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## Education

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- 2025 – New York University, Ph.D. in Linguistics
- 2020 – 2024 University of Crete, Master’s Program in Linguistics (GPA: 9.59/10)  
 Thesis title: *The development of wishes in child Greek*  
 Supervisor: Vina Tsakali
- 2015 – 2020 University of Crete, Bachelors of Philology (GPA 8.88/10)  
 Specialization: Linguistics
- 2018 University of Amsterdam, Erasmus + exchange student  
 Courses attended: Neurolinguistics, Philosophy of Mathematics,  
 Evil in Thought and Literature, Stylistics

## Further Education

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### Summer Schools

- 2024 6<sup>th</sup> Crete Summer School of Linguistics (*CreteLing2024*)  
 University of Crete
- 2023 5<sup>th</sup> CreteLing, Crete Summer School of Linguistics (*CreteLing2023*)  
 University of Crete
- 2022 4<sup>th</sup> CreteLing, Crete Summer School of Linguistics (*CreteLing2022*)  
 University of Crete
- 2022 V-NYI #5, Virtual Summer School in Linguistics, Cognition and Culture  
 NY-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (NYI)
- 2021 V-NYI #3, Virtual Summer School in Linguistics, Cognition and Culture  
 NY-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (NYI)
- 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> CreteLing, Crete Summer School of Linguistics (*CreteLing2019*)  
 University of Crete
- 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> CreteLing, Crete Summer School of Linguistics (*CreteLing2018*)  
 University of Crete
- 2017 1<sup>st</sup> CreteLing, Crete Summer School of Linguistics (*CreteLing2017*)  
 University of Crete

### Online Education

- 2022 *Special Needs Education, Training and Lifelong Learning Center of the*  
 University of Macedonia
- 2021 *Storytelling for Social Change, MichiganX - Storytelling101x, Edx*
- 2020 *PredictionX: Omens, Oracles & Prophecies, HarvardX: SOC1.practx, Edx*

### Workshop

- 2024 *OLIVE-R: Open Linguistic Investigation and Variable Exploration with R.*  
 Instructor: Onur Özsoy. In the context of the research project Directive  
 Speech Acts in child and adult language: The role of form and prosody  
 (DireSpeech).

## Research experience and service

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### Research Experience

#### ***New York University***

10.2025-04.2026 Graduate Research Assistant of Prof. Ailis Cournane. Job description: Stimuli creation for a language acquisition study involving working with Adobe Draw on the lab iPad.

#### ***University of Milan – Bicocca***

01 – 04. 2025 Erasmus + Intern at the University of Milan – Bicocca. Main project: The acquisition of the mental attitude verbs *know* and *think*: literature review and experimental design. Advisor: Maria Teresa Guasti. Other duties: (1) image generation for a language acquisition project, (2) translation to Greek and recording of the testing sentences of the Leibnizdream – H06 Relative Clause study, (3) study and summary of language acquisition papers.

#### ***University of Crete***

03 – 05. 2024 Research Assistant in *DireSpeech* Research project: *Interpreting Directive Speech Acts in child and adult language: The role of form and Prosody*. Principal Investigator: Despina Oikonomou. University of Crete. ([website](#))

05 – 11. 2023 Research Assistant in *Varlphon* Research project: *Variation, input frequency and norm in the phonological development of Greek as first Language (L1)*. Principal Investigator: Ioanna Kappa. University of Crete. ([website](#))

### Academic Service

2026 – 2027 Co-secretary (with Jonathan Merchan) of the Linguistics Association @ NYU (LANYU).

2017 – 2024 Volunteer for CreteLing Summer School, CreteLing2017-CreteLing2024: assistantship to the Organizing Committee.

2023 & 2024 Dorm master (Xenia Dorms) in CreteLing 2023 and CreteLing2024.

2024 Language consultant (as a native speaker of Greek) for a questionnaire study on modality in the project “Logic in Semantic Universals” at the University of Edinburgh: Uegaki, Wataru & Mucha, Anne & Hannon, Ella & Engels, James & Whibley, Fred. 2024. Cross-linguistic dataset of force-flavor combinations in modal elements. *Linguistic Variation*. [here](#)

2023 Member of the voluntary student group for the Computational Phylogenetics and language (Pre)history Workshop: Achievements, Challenges and Prospects, 23 – 25 May 2023, University of Crete.

2022 Member of the organizing committee for the Working on Linguistics2@UoC workshop (Workshop for the original work of the graduate students at the University of Crete).

