

CV Thanassoula Marilena, MA

- 18.05.1977: Born in Athens/Greece. Mother: Helene Kardara Thanassoula, painter, father: Grigoris Thanassoulas, Ophthalmologist
- 1983-1989: Greek/German Elementary school „ Erasmios“
- 1989-1995: Secondary School and High school (Gymnasium/Lyceum) at the German School of Athens (Deutsche Schule Athen)
- June 1995: General qualification for university entrance (Abitur), Grade: good
- 1995-2001: Studies in German Literature at the University of Athens.
- September 2001: Magister Artis on German Literature at the Department of German Studies at the University of Athens, grade: very good
- April 2002: Studies at the University of Cologne, Department for African Studies, the Department for Linguistics and the Department for Oriental Studies, later at the Department for German Studies
- From 2003 to 2008 Spokeswoman of the Student Representation for the Department of African Studies
- Januar 2003-May 2004: Internships at the field projects 1) „Media and Cultural Communication“ (Local Media und Discourse, Horror-videos in Nigeria and Ghana) and 2) „Case Marking in African Languages“
- August 2004: Internship at the Kiswahili Department of the National Broadcasting Corporation „Deutsche Welle“. Since November 2004 freelance at the Greek Department of Deutsche Welle as producer, reporter for social and ecological issues as well as matters of African politics.
- September-November 2004: Internship at the „Raskazone Primary and Medium School“ in Tanga/Tanzania.
- Since 2006: Lectures at the Department for African Studies in Cologne: topics: „Contact between Arabic and Kiswahili“, „Politics of Education in Africa“, „Media-reports in and about Africa“, Colloquium for the students conference KANT II, „Language and Cognition: on sensory verbs in African languages“, „Noun phrase in African languages“, „Typology of African languages“; „Luganda Structure Curs“, „Spirits in East Africa: their social and function“. WS 2010/11: „Luganda conversation“, „New technologies in language documentation“.

- November – May 2006: Organisation of the students conference „Kölner Afrikawissenschaftlichen Nachwuchstagung (KANT)“. Tasks: finances and public relations; organization, finances and participation of the photographic exhibition „Travelling in Africa“, realized by students of the Department for African Studies.
- Since Mai 2006: Work as a voluntary reporter for the local online newspaper NRhZ
- June – November 2007: Teacher at the school for foreign languages „Sprachhaus Köln“ (Task: Greek/Advanced Conversation)
- 15th. July 2007: Magister Artis at the University of Cologne. Total grade: 1,6. Grade in African Studies: 1,2
- 23-25 07 2007: Participation at the International Conference for African Studies /Vienna (Afrikanistentag)
<http://www.univie.ac.at/afrikanistik/afrikanistentag07.htm>
- Since July 2007: Advanced Studies in Cologne on the Doctoral thesis: Perception in African Languages with respect to a Grammar of the senses; Supervisor: Professor Dr. Phil. Anne Storch
- May-October 2008: Organisation of the second student’s conference KANT II in Cologne, 17-19.10. 2008, tasks: see above
- Since 02.02.2009: Research fellow at the University of Cologne
- March-July 2009: Field research on Ssesse Islands/Uganda, task: linguistic documentation of Lussese
- Lectures in the Department of Languages of the Makerere University in Kampala: “Introduction in the semantics of perception”, “Greek structure course”
- August 2009: Participation at the World Conference of African Linguistics (WOCAL 2009)
- February-June 2010: Field research on Ssesse Islands/Uganda, task: linguistic documentation of Lussese
- Lectures in the Department of Languages of the Makerere University in Kampala: “The semantics of perception, part II”, “Greek structure course II”
- September, 10-11 2010: Participation at the Conference “Humanities of the Lesser Known”, in Lund/Schweden.
- September, 23-24 2010: Participation at the Workshop “language and emotion” in Tallinn/Estland.

Languages: Greek, German and English fluently,
Swahili and Luganda for conversational purposes, structural
knowledge of Arabic, Persian (Farsi), Bambara, Somali, Spanish
and Brazilian-Portuguese and Lusoga

Publications:

Thanassoula, M 2006. Zur Wortstellung im Swahili: Syntax und Semantik im Kontext.
Magisterarbeit: Institut für Afrikanistik zu Köln.

Thanassoula, M. 2009: Skopusverhältnisse der nominalen Quantoren im Swahili. In:
Thanassoula, M. & All (Hrsg.) 2009: Beiträge zur 2. Kölner Afrikawissenschaftlichen
Nachwuchstagung (KANT II) am Institut für Afrikanistik der Universität zu Köln.

Thanassoula, M. 2009: Die Wahrnehmungsverben in Luganda. In: Thanassoula, M. & All
(Hrsg.) 2009: Beiträge zur 2. Kölner Afrikawissenschaftlichen Nachwuchstagung (KANT II)
am Institut für Afrikanistik der Universität zu Köln.

Thanassoula, M. 2010 (in press.): The perceptive verbs: A matter of experience. In: Brenzinger
& Feyn (Edts.) 2010: Proceedings of the 6th. World Conference of African Linguistics: Cologne.