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Born: August 19, 1968 /Athens, Greece

ACADEMIC CAREER

Since 2011 **University of Athens, Greece**
Professor of Philosophy of the Social Sciences

2004 - 2011 **Witten/Herdecke University, Germany**
Professor of Economics and Philosophy
Chair Holder of the Endowed Chair in Economics and Philosophy

Winter Semester 2008/
2009 and
Summer Semester 2006 **Maison des Sciences de l' Homme, Paris, France**
Visiting Scholar

Spring Semester 2004 **Harvard University, U.S.A.**
Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy

Sept. 2001-Sept. 2004 **Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn, Germany**
Senior Fellow

Aug.- October 2002 **Harvard University, U.S.A.**
Visiting Scholar, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies

Acad. Year 2000-2001 **Stanford University, U.S.A.**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

June 1999 - Sept. 2000 **University of Freiburg, Germany**
Privatdozent, Department of Economics

June 1999 - Sept. 2000 **University of Bayreuth, Germany**
Privatdozent, Department of Law and Economics. *Habilitation* (qualification for a Full Professorship in the German academic system). *Habilitation* - thesis: "Individuals, Institutions and

Markets” Cambridge University Press, series: “The Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions”.

April 1999 - June 1999 **University of Freiburg, Germany**
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

Oct. 1997 - March 1999 **Military Service in the Greek Army**

April 1995 - Sept. 1997 **University of Freiburg, Germany**
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

SHORT-TERM VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Oct. 2013 - Nov. 2013 **Princeton University, University Center for Human Values,
U.S.A.**

Nov. 1994 - Dec. 1994 **George Mason University, Center for the Study of Public
Choice, U.S.A.**

EDUCATION

2003 **University of Tübingen, Germany**
Ph.D. in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy
Thesis: “Hermeneutische Irrwege und Auswege” (*Naturalistic Hermeneutics*, Cambridge University Press, 2005). Best Dissertation Award

1992 **University of Tübingen, Germany**
Ph. D. in Economics, Department of Economics
Thesis: “Theory of Competition”
DAAD Scholarship (German Academic Exchange System)

April 1989 - Sept. 1989 **University of Würzburg, Germany**
Visiting Graduate Student, Department of Philosophy

1989 **University of Athens, Greece**
Bachelor in Economics. Department of Economics. Bachelor earned in 5 semesters instead of the normal 8 - a first time in the history of the department. Grade: Excellent 8,5/10.
Greek State Scholarship

1980 - 1986 **German School of Athens, Greece**
Final Grade: 20/20. Best grade in school. First among ca. 145.000 high-school students in Greece in the National Greek Entrance Exams for the Greek universities in June 1986

INVITED LECTURES (SELECTION)

- 2015** Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar, Cartagena (School of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 2015** EAFIT University, Medellín (School of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 2013** University of Pittsburgh (Center for Philosophy of Science)
- 2012** University of St. Gallen (School of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 2012** Technical University of Munich (Munich Center for Technology in Society)
- 2011** University of Bielefeld (Department of Philosophy)
- 2009** University of Oxford (Balliol College)
- 2009** Université Paris Sorbonne-Paris IV, (Department of Philosophy and Sociology)
- 2009** University of Hannover (Center for Philosophy and Ethics of Science)
- 2008** Université Paris Sorbonne-Paris IV, (Department of Economics)
- 2007** University of Duisburg-Essen (Department of Economics)
- 2006** Université Paris Sorbonne-Paris IV, (Department of Economics)
- 2006** Université Paris Dauphine-Paris IX, (Department of Organisational Studies)
- 2005** University of Athens, (Department of Philosophy and History of Science)
- 2005** Max Planck Institute for Research into Economic Systems (Jena)
- 2005** Tilburg University, (Center for Law and Economics)
- 2004** Harvard University, (Department of Government)
- 2004** Yale University, (Department of Political Science)
- 2004** Rotterdam University, (Department of Philosophy)
- 2003** Guatemala City, Twelfth Cycle of Economic Lectures, Keynote Speaker (Bank of Guatemala)
- 2002** University of Erfurt (Faculty of Social Science)
- 2001** Stanford University (Hoover Institution)
- 2000** Stanford University (Institute for International Studies)
- 1997** University of Jena (Department of Economics)
- 1996** Washington University in St. Louis (Department of Economics)
- 1995** University of Bayreuth (Faculty of Law and Economics)
- 1994** University of Freiburg (Institute for Economic Development)

