

Constantine Paidas was born in 1974. He studied Greek Philology, specializing in Byzantine and Modern Greek Philology, in the Department of Philology of the University of Crete (1992 – 1996). In July of 1997, he was given a place on the doctoral programme in Byzantine Philology in the Department of Greek Philology of the Democritus University of Thrace and in December 2002, he successfully defended his doctorate, with a thesis on *The Subject Matter of Byzantine “Mirrors of Princes” of the Early and Mid Byzantine Periods (398 – 1085)*, and was awarded the degree of Ph.D in Byzantine Philology in April 2003.

Along with his doctoral studies, over the years 1997–2000, he attended the Open Postgraduate Seminar, conducted by Prof. N. Oikonomides and Prof. S. Troianos, both of the University of Athens, at the Institute of Historical Research (Section of Byzantine Research) at the National Hellenic Research Foundation.

From March 2003 to May 2004, he performed his military service in the Hellenic Air Force.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023- present: Professor of Byzantine Literature, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Faculty of Philology
- 2019-2023: Associate Professor of Byzantine Literature, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Faculty of Philology
- 2013-2019: Assistant Professor of Byzantine Literature, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Faculty of Philology
- 2009-2013: Lecturer in Byzantine Literature, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Faculty of Philology
- 2009: Adjunct Professor in Byzantine Literature, University of Patras, Greece, Department of Philology
- 2008: Adjunct Professor in Byzantine Literature, University of Patras, Greece, Department of Philology
- 2007-2008: Adjunct Professor in Byzantine Literature, University of the Peloponnese, Greece, Department of Philology

- 2005-2008: Adjunct Professor in Byzantine Literature, University of the Peloponnese, Greece, Department of History, Archaeology and Cultural Resources Management

TEACHING, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESEARCH WORK

In addition to teaching on the regular undergraduate programme of the Faculty of Philology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Constantine Paidas has taught continuously from 2010 on the Specialized Postgraduate Programme in Byzantine Philology (previously entitled *Korais* and currently entitled *Arethas*) of the Faculty of Philology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. As either supervisor or co-supervisor, he has directed a large number of post-graduate and doctoral theses.

As part of his administrative duties, he has for several years attended the General Assembly of the Faculty of Philology as representative for the Department of Byzantine Philology and Folkloristics. He has also been a member of many committees of the Faculty of Philology, such as the Coordinating Committee for the *Korais* and for *Arethas* post-graduate programmes, the Committee for the Selection of Post-Graduate Students, the Committee for the Selection of Doctoral Candidates and the Quality Assurance Unit. He has also been a member of numerous election and promotion committees both within and outside the Faculty of Philology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

His research interests include Byzantine rhetoric (political rhetoric and homiletics), the political theory of the Byzantine empire, Byzantine historiography and chronography, Byzantine palaeography, textual criticism, critical editions, Byzantine vernacular literature and contemporary literary theory as applied to Byzantine literature. His interests also include Modern Greek literature, particularly the genre of the novel.

He has given papers at various conferences centering upon Byzantine studies and has been invited as a guest speaker by various bodies on subjects pertaining to Byzantine literature, Byzantine history and Modern Greek literature.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Constantine Paidas is also a member of the following learned societies:

- Association Internationale des Etudes Byzantines (Greek Committee)
- The Greek Paleographic Society
- The Hellenic Association of Historical Sciences
- The Society for Byzantine Studies
- The Greek General and Comparative Literature Association
- International Association of Friends of Nikos Kazantzakis

He is Academic Director for the publishing house *Grigoris Publications* of the series **BYZANTINE PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY** and **BYZANTINE DISSERTATIONS**, both of which were established at his suggestion. He is *pro bono* academic advisor and reviewer for works submitted to *Grigoris Publications*. He is also a referee for the international academic journal *Βυζαντινά Σύμμεικτα / Byzantina Symmeikta* published by the Institute of Historical Research (Section of Byzantine Research) at the National Hellenic Research Foundation.

In addition to his purely academic activity, he is a regular contributor on current affairs to the daily and weekly press, in the form of the newspapers *TO BHMA*, *TO BHMA THΣ KYPIAKHΣ*, *TA NEA*, among others, and, in the form of electronic media, to, among others, *to tovima.gr*, *in.gr* and *hellasjournal.com*.