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Profile:

Dr. Konstantinos Tsagkaridis is a Lecturer of Research Methods & Statistics in Psychology and the Research Coordinator at the Theological School of the Church of Cyprus and a visiting Lecturer in the Open University of Cyprus. He was awarded a PhD in Cognitive/Experimental Psychology from the University of Edinburgh (2011) and a Masters in Neuropsychology from the University of Bristol (2007). His postgraduate studies were funded by a scholarship from IKY (Hellenic State Scholarships Foundation). He has worked as a Lecturer of Experimental Psychology / Neuropsychology (2013-2020) and coordinator of the research labs of the Psychology department (Behavioural Studies Lab, Eye-tracking Lab and Virtual Reality Lab) at Neapolis University Pafos. He has also worked as a postdoctoral researcher in Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute (MRRI: Philadelphia, PA, USA), Albert Einstein Healthcare Network (2012-13). Before that post, he worked as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Cyprus (2011). His teaching experience also includes teaching Statistics at the University of Edinburgh (2007-08), at all undergraduate levels. He has also worked at the University of Edinburgh as a research associate (2011), research assistant (2010-11) and tutor (2007-08).

His main research interests concern visual perception and action. Specifically, his research relates to semantic and action effects on object perception in healthy controls and patients with brain lesions. Other research interests include contextual effects on object perception, translational research in health and rehabilitation, bullying and the positive influences of culture. He is a member of professional bodies, he has publications in scientific journals and participation in international and national conferences.

1. Academic qualifications (list by highest qualification)

Degree	Year	Awarding Institution	Department	Thesis Title
PhD	2011	University of Edinburgh	Psychology	Semantic and Action Influences on Visual Perception: The role of action affordances and object functionality in visual selection, memory encoding and post-perceptual processes

Masters (MSc)	2007	University of Bristol	Psychology	A psychophysical evaluation of perceived lightness in shadow: exploring the effects of inversion using a variation of Adelson's checkerboard illusion
Bachelors (BSc)	2004	AUTH (Aristotles' University of Thessaloniki)	Psychology	Analogy and Politics: Analogy through the daily newspapers of Cyprus during the period of the referendum of the 24th April 2004

2. Competences / skills

Type	Description	Level
Languages	Greek	Excellent
	English	Excellent
	German	Good
Computer Skills	MS Office (Word, Power point, Excel, Publisher, Outlook)	Excellent
	SPSS	Excellent
	R	Excellent
	Moodle / Blackboard	Excellent
	Photoshop	Excellent
	SR-Research: Experiment Builder	Excellent
	E-prime	Excellent
	Voxbo / MRIcron	Good
	Unity	Average

3. Employment history

Period of employment		Employer	Location	Position
From	To			
2020	present	Theological School of the Church of Cyprus	Psychology	Lecturer
2019	present	Open University of Cyprus	School of Pure & Applied Sciences	Visiting Lecturer
2013	2020	Neapolis University Pafos	Psychology Department Pafos, Cyprus	Lecturer
2012	2013	Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute (MRRI)	Einstein Healthcare Network, Elkins park, Philadelphia, PA, USA	Postdoctoral Researcher
2011	2012	University of Cyprus	Psychology Department Nicosia, Cyprus	Visiting Lecturer

2011	2011	University of Edinburgh	Psychology Department & Informatics Department, Edinburgh, UK	Research Associate
2010	2011	University of Edinburgh	Informatics Department, Edinburgh, UK	Research Assistant
2007	2008	University of Edinburgh	Psychology Department	Tutor

4. Teaching experience

2019-present	Theological School of the Church of Cyprus	Ethics and Research Methods (Masters) Statistics (Masters) Research Methods (Bachelor) Topics in Psychology (Bachelor) Psychological Theories of Personality (Bachelor)
2019-present	Open University of Cyprus	Learning and Memory in Humans (Masters, taught in English)
2013-2020	Neapolis University Pafos	Experiencing Psychological Research, Neuropsychology, Biological Psychology, Research Methods in Psychology, Statistics, Cognitive Psychology I and II (undergraduate courses). Independent Research Study I and II (Masters in Educational Psychology – conventional and distance learning) Research Methods and Statistics (Masters in Educational Psychology & Masters in Counseling Psychology)
09/2011 – 12/2011	University of Cyprus	Neuropsychology, Research Methods in Psychology (BSc in Psychology)
09/2007-03/2008	University of Edinburgh	Research Methods and Statistics (BSc in Psychology – theory & lab practicals)