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

XXIII. Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie, Münster, Germany, 28 September - 2 October 2014, “Explanatory Pluralism”

3rd European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, 10 -12 September 2014, “Explanatory Games”

1st Conference of the Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsphilosophie, Hannover, Germany, 11-14 March 2013, Keynote Lecture, “Explanatory Games”

International Congress of the Society for Analytical Philosophy (GAP), Konstanz, Germany, 17th - 20th September 2012, “Explanatory Games”

Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Stirling, UK, 6th – 8th July 2012, “Explanatory Games”

14th Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Nancy, 19th - 26th July 2011, “Which Theory of Explanation for the Social Sciences? Unificationist, Mechanistic or Manipulationist?”

International Conference on **Current Topics in the Philosophy of the Human Sciences**, Technical University of Berlin, 18th – 20th June 2010, “Explanations of *Meaningful Actions*”

International Conference on **Collective Knowledge and Epistemic Trust**, Institute for Advanced Study, Greifswald, 5th – 9th May, 2010, “Distrust in Science and Technology in the Acceptance of Technological Risk”

105. Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Toronto, Canada, 3rd – 6th September 2009, “How to Explain Meaningful Actions”

XXII. World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, Korea, 3rd – 5th July, “How to Explain Meaningful Actions”

International Conference on **What Good is Historical Epistemology?**, Max Planck Institute for History of Science, Berlin, 24th – 26th July 2008, “Epistemic Objects”

13th International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Beijing, China, 9th – 15th August 2007, “Human Actions as Meaningful Events”

Annual Meetings of the International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE), Barcelona, Spain, 22nd – 24th September 2005, “The Institutional-Evolutionary Antitrust Model”

EDITORSHIPS

Philosophy Section Editor for the 2nd Edition of the **International Encyclopedia for the Social and Behavioral Sciences**, 2015 (succeeding Philip Pettit and Axel Honneth).

Member of the **Comité de rédaction de L` Année Sociologique**

COURSES TAUGHT

Ethics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Economics, Social Philosophy, Hermeneutics, Causality: Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice, Theories of Explanation, Introduction to Logic, Philosophy of Mind, Ethics and Economics, Political Economy, Principles of Economic Policy, European Union: Institutional Aspects, Competition Theory and Policy,

International Economics, New Institutional Economics, Theory of Institutions

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Universität Witten/Herdecke, June 11-14, 2007, on **Explanation in the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice**

Stanford University, June 25-27, 2001 on **Ideas about Social, Political and Economic Change. Theory and Empirical Evidence** co-organized with Douglass North

Stanford University, February 1-3, 2001, on **Politics, Markets, and Social Change** co-organized with Douglass North

Washington University at St. Louis, December 1-3, 2001, on **Beliefs, Institutions and Social Change** co-organized with Douglass North

The Airlie Conference Center, Arlington, Virginia, October 27-29, 2000 on **Cognition, Learning and Social Change** co-organized with Douglass North

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

3rd European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences Conference, Madrid, September 2014

23rd World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, August 2013

14th Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Nancy, July 2011

IX Conference of the International Network for Economic Methodology, Helsinki, September 2011

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Organizer of the **Witten Lectures in Economics and Philosophy** (<http://wittenlectures.org>)

