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Profile

Dr John Bekos is Teaching Associate at the Theological School of the Church of Cyprus. He also teaches at the University of Cyprus and the St Barnabas Seminary of the Church of Cyprus. He has a strong interdisciplinary capacity as regards his studies (twice PhD holder in the field of Cognitive Psychology/Education and Christian Ethics) and is distinguished for his trans-disciplinary research and teaching. Since 2015 he is appointed as the Academic Supervisor for the reform of Religious Education in Cyprus. He has a good track-record of publications in top journals such as *Studies in Christian Ethics*, *Christian Bioethics*, *Studia Patristica* and the *International Journal of Public Theology*. He is also member of the Church of Cyprus Synodical Committee for Bioethics. For more than a decade, he was member of the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee (NCBC) and substantially contributed to the publication of a series of opinions. Since 2013 Dr Bekos serves as an Ethics Review Expert in the European Commission (FP7 and Horizon 2020) and the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP). His scholarly work focuses on, among others, the most challenging socio-political issues like bioethical issues, the current financial and refugee crises in Europe and the role of religion in education and the modern societies. He is the author of *'Which Ethics? Which Story? The Narrative of Divine Liturgy and the Transformation of the Human'* published in Greece by En Plo editions. His last book *Euthanasia and Patristic Tradition: Reading St John Damascene and St Symeon the New Theologian on Christian Bioethics* is published by James Clarke & Co (Cambridge, UK).

1. Education

Diploma	Year	Institution	Department	Title of final Project
Doctor of Theology (ThD)	2007	University of Geneva, Switzerland.	School of Theology	"Euthanasia and Human Existence: The Authority of Bioethics and Patristic Tradition"

		Institute of Postgraduate Studies in Orthodox Theology	
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), (Education)	1997	The University of Birmingham, United Kingdom	“Phonological Awareness and the Process of Learning to Read in Greek- English Bilingual Children”
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), (Theology)	1997	National and Capodistrian University of Athens, Greece	
Master of Philosophy (M.Phil), (Education)	1993	The University of Wales, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom	
Bachelor of Arts (B.A), Education	1990	National and Capodistrian University of Athens, Greece	

2. Skills

Type	Description	Level
Languages	Greek	Mother tongue
	English	Excellent
	French	Very Good
Computers	Blackboard (online teaching platform)	Excellent
	Word, Excel, PowerPoint	
	Email, Social Media	Excellent

3. Employment

Employment Period		Employer	Organisation/Sector	Position
From	Until			
2021	Today	Theological School of the Church of Cyprus	BA in Theology Programme	Teaching Associate
2019	2020	Theological School of the Church of Cyprus	BA in Theology Programme	Lecturer

2018	2019	Theological School of the Church of Cyprus	BA in Theology Programme	Teaching Associate
2015	Today	Open University of Cyprus	Faculty of Economics and Management	Adjunct Faculty (Tutor)
2006	Today	University of Cyprus	Department of Public and Business Administration	Special Scientist
2009	2011	Frederick University, Cyprus	Department of Education	Visiting Lecturer
2005	2006	Athens College, Greece	Lyceum	Teacher of Religion
1997	2001	Athens College, Greece	Lyceum	Teacher of Religion

4. Teaching

2018 – today	Theological School of the Church of Cyprus	Undergraduate Programme: Theology, 4 years, Bachelor THEO 201 Philosophy THEO 430 Religious Education THEO 440 Christian Ethics THEO 455 Bioethics
2015 – 2020	Open University Cyprus	Modern Issues in Management
2015 – today	Apostle Varnavas School	Christian Ethics - Christian Bioethics
2011	Frederick University	Religious Education
2006 – today	University of Cyprus	Business Ethics Cross-Cultural Management
2005 – 2006	Athens College – Hellenic-American Foundation	Teaching of Religions
1997 - 2001	Athens College – Hellenic-American Foundation	Teaching of Religions