5. Administrative experience

2020-present	Member of the School Council Erasmus Office Member & Research Coordinator Manager of Experimental Psychology Lab Member of the Academic, Administrative, Disciplinary and Quality Assurance Committee
2013-2020	Manager of two research labs in Neapolis University Pafos. The 1 st lab was equipped with an Eye-tracker (Eyelink-2000), Virtual Reality Equipment (Oculus Rift, VR goggles) and bio-feedback equipment (Consensys, Shimmering). The 2 nd lab was equipped with PCs for behavioural measurements, with software appropriate for data collection and analysis such as Adobe Photoshop, E-Prime and SPSS. Member of the University Senate Member of the committee for Internal Quality Assurance Erasmus coordinator for the Psychology Department Program coordinator of the Masters in Educational Psychology Committee member / coordinator of the Distance Learning Program

	<p>Member of the team which designed and coordinated the PhD program of the Psychology Department</p> <p>Member of the committee for Research and International Relations</p> <p>Supervision of a PhD student (main supervisor) and committee member for another three students</p> <p>Supervision of Numerous postgraduate (Masters) and undergraduate dissertations</p> <p>Students mentorship</p> <p>Participation in administration of the Psychology Department</p>
Theses & Dissertations Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimitrios Dymiotis (in progress). (Masters) • Louiza Michael (in progress). (Masters) • Renos Bombetsis (in progress). (Masters) • Antonis Christodoulou (2020). Learning motives of local students and students with immigration profile in the teaching of mathematics. School of Health Sciences, Department of Psychology. Neapolis University Pafos. (PhD) • Nikolaos Perissanidis (2020). (Bachelor) • Anastasia Tsoukka (2015). Adolescence identity and bullying in school. School of Health Sciences, Department of Psychology. Neapolis University Pafos. (Masters) • Danai Dimitriou (2015). Bullying, aggression and victimization among Greek-Cypriots and immigrant adolescents in Cyprus. School of Health Sciences, Department of Psychology. Neapolis University Pafos. (Masters)

6. Research Programs - Grants - Funding

12/2020 – 11/2022	<p>Researcher & Administrator in the SEMEI project (Socially Excluded youth of MEdia LIteracy). The project's goal is to combat the digital and media exclusion of socially and geographically marginalised young individuals in prison, based on a modern and holistic educational approach. Members from 5 countries (Cyprus, Greece, Romania, Latvia, Spain) participate in the consortium.</p>
11/2019 – present	<p>Management Committee substitute member for Cyprus on the COST action CA18106: The neural architecture of consciousness. The target of this action is to study the neural architecture of consciousness with a number of international and interdisciplinary research projects. Members from 29 countries participate in this action.</p>
2/2017 – 11/2018	<p>Big Step: Learning through Gamification – Integration of the vulnerable groups (Partner). Member of an international consortium from 5 countries (Belgium, Greece, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Slovenia) with the goal of developing a serious educational game (based on the principles of gamification) to help refugees and immigrants learn the language of their host country, along with cultural particularities..</p>
1/2016 – 6/2018	<p>Cultural Barometre (Principal Investigator). Research on the effects of the cultural capital of Europe 2017 on Pafos, Cyprus. Project budget € 34.982 (Co-funded by Neapolis University Pafos and the organization Pafos2017).</p>
1/2016 – 10/2017	<p>Implementation of ViSC (Viennese Social Competence Program - scientific collaborator) for the prevention of violence and bullying and the cultivation of social and multicultural skills for the students of Cypriot schools. The programme was under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus. The programme also included information and training for the teachers in the schools participating in it, along with support for their activities.</p>
02/2012 – 02/2013	<p>Postdoctoral Researcher on a project regarding the role of action representations in thematic object relations. Funded by R01, NIH HHS/United States</p>