An annual prize of 15000 EURO is awarded to a major figure in the area of Economics and Philosophy who delivers two lectures. For 2007 the prize has been awarded to Kenneth Arrow, Nobel Laureate of Economics in 1972, for 2008 the prize has been awarded to Thomas Schelling, Nobel Laureate of Economics in 2005 and for 2009 to George Akerlof, Nobel Laureate of Economics in 2001. An international committee decides the recipient of the award and the appointment as Witten Lecturer. It consists of:

Prof. C. Mantzavinos, University of Athens, Chairman (ex officio)
 Prof. Christian List, London School of Economics and Political Science, editor of *Economics and Philosophy* (ex officio)
 Prof. Hans Albert, University of Mannheim
 Prof. Luc Bovens, London School of Economics and Political Science
 Prof. Geoffrey Brennan, Australian National University and Duke University
 Prof. John Broome, University of Oxford
 Prof. Uskali Mäki, Academy of Finland
 Prof. Philip Pettit, Princeton University

RESEARCH GRANTS **Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)**, Project Name: *On the Compatibility of the Unificationist and Mechanistic Approach of Explanation*, 2010-2011, 90.000 €

Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Project Name: *What Kind of Problem is the Hermeneutic Circle?*, 2008-2009, supporting a visit at Maison des Sciences de l' Homme, Paris, 12.000€

Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Project Name: *Explanation in the Social Sciences*, 2007, for the organization of an international conference at Witten/Herdecke University, 35.000€

Private Sponsors, Project Name: *Witten Lectures in Economics and Philosophy*, 2006, for the organization of the lectures and the accompanying award, 100.000€

German Marshall Fund of the United States, Project Name: *Individuals, Institutions and Markets*, 1999, for a short visit at the Center for the Study of Public Choice, George Mason University, 5000\$

Robert Bosch Foundation, Project Name: *Rationality in the Social Sciences*, 1995, for a short visit at the Maison des Sciences de l' Homme, Paris, 3000 DM

DAAD (German Academic Exchange System), Project Name: *Theory of Competition*, 1989-1992, full funding of Ph.D.-Thesis, 60.000 DM

AWARDS Best Dissertation Award of the Faculty of Philosophy and History of the University of Tübingen, 2004

LANGUAGES Greek (native), German, English, French. Ancient Greek and Latin.

MEMBERSHIPS American Philosophical Association, American Economic Association, American Political Science Association, Verein für

Socialpolitik, International Society for New Institutional
Economics, Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie

PERSONAL WEBSITE www.mantzavinos.org

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

I. BOOKS

1. **Explanatory Pluralism**, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

2. **Naturalistic Hermeneutics**, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Naturalistische Hermeneutik, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck (Series: Die Einheit der Gesellschaftswissenschaften), 2006.

Herméneutique Naturaliste, Presses Universitaires Paris Sorbonne, 2012.

3. **Individuals, Institutions, and Markets**, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, (Series: The Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions), 2001.

Individuen, Institutionen und Märkte, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, (Series: Die Einheit der Gesellschaftswissenschaften), 2007.

Individus, Institutions et Marchés, Presses Universitaires de France, 2008.

Chinese Translation, Chnagchun Publishing House, 2009.

4. **Wettbewerbstheorie (Theory of Competition)**, Berlin: Duncker & Humblot, 1994.

II. EDITED BOOK

Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.

III. EDITED FESTSCHRIFT

-(with Frank Daumann and Stefan Okruch): **Wettbewerb und Gesundheitswesen: Konzeptionen und Felder ordnungsökonomischen Wirkens. Festschrift für Peter Oberender zu seinem 65. Geburtstag**, Schriftenreihe Andrassy Universität, 2006.