- 2020 Participation in the human annotation experiment for: Aditi Chaudhary, Antonios Anastasopoulos, Zaid Sheikh, Graham Neubig. 2021. Reducing Confusion in Active Learning for Part-Of-Speech Tagging. *Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics*; 9 1–16. [here](#)

## Publications

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- 2025 Oikonomou, D., Tsakali, V. P., Gatsou, M., Vassileiou, B., Kaniadaki, M., Karatzanou, D., & Amanaki, I. (2025). Fantasy Play and the Language of Emplotment in Greek L1 Children. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society* (Vol. 47). [here](#)
- 2025 Amanaki Irimi & Vina Tsakali. ‘I wish I was blue!': The development of (un)attainable desires in child Greek'. In *the Proceedings of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development* (BUCLD49), November 7-10, 2024, Boston University. [here](#)
- To appear Amanaki Irimi. ‘Orea as a case of language change in Modern Greek’. 1st Workshop for graduate students at the University of Crete, Working on Linguistics1@UoC. University of Crete.
- 2024 Tsakali, Vina & Irimi Amanaki. ‘Simple and Directive Subjunctive Conditionals in Child Greek’. In the *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development* (BUCLD48), edited by Hayat Abdullah Ali and Jupitara Ray, pp. 638-648. [here](#)
- 2024 Ploumidi, Eirini, Ioanna Kappa, Eirini Amanaki, & Eirini Giannikouri. ‘Studying phonological acquisition: Data collection method’. In Dimitris Michelioudakis, Alexandros Tantos, & Konstantina Tsiousia (Eds.), *Studies in Greek Linguistics 43* (pp. 505-514). Institute of Modern Greek Studies (Manolis Triandaphyllidis Foundation).
- 2022 Amanaki, E., Bernardy, J-P., Chatzikyriakidis, St., Cooper, R., Dobnik, S., Karimi, A., Ek, A., Giannikouri, E.C., Katsouli, V., Kolokousis, I., Mamatzaki, E.C., Papadakis, D., Petrova, O., Psaltaki, E., Skoulataki, E., Soupiona, Ch., Stefanidou, Chr.. ‘Fine-grained Entailment: Resources for Greek and Precise Entailment’. *Proceedings of the Workshop on Dataset Creation for Lower Resourced Languages within the 13th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference, DCLRL 2022*. [here](#)

## Presentations

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- 06.10.2026 Despina Oikonomou, Vina Tsakali, Mary Baltazani, Katerina Iliopoulou, Irimi Amanaki, Manuela Genitsaridi, Mary Kaniadaki, Danae Karatzanou, Marina Mastrokosta. *Distinguishing between request and permission in directives: Children’s acquisition of lexical and prosodic cues*. Talk at Experiments in Linguistics Meaning Conference (ELM 4), at UPenn, Philadelphia.
- 30.10.2025 Irimi Amanaki. *The development of desires in child language*. Presentation at Conceptual Development and Social Cognition Lab Rhodes. Department of Psychology, New York University, New York.
- 25.10.2025 Irimi Amanaki. ‘I want! I want!': *The development of (un)attainable desires*

- in child Greek*. Presentation at LAWNE workshop. Yale University, New Haven.
- 23.09.2025 Oikonomou, Despina, Vina Tsakali, Maria Gatsou, Katerina Iliopoulou, Vasiliou, Irini Amanaki, Mary Kaniadaki, Danae Karatzanou. '*Grammar in fantasy play in L1-Greek Child Speech*'. Talk at the 17th International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL), 23-26 September 2025, University of Cambridge, U.K.
- 02.08.2025 Despina Oikonomou, Vina Tsakali, Maria Gatsou, Benedict Vassileiou, Mary Kaniadaki, Danae Karatzanou & Irini Amanaki. '*Fantasy Play and the Language of Emplotment in Greek L1 Children*'. Poster presentation in CogSci 2025 Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 04.05.2025 Vina Tsakali, Despina Oikonomou, Maria Gatsou, Katerina Iliopoulou, Benedict Vassileiou, Marina Mastrokosta, Mary Kaniadaki, Danae Karatzanou & Irini Amanaki. '*The development of Mood and Aspect in Greek Directive Speech Acts*'. AMGL45, May 2-4, 2025, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki.
- 09.11.2024 Amanaki Irini & Vina Tsakali. '*"I wish I was blue!": The development of (un)attainable desires in child Greek*'. Poster presentation. 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD49), November 7-10, 2024, Boston University.
- 13.09.2024 Tsakali Vina, Despina Oikonomou & Irini Amanaki. '*Conditional reasoning in teleological directives in Greek: Evidence from child language*'. Poster presentation. 16<sup>th</sup> Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition (GALA) Conference, September 12-14, 2024, NOVA University of Lisbon – School of Social Sciences and Humanities (NOVA FCSH).
- 22.07.2024 Amanaki Irini & Vina Tsakali. '*The development of desires and wishes in child Greek*'. Poster presentation. 6<sup>th</sup> Crete Summer School of Linguistics, CreteLing, July 13-26 2024, University of Crete.
- 04.11.2023 Tsakali Vina & Irini Amanaki. '*Simple and Subjunctives Conditionals in child Greek*'. Poster presentation. 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD48), November 2-5, 2023, Boston University.
- 20.07.2023 Tsakali Vina & Irini Amanaki. '*Child comprehension of Simple Conditionals and Directive Subjunctives*'. Poster presentation. 5<sup>th</sup> Crete Summer School of Linguistics, CreteLing. July 15-28, 2023, University of Crete.
- 05.05.2023 Tsakali Vina & Irini Amanaki, '*The development of If-future clauses and Subjunctive Conditionals in Greek*'. 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Department of Linguistics. May 4-7, 2023, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

