

Kipros Lofitis — Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Summary

Philosopher and writer with a PhD from the University of Nottingham and a sharp specialisation in ethical theory. Published in *Ratio* and the *Journal of Value Inquiry*. Experienced university lecturer, peer reviewer, and postdoctoral researcher with interests spanning metaethics, applied ethics, moral psychology, and the relation between morality and rationality.

Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Researcher (appointed, starting September 2026) — University of Cyprus

- Research project: *The Usefulness of Morality: A Philosophical–Empirical Assessment of Its Practical Consequences*
- Funded by the Cyprus Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF)
- Research examines the practical consequences and social usefulness of morality

Independent Researcher (2024 – Present)

- Pursued independent research primarily in moral philosophy
- Provided freelance writing support and philosophy tutoring through online platforms
- Drafted and circulated research papers in moral philosophy and related topics

Adjunct Lecturer — University of Nicosia (2023 – 2024)

- Convened and taught modules in Ethics and Introduction to Philosophy
- Delivered lectures in English; designed assignments to engage real-world moral dilemmas
- Received excellent student feedback on clarity and accessibility of complex content

Adjunct Lecturer — University of Cyprus (2020 – 2022)

- Taught Applied Ethics in Greek; focused on developing students' critical reasoning
- Designed new course materials with emphasis on moral realism and practical ethics
- Provided mentorship and written feedback to students on conceptual writing

Teaching Assistant — University of Nottingham (2015–2019)

- Led seminars in ethics and metaethics; graded essays and dissertations
 - Supported academic staff in curriculum development and student engagement
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Education

PhD in Philosophy – University of Nottingham (2014–2018)

Thesis: *Normativity and Ethics: The Error in the Error Theory*

Supervisors: Dr Neil Sinclair, Dr Andrew Fisher. External examiner: Prof Hallvard Lillehammer

MA in Philosophy – University of Nottingham (2012–2013)
Dissertation: *The Usefulness of Morality and How to be a Moral Preservatist*

BA in Philosophy – The University of Sheffield (2009–2012)
Dissertation: *Nietzsche's Critique of Morality*

Research Interests

My research primarily focuses on metaethics, moral psychology, and the intersection between morality and rationality. I am particularly interested in the foundational nature of moral reasoning, exploring how normative claims relate to rational requirements and decision-making. My work also examines the conceptual links between morality and reasons, as well as broader issues in value theory and normativity.

Beyond foundational ethics, I have growing interests in applied ethics, including the ethics of AI, biomedical ethics, and emerging ethical questions related to technology. My research also engages with epistemological aspects of normativity, particularly how risk, uncertainty, and rational deliberation factor into ethical decision-making.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Lofitis, Kipros. 2024. "The Question of the Existence of Moral Reasons and Two Kinds of Scepticisms." *Journal of Value Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10790-024-10005-w>
- Lofitis, Kipros. 2020. "Standard and Alternative Error Theories about Moral Reasons." *Ratio* 33 (1): 37–45.

Current Research Projects

- Moral Reasons Agnosticism
 - Conspiracy Theories and the Value of Truth
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Selected Presentations

- *The question of the existence of moral reasons and two kinds of scepticisms*, University of Cyprus (2023)
 - *Standard and alternative error theories*, University of Cyprus (2019)
 - *The conceptual question of morality*, University of Nottingham (2016)
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Skills & Competencies

- Ethical analysis & applied reasoning
 - Conceptual critique & argument development
 - Teaching, curriculum design, and student mentorship
 - Advanced academic writing and editing
 - Digital literacy: EndNote, library databases, Microsoft Office
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Languages

- **English** – Fluent

- **Greek – Native**
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Professional Development

- Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (since 2018)
 - Referee for *Philosophical Papers* (2022)
 - Referee for *Open Philosophy* (2026)
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Selected Conferences & Talks

- Cyprus Metaethics Workshop, University of Cyprus (2020–2025, annually)
 - Functional Hypotheses and the Engaged Point of View, Nottingham (2023)
 - Southern Normativity Conference, Cardiff University (2019)
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Selected Courses Taught

Applied Ethics – University of Cyprus (Autumn 2022)

- Role: Module Convenor, Lecturer
- An exploration of ethical theories applied to traditional moral dilemmas such as euthanasia, trolley problems, and animal rights, with a focus on developing critical reasoning skills in addressing complex real-world scenarios.

Ethics – University of Nicosia (Spring 2023)

- Role: Module Convenor, Lecturer
- Overview of foundational theories and debates in moral philosophy, covering ethical subjectivism, social contract theory, utilitarianism, and Kantian ethics.

Introduction to Philosophy – University of Nicosia (Autumn 2023)

- Role: Module Convenor, Lecturer
 - A foundational introduction to analytic philosophy, covering elementary issues in epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of mind, and aesthetics.
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Dissertation Summary

Title: Normativity and Ethics: The Error in the Error Theory

My dissertation critically examines whether moral norms necessarily provide agents with reasons, challenging the moral error theorist's claim that all reasons are instrumental. I argue that error theorists overstate their case and that moral norms can indeed supply non-instrumental reasons, defending a central tenet of moral realism.

Awards

- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship for Research Excellence, University of Nottingham (2014–2017)
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Conferences

- 7th Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, May 2025
- 6th Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, May 2024
- Functional Hypotheses and the Engaged Point of View, University of Nottingham, September 2023
- 5th Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, May 2023
- 4th Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, May 2022
- 3rd Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, May 2021
- 2nd Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, October 2020
- Fifth Southern Normativity Conference, Cardiff University, July 2019
- Cyprus Metaethics workshop, University of Cyprus, April 2019
- Understanding Value Six, The University of Sheffield, July 2017
- Southampton-Humboldt Normativity Conference, University of Southampton, June 2017

References

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