IV. ARTICLES

1. **Hermeneutics**, in: *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, forthcoming.
2. **Scientific Explanation**, in: *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition, vol. 21, 2015, pp. 302-307.
3. **Text Interpretation as a Scientific Activity**, in: *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, vol. 45, 2014, pp. 45-58.
4. **A Comment on the Legitimacy of Intervention**, in: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, vol. 170 (1), 2014, pp. 96-99.
5. **O círculo hermenêutico. Que problema é este?**, in: *Tempo Social*, vol. 26, no. 2, 2014, pp. 57-69.
6. **Explanatory Games**, in: *The Journal of Philosophy*, vol. CX, Nov. 2013, pp. 606-632.
7. **Le Cercle Herméneutique. De Quel Type de Problème S'Agit-il ?**, in: *L'Année Sociologique*, vol. 63, 2013, pp. 509-526.
8. **Faye's Naturalistic Reconstruction of the Humanities**, in: *Metascience*, vol. 22, 2013, pp. 105-110.
9. **Explanations of Meaningful Actions**, in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, vol. 42, June 2012, pp. 224-238.
10. **The Ethical Project. A Dialogue**, in: *Analyse und Kritik*, vol 34, 2012, pp. 21-38.
11. **Föderalismus und individuelle Freiheit**, in: *Zur Zukunft des Wettbewerbs*, (eds): Harald Enke and Adolf Wagner, Marburg: Metropolis Verlag, 2012, pp. 15-37.

12. **Institutions**, in: *The SAGE Handbook of Philosophy of Social Science*, (eds.) Jarvie, Ian C. and Zamora-Bonilla, Jesús, SAGE Publications, 2011, pp. 399-412.
13. **Ti Eidous Provlima Einai o Ermineytikos Kyklos**, (in Greek) in: *Festschrift for Petros Gemtos*, Sakkoulas Publishers, Athens, 2012, pp. 495-510
14. **Federalism and Individual Liberty: A Rejoinder**, in: *Constitutional Political Economy*, vol. 22, 2011, pp. 198-199.
(Reply to Kirchgässner, G., & Schelker, M.: **Federalism and Exit Costs. A Comment on: C. Mantzavinos, Federalism and Individual Liberty**, in: *Constitutional Political Economy*, vol. 22, 2011, pp. 191-197.)
15. **Federalism and Individual Liberty**, in: *Constitutional Political Economy*, vol. 21, 2010, pp. 101-118.
16. **Der Beitrag Erich Hoppmanns**, in: *Evolution und freiheitlicher Wettbewerb. Erich Hoppmann und die aktuelle Diskussion*, (ed.) Viktor Vanberg, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010, pp. 23-33.
17. **Introduction**, in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice*, Mantzavinos C. (ed.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp.1-3.
18. **What Kind of Problem Is The Hermeneutic Circle?**, in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Philosophical Theory and Scientific Practice*, Mantzavinos C. (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 299-311.
19. (with Douglass C. North and Syed Shariq): **Apprentissage, Institutions et Performance Économique**, in: *L'Année sociologique*, vol. 59, No. 2, 2009, pp. 469-492.
20. **A Note on Methodological Individualism**, in: *Raymond Boudon. A Life in Sociology*, (eds.) Cherkaoui, Mohamed and Peter Hamilton, Oxford: Bardwell Press, 2009, pp. 211-215.
21. **Was für ein Problem ist der hermeneutische Zirkel?** in: *Analyse und Kritik*, vol. 30, 2008, pp.601-612.

22. **On Don Ross's Defence of Neoclassical Economics**, in: *Journal of Economic Methodology*, vol. 15, 2008, pp. 305-307.

23. **Zur Verteidigung des institutionenökonomisch-evolutionären Wettbewerbsleitbildes**, in: *ORDO*, vol. 58, 2007, pp. 155-164.

24. **Interpreting the Rules of the Game**, in: (eds.) Engel, Christoph and Strack, Fritz: *The Impact of Court Procedure on the Psychology of Judicial Decision Making*, Baden-Baden, Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2007, pp. 13-30.

25. **Tradition and Evolution as a Problem in the Theory of Institutions** (in Greek), in: *Nefsis*, vol. 15, 2007, pp. 153-173.

26. **The Institutional-Evolutionary Antitrust Model**, in: *European Journal of Law and Economics*, vol. 22, 2006, pp. 273-291.

