



Academic Profile

Isidoros (né Charalampos) Katsos is Assistant Professor of Theological Epistemology and Philosophy in the Faculty of Theology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He holds concurrent appointments as Fellow of the Royal Historical Society; McDonald Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University; and Member of the Centre for the Study of Platonism, University of Cambridge.

Current Appointments (2025-2026)

- Visiting Scholar, St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge
- Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Theology, University of Notre Dame

Education

Dr Juris in Human Rights, Ecology, and Cultural Heritage Law (Freie Universität Berlin, 2009)

PhD in Philosophy and Theology (University of Cambridge, 2019), supervised by Rowan Williams

Studies in law at institutions in Athens, Paris, and Berlin; philosophy and theology at Athens and Cambridge

Previous Academic Appointments

- British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oxford
- Junior Research Fellow, Campion Hall, Oxford
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Christianity, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Research Affiliate, Von Hügel Institute for Critical Catholic Enquiry, University of Cambridge
- Senior Fellow, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University (multi-year international research project on Orthodoxy and Human Rights)

Monographs

The Metaphysics of Light in the Hexaemeral Literature: From Philo of Alexandria to Gregory of Nyssa (Oxford University Press, 2023)

Nachhaltiger Schutz des kulturellen Erbes: Zur ökologischen Dimension des Kulturgüterschutzes[Sustainable Protection of Cultural Heritage: On the Ecological Dimension of Cultural Property Protection], published as Charalampos Katsos (Nomos; Dike; Facultas, 2011)

Selected Publications

"Is There an Orthodox Concept of Natural Theology?" in Vasilios N. Makrides and Eudoxie Delli (eds), *Intersections of Orthodox Christianity with Modern Science: Current Perspectives from Theology and Philosophy* (Volos Academy Publications, 2025), 107-150

"An Apology for the Apology: Gregory of Nyssa's Philosophy of Light and Why It Matters," in Johannes Zachhuber and Anna Marmodoro (eds), *Gregory of Nyssa: On the Hexaemeron: Text, Translation, and Essays* (Oxford University Press, 2025), 177-199

"A Letter that Killeth: Gregory of Nyssa on How (Not) to Read Scripture, Platonically," *Modern Theology* 40:1 (2024), 147-171

"On the Trinity: An Ecumenical Conversation," *Nova et Vetera* 22:2 (2024), 183-198

"'Atheism' and Arguments for the Existence of God in Early Christianity: What Is the Problem?" in Vasso Kinti and Philemon Paionides (eds), *Festschrift in Honour of Professor Stelios Virvidakis*(Ekkremes, 2024), 346-359 [in Greek]

"An Eastern Orthodox Approach to Religious Freedom," in Norman Doe and Dimitrios Nikiforos (eds), *Legal Thought and Eastern Orthodox Christianity: The Addresses of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I* (Routledge, 2023), 83-92

"Self—Soul—Body: What the Church Fathers Saw but We Might Miss," in Christos Karayannis et al. (eds), *Festschrift in Honour of Archbishop Hieronymos II* (NGO Apostoli, 2023), 507-516

"Basil and Desmond on Wonder and the Astonishing Return of Christian Metaphysics," in Paul Tyson (ed.), *Astonishment and Science: Engagements with William Desmond* (Cascade Books, 2022), 169-181

"Light from Light: The Metaphysics of Light of the Early Church," in Piotr Ashwin-Siejkowski, Ilaria Ramelli, and John Anthony McGuckin (eds), *The T&T Clark Companion to the Early Church* (T&T Clark, 2022), 466-482

Teaching and Research Interests

- Christian Philosophy (broadly conceived), with special focus on Christian Platonism
- Natural Theology
- Science and Orthodox Theology
- Human Rights and Eco-Theology
- Theology and Philosophy of Mind
- Human Identity and Meaning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Pastoral Ministry

As a Greek Orthodox archpriest (Archimandrite), Fr. Isidoros serves a historic parish at the foot of the Acropolis in Athens.

Supervision

Fr. Isidoros welcomes inquiries from prospective master and doctoral students interested in the following research areas:

- Christian hermeneutics
- Theology, Philosophy, and Allegory
- Philosophy and Theology as a Way of Life
- Theology as 'True Philosophy'
- Metaphysics of Light
- Natural Theology in the Long Origenian Tradition
- Theology and Human Rights

- Mind and Body, especially the Hard Problem of Consciousness
- Meaning of Life in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
- Philo of Alexandria (any aspect)
- Clement of Alexandria (any aspect)
- Origen (any aspect)
- Plotinus (Philosophy of Mind)
- Cappadocian Fathers: Anthropology, Ethics, Physics, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Cosmology