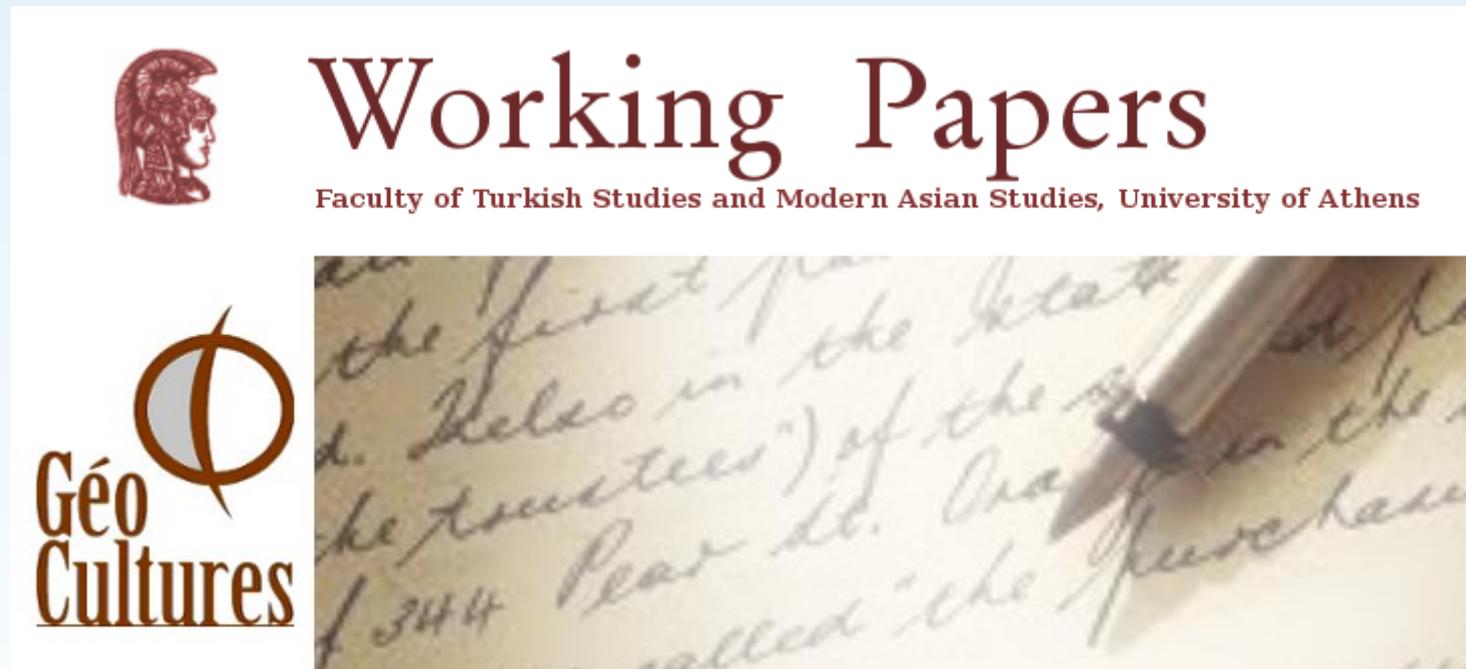
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Faculty Profile - Research and Publications

workingpapers.turkmas.uoa.gr, developed based on the Wordpress platform

- Established in 2013
- Publishes article preprints by members and researchers affiliated to the Faculty
- It aims to facilitate the dissemination and visibility of scientific and research work, both within the Faculty and internationally, by providing a platform for online, open access, publication and archival of preprints, in a citable format





Faculty Profile - Evaluation Process

- Constant and focused evaluation of all academic functions is a critical aspect of the operation of the Faculty
- Evaluation process: internal and external
- First Internal Evaluation Report (academic years 2009-2011), originally drafted in Greek
- Executive Summary of the Internal Evaluation Report, updated in January, 2014 as part of the External Evaluation Process of the Faculty, published in English only - includes data also from the academic years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Available also online.
- The evaluation covers all aspects of the Faculty's operation, with reference to supporting and annexed documents



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