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Areas of Specialization

Ancient philosophy, especially ancient metaphysics and late antique Greek philosophy.

Areas of Competence

Medieval/Byzantine philosophy; contemporary metaphysics; philosophical theology; patristics; philosophy of mind; ancient theories of ethics.

Positions

2019–2021: *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*

Austrian Academy of Sciences (Vienna, Austria)

Attached to the ERC project: *Neoplatonism and Abrahamic Traditions: A Comparative Analysis of the Middle East, Byzantium and the Latin West (9th–16th Centuries)*. Principle Investigator: Dragos Calma (UCD, Ireland).

Researching the late Byzantine reception of Proclus' metaphysics in (1) the commentator, Nicholas of Methone, and his context among other Byzantines on Proclus; and (2) the Palamite theological controversy.

Education

2014–2018: *PhD in Philosophy*

Munich School of Ancient Philosophy

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Munich, Germany)

Supervisor: Prof. Peter Adamson — Secondary Supervisor: Prof. Jan Opsomer

Dissertation: 'The First Principle in Late Neoplatonism: A Study of the One's Causality in Proclus and Damascius' *Magna cum Laude*.

2013–2014: *MSc by Research in Philosophy*

University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

Supervisor: Dr. Inna Kupreeva

Dissertation: 'Proclus and Plotinus on Self-Constitution in the One'

2012–2013: *MSc in Ancient Philosophy*

University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

Supervisor: Dr. Inna Kupreeva

Dissertation: 'Plotinus and Aristotle on the Simplicity of the Divine Intellect'

2006–2010: *BA in Liberal Arts (Philosophy/Theology)*

Thomas Aquinas College (Santa Paula, CA, USA)

Publications

The First Principle in Late Neoplatonism: A Study of the One's Causality in Proclus and Damascius. *Philosophia Antiqua*. Leiden: Brill, Forthcoming. [Expected late 2020.]

'Proclus on the Two Causal Models for the One's Production of Being: Reconciling the Relation of the Henads and the Limit/Unlimited', *International Journal of Platonic Tradition* 14, no. 1 (2020): 1–26.

'Proclus' Doctrine of Participation in Maximus the Confessor's *Centuries of Theology* I.48–50', *Studia Patristica* LXXV (2017): 137–48.

Publications under Review

'Proclus in Maximus the Confessor's Theory of *logoi* in *Ambiguum* 7, as Mediated Through John Philoponus and Pseudo-Dionysius'. Submitted May 2019; under review as a book chapter in the three-volume monograph series on the reception of Proclus' *Elements of Theology*.

Publications in Progress

Journal article: 'Nicholas of Methone and Thomas Aquinas on Participation and Divine Causality in Proclus'. Planned submission mid-2020.

Book chapter on Damascius' use of dialectic and aporia in Aristotle. Planned submission mid-2020.

Journal article: 'Damascius on the *Parmenides*' First Hypothesis'. Planned submission mid-2020.

Journal article on Proclus' reception in the late Byzantine theological dispute between Gregory Palamas, Palamas' supporters, and Palamas' critics (14th cent. AD). Planned submission late 2020.

Journal article on Nicholas of Methone in relation to previous Byzantines on Proclus' metaphysics. Planned submission mid-2021.

Journal article: 'The Metaphysics of Self-Constitution in Proclus'. Planned submission late 2020.

Journal article: 'Proclus on Sensible Substance'. Planned submission early 2021.

Teaching Experience

Summer Semester 2018 (Apr.–Jul.)

BA Seminar (LMU Munich): 'Ancient Philosophical Theology'

Survey course on philosophical views about God or the gods and the study of first principles from the Presocratics to Plato, Aristotle, late Hellenistic philosophers (Epicureans, Stoics), into Neoplatonists, with a brief look at their reception in early Christians.

Winter Semester 2017–18 (Oct.–Feb.) — Co-Instructor with Máté Herner

BA Seminar (LMU Munich): 'Mind and Soul in Platonism'

Survey course on the nature of soul, soul's relation to body, and the relation of soul and mind in the Platonic tradition—from Plato to Aristotle, Plotinus, and Galen.

Invited Presentations

December 2019: 'Nicholas of Methone on Divine Ideas: Between Proclus and the Early Byzantines' — workshop, Divine Ideas, org. by Dragos Calma (University College Dublin).

June 2019: 'Damascius' Inheritance of Proclus' Reading of the *Parmenides*' First Hypothesis' — panel, *The Realm of the One* (David Butorac, Sarah Klitenic Wear), at the Int'l. Society for Neoplatonic Studies 2019.