5. Member of Research Boards and Professional Services

2009 - 2019	Member of the Church of Cyprus Synodical Committee for Bioethics
2010 - today	Member of the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee
2017 - today	Member of the Cyprus Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

6. Research Programmes – Sponsorships – Funding

2001 – 2005	Four-Year Doctoral Research Fellowship, Greek Ministry of Education
1993 - 1997	Four-Year Doctoral Research Fellowship, Greek State Scholarship Foundation
1989 – 1990	Erasmus Scholarship, European Union Committee
1987	Grant for Academic Achievement, Greek State Scholarship Foundation

7. Research Interests

Christian Ethics	Patristic Tradition and Ethics
	Bioethics
Christian Theological Tradition and Philosophy	Theology and Politics
	Theology and Economics
Religious Education	Teaching of Religions
	Religious Teaching and European countries

8. Publications

A: Books and Monographs

1. Bekos, Ioannis. *Christian Ethics in the Second Modernity* (Athens: En Plo) [forthcoming]
2. Bekos, Ioannis. *Euthanasia and Patristic Tradition: Reading St John Damascene and St Symeon the New Theologian on Christian Bioethics* (Cambridge: James Clarke & Co, 2019).
3. Bekos Ioannis. *Which Ethics? Which Story? The Narrative of the Divine Liturgy and the transformation of human being* (Athens: En Plo, 2010)
4. Bekos, Ioannis (ed.). *Stanley Hauerwas: A Critic of American Christianity* (Athens, En Plo, 2007).

B: Articles in peer reviewed journals

1. Bekos, John, 'Agamben, John Chrysostom and Alternative Politics', *International Journal of Public Theology*, 12 (2), 2018, 278-296.
2. Bekos, John. 'Nicholas Cabasilas Political Theology in an Epoch of Economic Crisis: a Reading of a 14th century Political Discourse', in Markus Vinzent (ed.), *Studia Patristica*, vol. LXIX (Leuven: Peeters, 2013), 405-412.

3. Bekos, John. 'Memory and Justice in the Divine Liturgy: Christian Bioethics in Late Modernity', *Christian Bioethics*, 19(1), 2013, 100-113.
4. Bekos, John. 'Cabasilas, Divine Liturgy and Political Governance', *Studies in Christian Ethics*, 25(4), 2012, 405-417.
5. Bekos, John. 'St Symeon the New Theologian on Voluntary Death: Inquiries on Transplantation Ethics', A. Brent and M. Vinzent (eds.), *Studia Patristica, Vol. LII*, (Leuven: Peeters, 2010), 3-8.
6. Bekos, Ioannis. 'The Image of God in Man According to St. John Damascene: Implications on Issues Surrounding Euthanasia', F. Young, M. Edwards and P. M. Parvis (eds.), *Studia Patristica, Vol. XLII* (Leuven: Peeters, 2006), 285-290

C: Other publications

1. Bekos Ioannis, 'The Crisis of Political Economy: A Christian Critic of the Financial Crisis', in Stavros Fotiou (ed.), *Greed and the Rich Fools*, (Armos, 2018), 65-87.
2. Bekos, Ioannis, 'The Political Implications of the Christian Teaching on Justice: From John Damascene to Nicholas Cabasilas and from the Icon to the Liturgy', in Stavros Zoumboulakis (ed.), *Justice and Law*, (Athens, Artos Zois, 2015).
3. Bekos, Ioannis. 'The Crisis of Economy and therefore of Politics', *Synaxi*, 131 (July-September), 2014, 5-16.
4. Bekos, Ioannis. 'A Genealogy of Ethics: Human Stories and the Need for Politics', in Stavros Zoumboulakis (ed.), *The Return of Ethics: Old and New Questions* (Athens: Artos Zois, 2013), 471-487.
5. Bekos, Ioannis. 'Polis, Liturgy and the Financial Crisis', *Theologia*, 83 (2), 2012, 103-119.
6. Bekos, Ioannis. 'A Story about Ethics in Modern Greece', *Synaxi*, 116 (October-December), 010, 5-15.
7. Bekos, Ioannis. 'Divorce or Dialogue between the State and the Church', *Synaxi*, 111 (July-September), 2009, 4-9.