- 05.05.2023 Ploumidi Eirini, Ioanna Kappa, Eirini Amanaki, Ioanna Chrisoulaki, Eirini Giannikouri, Maria Kanli, Maria Karouzou-Mathioudaki, Vasiliki Katsouli, Christina Mousga, Ilia Nikoloudaki & Dimitris Papadakis. 'Studying phonological acquisition: Collecting longitudinal data that result in fine-grained research findings'. 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Department of Linguistics. May 4-7, 2023, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- 24.06.2022 Amanaki, E., Bernardy, J-P., Chatzikyriakidis, St., Cooper, R., Dobnik, S., Karimi, A., Ek, A., Giannikouri, E.C., Katsouli, V., Kolokousis, I., Mamatzaki, E.C., Papadakis, D., Petrova, O., Psaltaki, E., Skoulataki, E., Soupiona, Ch., Stefanidou, Chr.. 'Fine-grained Entailment: Resources for Greek and Precise Entailment'. Workshop on Dataset Creation for Lower Resourced Languages (LREC) within the 13th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (DCLRL).
- 24.09.2021 Amanaki Irimi. 'Orea as a case of language change and grammaticalization in Modern Greek'. 1st Workshop for graduate students at the University of Crete, Working on Linguistics1@UoC, September 24, 2021, University of Crete.

## Teaching Experience

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### Teaching Assistantship in Linguistics

#### *New York University*

- 2026 (Spring) LING-PSYCH-UA 59 First Language Acquisition  
Instructor: Ailís Cournane

#### *University of Crete*

- 2022 (Fall) GLOF165 Introduction to Syntax  
Instructor: Elena Anagnostopoulou
- 2022 (Spring) GLOF175 Levels of Grammar  
Instructor: Vina Tsakali
- 2022 (Spring) GLOF211 Minimalist Syntax  
Instructor: Elena Anagnostopoulou
- 2021 (Fall) GLOF165 Introduction to Syntax  
Instructor: Elena Anagnostopoulou
- 2021 (Spring) GLOF175 Levels of Grammar  
Instructor: Vina Tsakali
- 2021 (Spring) GLOF111 Syntax II  
Instructor: Elena Anagnostopoulou

### Teaching Internship

- 02 – 06.2019 Teaching Intern at the Experimental Junior High School of Heraklion  
Final project: *Teaching compounding in Modern Greek through Music*

### Voluntary Tutoring

- 2016 – 2020 Voluntary tutor for primary and secondary school students  
2016 Voluntary Syntax tutor for undergraduate students

## Awards

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- 2025 New York University's Graduate School of Arts and Science MacCracken Award (5-year Fellowship).
- 2020 Certification for being the highest-ranked student among the graduates of the School of Philosophy in 2019 – 2020, University of Crete.

## Skills

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- Languages** Greek (native), English (proficient), German (intermediate), Spanish (beginner), Ancient Greek (reading knowledge)
- Technical** PCIBex - open-source online experiment builder  
ELAN - linguistic annotator  
LaTeX  
R (beginner)
- Music** Konnakol, playing the bendir/ frame drum

## Further Interests <sup>★+★</sup>

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- 2026 **Performance as a way of investigating identity.** Participant at the Workshop: *Performing Narratives | Performing Personal Narratives ME AND YOU - Performance as a Way of Knowing*. NYU Tisch School of the Arts. New York. Instructor: Anna Deavere Smith ([website](#))
- 2023 - 2025 **Learning about folk Mediterranean music and its history.** Member of the amateur vocal group 'Cojam'. Heraklion, Crete. Instructor: Maria Koti.
- 2021 – 2023 **Music curation and storytelling through the radio.** Amateur radio producer at Owlradio.gr ([website](#))
- 2019 – 2023 **Exploring rhythm through percussion and using it as a tool for education.** Participant in the program Rhythm4edu and volunteer instructor for the warm-up exercises during Covid-19 through the platform <https://rhythm4edu.coursevo.com/>. Rethimnon and Heraklion, Crete. Instructors: Yiannis Papatzani, Anthi Fourki.
- 2019 – 2020 **Hiking.** Volunteer in the student hiking group "Propato stin Kriti". Rethimnon, Crete.