09/2007 – 10/2010

Semantic and Action Influences on Visual Perception

Proposals which achieved the necessary grading but were not eligible for funding

ERASMUS+ KA2 – Cooperation and Innovation for Good Practices	iNDuCE-Network of schools for deaf and hearing students: Communication- Entrepreneurship - Safe and Creative Internet Period: 2016 - 2017 Scientific coordination: Olga Solomontos-Kountouri, Michailina Siakalli, Konstantinos Tsagkaridis, Neapolis University Pafos Project coordination: DIOFANTOS, Research Centre of Patras Funds: € 298,530 Decision: Runner-up list
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7. Scholarships, Bursaries, Distinctions

2020	First prize in the annual MERA (Students in Research) Competition organized by the Research & Innovation Foundation of Cyprus for the academic year 2020-21. Participated as Researcher collaborating with a team of students from the primary school of Konia (4th grade) and their teacher.
2011	British Council Bursary for participation in the “Enterprise in your International Research Career” training workshop (Trippenhuis, Amsterdam; 19-21 January, 2011) for early career researchers.
2010	BPS Cognitive Section Bursary for participation and oral presentation in the 27th Annual Cognitive Psychology Section Conference, University of Cardiff, 6 - 8 September 2010.
2009	Guarantors of Brain Bursary for participation and poster presentation in Oxford's Autumn School in Cognitive Neuroscience.
2006	Distinction for exceptional research dissertation for MSc in Neuropsychology. (University of Bristol).
2005	Full Postgraduate Scholarship by the National Scholarships Foundation of Greece (I.K.Y) in Psychology (Masters και PhD – Scholarship for Studies Abroad).
2002-2003	Undergraduate Scholarship by the National Scholarships Foundation of Greece (I.K.Y) for excellent application to the 3rd year of studies (among the top 3 undergraduate students of the year in terms of grades).

8. Publications**1. Publications in peer reviewed journals**

S/ N	Year	Title	Other Authors	Scientific Journal and Publisher / Conference	Volume	Pages
1	Under review / preprint	Decision-Makers' Cultural Influence on the Implementation of the European Capital of Culture: A Longitudinal Study.	Cavalleri, F. & Flora, K.	https://psvarxiv.com/qwh6r/		

2	2020	A Pilot Program for the Prevention of Problematic Gambling in young adults in Cyprus.	Flora, K.,	<i>International Journal of Psychosocial Research.</i>	9(1)	1-11
3	2019	A review of addictive behaviors of Greek Cypriots: Profiles of associated problematic behaviors. doi: 10.1080/15332640.2019.1579143	Flora, K., Papacosta, L. & Vliamos, N.	<i>Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse.</i>		1-13
4	2017	Academic, socio-emotional and demographic characteristics of adolescents involved in traditional bullying, cyberbullying or both: Looking at variables and persons. doi: 10.3233/DEV-17219	Solomontos-Kountouri, O., Gradinger P., & Strohmeier D.	<i>International Journal of Developmental Science.</i>	11 (1-2)	19-30.
5	2015	Corrigendum : The role of action representations in thematic object relations. doi: 10.3389/fnhum.2015.00548	Watson, C., Jax, S. & Buxbaum, L.	<i>Frontiers in Human Neuroscience.</i>	9	548
6	2014	The role of action representations in thematic object relations. doi: 10.3389/fnhum.2014.00140	Watson, C., Jax, S. & Buxbaum, L.	<i>Frontiers in Human Neuroscience.</i>	8	140
7	2012	Action Affordance Influences on Eye-Movements and Object Prioritization in Real World Scenes. doi: 10.1167/12.9.1257	-	VSS abstracts - <i>Journal of Vision.</i>	12 (9)	article 1257

2. Participation in peer-reviewed conferences

2019

“Self-efficacy in mathematics for primary school students in the fifth and sixth grade”. In the 21st Pancyprrian Conference of Mathematics Education and Science, of the Cyprus Mathematical Society. Christodoulou A. & Tsagkaridis K.

2018

“Can the use of modern technology contribute to the protection of the brain from damage?”. In the Third Age Sensitization Week of the National Committee of Bioethics in Cyprus. Tsagkaridis K.

2016

“Socioeconomic, psychosocial and school profiling differentiates cyber from traditional bullying and victimization”. In XXI Workshop of Aggression: Socio-emotional programs: Preventing Aggression, University of Oradea, Romania. Solomontos-Kountouri O., Tsagkaridis K., Gradinger, P. & Strohmeier, D.