9. Conference presentations – Invited Lectures

1. Bekos I. The Concept of Commandment According to St Neophytos the Recluse, *A Conference with main theme 'St Neophytos the Recluse: 800 years from his Dormition*, organized by the Monastery of St Neophytos and the Theological School of the Church of Cyprus, Paphos, Cyprus, **October, 2020**
2. Bekos, I. The Bishop and the Concept of Ethics at the Beginning of the 20th century: Implications for the 21st century, *Fifth Annual Conference of the Theological School of the Church of Cyprus*, Nicosia, Cyprus, **March, 2020** ([postponed])
3. Bekos, I. The Youth and the Digital Social Networks: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, *Holy Metropolis of Trimithous*, **February 2020**.
4. Bekos, I. The Worship of Wealth and the Crisis of the Human Community or How Human Beliefs Determine Our Common (Political) Future, *University of Cyprus Graduate School*, Cyprus, **December 2019**.

5. Bekos, I. St John Chrysostom on Genealogy: Implications for a Critic of Late Modernity, *XVIII International Conference on Patristic Studies Oxford, UK, 19-24, August 2019*.
6. Bekos, I. St John Damascene's Sacra Parallela as a Christian faith-checking resource and prototype of modern fact-checking resources: fact and faith, two undivided aspects in human life now and forever, *XVIII International Conference on Patristic Studies Oxford, UK, 19-24 August 2019*.
7. Bekos I. *Secular State and Liberalism: For or against the Orthodox Christian*, KAIROS: Greek Theological Association for the improvement of the religious education, Athens, Greece, **October 2017**.
8. Bekos I. *Religious Education in European Countries*. Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture, Nicosia, Cyprus, **April 2017**.
9. Bekos I. *Refugee Crisis and Financial Crisis in Europe: A Critique*, Salamineio University of Famagusta, Paralimni, Cyprus.
10. Bekos, I. *Christian Teaching on Justice*. Artos Zois conference on Justice and Law, Athens, Greece, **December 2014**.
11. Bekos, I. *Bioethics: personal stories and the necessity of politics*. Artos Zois conference on Ethics, Athens, Greece, **December 2012**.
12. Bekos, I. *Transplantations: Death and Life in a peculiar relationship*, OELMEK Nicosia, Cyprus, **2011**.
13. Bekos, I. *Round Table Discussion on Bioethical Issues, Intensive Care Forum*, Lemesos, Cyprus, **2008**.
14. Bekos, I. *Environmental Ethics*, Meeting organized by Maistros Publications on the topic *Tradition and Current Challenges*, Nicosia, Cyprus, **March 2007**.
15. Bekos, I. *Issues surrounding Euthanasia*, Church of Greece Bioethics Committee, Athens, Greece, **April 2006**.
16. Bekos, I. *Teaching Bioethics today*, Greek Association of Theologians, Seminar on Bioethics, Athens, Greece, **March 2006**.
17. Bekos, I. *Euthanasia or 'Voluntary Death'? A Critique of the Sovereign Bioethics*, Cyprus Association of Theologians, Congress on Bioethics, Nicosia, Cyprus, **February 2006**.
18. Bekos, I. *Ethics and the Olympic Ideal*, Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Institute of Postgraduate Studies in Orthodox Theology, Chambèsy, Geneva, Switzerland, **July 2004**.
19. Bekos, I. *The Love of the Enemies: War Ethics and Patristic Tradition*, University of Geneva, Faculty of Protestant Theology, Postgraduate Course on Christian Ethics, Geneva, Switzerland, **February 2004**.