May 2019: 'Nicholas of Methone on Participation in His Critique of Proclus' — workshop, Vienna Colloquium in Byzantine Philosophy (University of Vienna).

January 2019: Commentary on Prof. Luca Gili, 'Ammonius, Philoponus, and the Activity of Syllogizing' — conference, *Logic and Exegesis: The Logical Reconstruction of Arguments in the Greek Commentary Tradition* (De Wulf-Mansion Centre for Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Philosophy—KU Leuven).

May 2017: 'On the circle–radii–center analogy to divine causality in Plotinus, Proclus, and Damascius, and its legacy' — colloquium presentation (Latin Philology, LMU Munich).

April 2017: 'Proclus and Damascius on the One's causality' — Northern Association for Ancient Philosophy 2017 (University of Edinburgh).

March 2017: 'Damascius on the One's causality as 'All Things' (*ta panta*)' — colloquium presentation (KU Leuven).

January 2017: 'Damascius on the One's causality as 'All Things' (*ta panta*)' — colloquium presentation (University of Bonn).

December 2016: 'Damascius on causality and the Ineffable in *De Principiis* I' — colloquium presentation (University of Cologne).

Select Presentations

July 2019: 'The Ground of Being in the Parmenides' First and Second Hypotheses: Damascius' Inheritance of Proclus' Reading of the First Hypothesis' — *Symposium Platonicum XII* (Paris).

July 2019: 'Thomas Aquinas and Nicholas of Methone on Divine Causality in Their Critiques of Proclus and Use of Ps.-Dionysius' — *Symposium Thomisticum IV* (Collegio Irlandese, Rome).

December 2017: On the elements in Plato's *Timaeus* 52d–57d — research group presentation (Munich School of Ancient Philosophy—LMU Munich).

November 2017: Participation and Sensible Substance in Plotinus and Proclus — colloquium presentation (Munich School of Ancient Philosophy—LMU Munich).

June 2017: 'The participated/unparticipated distinction in Plotinus and Proclus' — International Society for Neoplatonic Studies 2017 (Palacký University Olomouc, CZ).

January 2017: 'Damascius on the One's causality: A critical re-assessment of Proclus, and an implicit turn back to Plotinus' — colloquium presentation (Munich School of Ancient Philosophy—LMU Munich).

December 2016: Plato's *Phaedo* 72e–77a — research group presentation (Munich School of Ancient Philosophy—LMU Munich).

June 2016: 'Proclus on the One's mediated causality: Two problems' — colloquium presentation (Munich School of Ancient Philosophy—LMU Munich).

May 2016: Plotinus' *Ennead* III.7.3 ('On Eternity and Time') — research group presentation (Munich School of Ancient Philosophy—LMU Munich).

February 2016: 'Damascius on causality: The reception and transformation of Proclus' framework' — Workshop in Ancient Philosophy (HU Berlin – LMU Munich).

August 2015: 'A Study of Proclus' doctrine of participation in Maximus the Confessor's *Centuries of Theology and Economy* I.48–50' — XVII. International Conference on Patristics Studies (University of Oxford).

May 2015: 'Two-sided choice and the wise man in *De Fato* 29 (199.25–200.12)' — colloquium presentation (LMU Munich).

July 2014: 'The relation of *hypostasis* and *authupostaton* in Proclus' — Arxai conference (Istanbul).

June 2014: 'Plotinus and Aristotle on simplicity in divine self-thinking thought' — International Society for Neoplatonic Studies 2014 (University of Lisbon).

Conferences Organized

Spring 2021 [forthcoming]: Conference on the Byzantine commentator on Proclus, Nicholas of Methone: his thought, context, and influence. Co-organized with Dragos Calma and Joshua Robinson.

October 5–6, 2017: 'Philosophy in Byzantium: The Order of Nature and Order of Humankind' (LMU Munich)
Co-organized with Peter Adamson and Dimitrios Vasilakis.

June 14, 2017: Conference panel for ISNS 2017, 'Form and Participation in Graeco-Arabic Neoplatonism' (Olomouc, CZ)
Co-organized with Bethany Somma.

Awards and Grants

2014–2017: Munich School of Ancient Philosophy (LMU Munich) Research Fellowship.

2014: Highly Commended Dissertation Award, by the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences (University of Edinburgh).

2013: Dissertation distinction for the MSc Ancient Philosophy degree.

Languages

Ancient Greek, Latin, German, French (reading competence), Italian (basic reading competence).

References

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