27. **The Role of Definitions in Institutional Analysis**, in: (eds.) Daumann, Frank, Mantzavinos, C. and Okruch, Stefan: *Wettbewerb und Gesundheitswesen: Konzeptionen und Felder ordnungsökonomischen Wirkens. Festschrift für Peter Oberender zu seinem 65. Geburtstag*, Schriftenreihe Andrassy Universität, 2006, pp. 85-94.

28. **Comment on Nancy Cartwright's 'Against the System'**, in: (eds.), Engel, Christoph and Daston, Lorraine: *Is there Value in Inconsistency?*, Baden - Baden: Nomos-Verlagsgesellschaft, 2006, pp. 57-62.

29. (with Douglass C. North and Syed Shariq): **Lernen, Institutionen und Wirtschaftsleistung**, in: *Analyse und Kritik*, Vol. 27, Heft 2, 2005, pp. 320-337.

30. **Das institutionenökonomische-evolutionäre Wettbewerbsleitbild**, in: *Jahrbücher von Nationalökonomie und Statistik*, vol. 225, 2005, pp. 205-224.

-Full paper as a reply by Schmidtchen, Dieter: **Wettbewerbsschutz durch regelgeleitete Wettbewerbspolitik – Anmerkungen zum institutionenökonomisch-evolutionären Wettbewerbsleitbild**, in: *ORDO*, vol. 57, 2006, pp. 165-189.

31. (with Douglass C. North and Syed, Shariq): **Learning, Institutions and Economic Performance**, in: *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 2. No 1, 2004, pp. 75-84.
32. **Beyond Homo Oeconomicus and Homo Sociologicus** reprint from chapter 4 of **Individuals, Institutions, and Markets**, in: (eds.) Boudon, Raymond, Cherkaoui, Mohamed and Demeulenaere, Pierre: *The European Tradition in Qualitative Research*, vol. IV, London: SAGE Publications, 2003, pp. 421-426.
33. **Comments on Ekkehart Schlicht's, Aesthetecism in the Theory of Custom**, in: *Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines*, vol. 11, 2001, pp. 705-708.
34. **Kommentar zu Hermann Sautter, Menschenrechte und Menschenrechtsstandards im Globalisierungsprozess**, in: *Jahrbuch für Neue Politische Ökonomie*, vol. 19, 2000, pp. 277-279.
35. **Carl Menger und die Wettbewerbstheorie**, in: *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*, vol. 219, 1999, pp. 685-691.
36. (with Viktor Vanberg): **Sozialpolitik und Standortwettbewerb: die ordnungspolitische Perspektive**, in: (ed.) Bernhard Külp: *Arbeitsmarkt und Arbeitslosigkeit*, Rudolf Haufe Verlag, Freiburg 1996, pp. 315-343.
37. **Positive und normative Wettbewerbstheorie: der Versuch einer Systematisierung**, in: (ed.) Alfred E. Ott: *Probleme der unvollkommenen Konkurrenz*, Francke Verlag, Tübingen and Basel, 1994, pp. 65-73.
38. **Contestable Markets, das neoklassische Marktmodell und die Wettbewerbstheorie**, in: *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*, vol. 209, 1992, pp. 60-66.

V. BOOK REVIEWS

1. Pies, Ingo und Martin, Leschke: **Karl Poppers kritischer Rationalismus**, Tübingen: J.C.B.Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1999, in: *ORDO*, vol. 51, 2000, pp. 481-484.
2. Johnson, Ronald N. and Libecap, Gary D.: **The Federal Civil Service System and the Problem of Bureaucracy**, Chicago and London 1994, The University of Chicago Press, in: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, vol. 154, no. 2, June 1998, pp. 458-460.
3. Koslowski, Peter: **Politik und Ökonomik bei Aristoteles**, 3rd. rev. ed., Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1993, in: *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*, vol. 212, pp. 566-567.