“Adolescent’s identity and bullying”. In the 2nd Hellenic Conference of Psychology in Cyprus (University of Nicosia). Tsouka A., Solomontos-Kountouri O. & Tsagkaridis K.

2015

Symposium organiser: **“Body / action representations and potential clinical applications”**. Tsagkaridis K., & Amedi, A.

“How can we boost action semantics in healthy controls and impaired patients to facilitate perception?”. In the FENS Featured Regional Meeting 2015, “Ioannis Vellidis” conference centre, Thessaloniki, Greece. Tsagkaridis K.

“Psychosocial and academic profiles of traditional bullying and victimization compared to cyberbullying and cybervictimization.” In the 15th annual conference of the Greek Psychological Association (ELPSE), University of Cyprus, Nicosia (Cyprus). Solomontos-Kountouri, O., Tsagkaridis, K., Gradinger P., & Strohmeier D.

2012

“Action Affordance Influences on Eye-Movements and Object Prioritization in Real World Scenes.” Vision Sciences Society (VSS), Naples, Florida. Tsagkaridis K.

2010

“Exploring Pre-Attentive and Post-Selection Effects of Action Affordances in an Object Prioritization Paradigm Using Real World Scenes: An Eye Tracking Experiment” in the 27th Annual Cognitive Psychology Section Conference (BPS), University of Cardiff. Tsagkaridis K., Brockmole J.R. & Henderson, J.M.

2009

“Object Prioritization Without Onsets in Real World Scenes: The effect of Action Affordances on Memory Guided Attention Capture” in the Autumn School of Cognitive Neuroscience, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford. Tsagkaridis K., Brockmole J.R. & Henderson, J.M.

2005

“Mental partition of Moebius Strips in visual perception and mental representation” in the ‘National Congress of the Greek Psychological Association’ in Ioannina University, Greece. Kargopoulos P., Tsagkaridis K., Theofilidis A., Thomaidis G. & Karaolanis G.

2004

“Analogy and Politics: Analogy through the daily newspapers of Cyprus during the period of the referendum of the 24th April 2004” in the ‘National Congress of Cognitive Psychology: Bridges to the study of cognition’ in Aleksandroupolis, Dimocritean University of Thraces, Greece. Tsagkaridis K. & Karaolanis G.

3. Dissertations / Theses

PhD Thesis: «Semantic and Action Influences on Visual Perception: The role of action affordances and object functionality in visual selection, memory encoding and post-perceptual processes». University of Edinburgh, 2011.

Masters Dissertation: «A psychophysical evaluation of perceived lightness in shadow: exploring the effects of inversion using a variation of Adelson’s checkerboard illusion». University of Bristol, 2007.

Undergraduate Dissertation: «Analogy and Politics: Analogy through the daily newspapers of Cyprus during the period of the referendum of the 24th April 2004». A.U.TH., 2004.

4. Invited talks

“Developmental traces of semantic organization in taxonomic and thematic relations with and without action”. Catholic University Louvain-Neuve (UCLouvain), Brussels, Belgium (2020).

“The role of object functionality in perception and attention capture: what it can tell us about perceptual – motor interactions.” Brain & Cognition Lab, University of Oxford (2011). Tsagkaridis K.

5. Publications in non-peer-reviewed journals

“Is there space for subjectivity in perception?”. Article included in the publication accompanying the Grey Matter Exhibition, a project of nine postgraduate students from the Centre of Visual and Cultural Studies at Edinburgh College of Art. Talbot Rice Gallery.

9. Membership in Scientific Associations

VSS (Vision Sciences Society)	Psychonomic Society	(CNS) Cognitive Neuroscience Society
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10. Article Reviews

Reviewer in the scientific journal “Frontiers in Human Neuroscience”

Reviewer in the scientific journal “Journal of Cognitive Psychology”

11. Research Interests

Perceptual Motor Interactions	Semantic and action effects on Visual Perception. The influence of action in object associations, in patients with brain lesions and healthy controls.
Contextual Effects on Perception	The influence of action affordances in object perception in realistic contexts of real world scenes.
Embodied Cognition	Application of embodied cognition theories in areas such as rehabilitation of patients with brain damage (e.g. apraxia). The developmental path of semantic and action knowledge organization in different ages.