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Biography

Dr. Konstantinos Vasilakos (https://konvas.netlify.app) born in Athens, Greece, is a lecturer and interdisciplinary artist working in the milieu of Sonic Arts. He is based in Istanbul where he leads the Sonic Arts postgraduate studies path at the Center for Advanced Studies in Music (MIAM) at Istanbul Technical University. He has contributed to the expansion of the curriculum of the program introducing courses that elaborate on Interactive sound and non-linear composition.

He is the founder of the Istanbul Coding Ensemble, a research group with postgraduate students focussing on collective improvisation using networked music systems and live coding. His performances span across various music paradigms from Algorave to Computer, and Electroacoustic music genres. His courses focus on the creation of interactive media for algorithmic composition and sound art and multimedia design for interactive sound installations. His research interests include sonification, new instruments for musical expression, and live coding.

He is the author of numerous publications that focus on state-of-the-art practices in the field of Sonic and Sound Art. He has developed projects that entail multidisciplinary work involving real-time sound design such as IPSOS and Lick the Toad, the former used as an educational outreach platform, which was commissioned by art@CMS, at CERN for training teachers/educators in experimental particle physics through sound, and the latter using machine learning deployed to investigate in technology-mediated audience participation of musical performance. Therefore, his collaborations span across projects that stem from the ongoing dialogue between art and science, and as such, he has participated in various interdisciplinary projects such as ACROE-ICA, at Grenoble University, and the European Organization for Nuclear Research, at CERN, in Switzerland.

Finally, he is a member of the Hellenic Electroacoustic Music Composers Association, and a member of the Birmingham Ensemble for Electroacoustic Research, in the UK. He has a Ph.D. in Music from Keele University, UK, and a Masters in Music from Utrecht School of Arts, in The Netherlands. His works are presented in various academic and non-academic settings internationally such as France, Canada, the Netherlands, Germany, the Czech Republic, Greece, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and South America (Chile and Brazil).

Education Information

2011 - 2016	Doctorate, University of Keele, Humanities and Social Sciences, Music and Music Technology,
	England
2009 - 2011	Postgraduate, Hogeschool voor Kunsten Utrecht, Kunst Media and Technologie, Kunst Media
	and Technologie, Netherlands
2008 - 2009	Competence In Art, Music Theory and Jazz Arrangement, Private Lessons with George Katsanos
	(Berkley School of Music), Greece
2007 - 2009	Undergraduate, University of Central Lancashire, Arts and Media, Music Production &
	Performance, England
1997 - 1998	Competence In Art, Acharnes Municipality Music School, Classical Guitar Lessons, Greece

Foreign Languages

Turkish, B1 Intermediate English, C1 Advanced Russian, A2 Elementary Greek, C2 Mastery

Certificates, Courses and Trainings

2018	Music Technology, Other, Hellenic Republic/National Accreditation of Vocational Studies
2012	Music Technology, Vocational Training, Aegean Omiros College
2005	Music Technology, Vocational Training, IIEK Omiros College

Dissertations

2016	An Evaluation of Digital Interfaces for Music Composition and Improvisation, University of Keele,
2010	Department of Music and Music Technology, Doctorate

Research Areas

Art, Music, Composition, Music Sciences, Human Computer Interaction, Software

Academic Titles / Tasks

2018 - Continues	Lecturer PhD, Istanbul	Technical University,	Lisansüstü Eğitim Enstitüsü, MIAM
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Courses

2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019	Multimedia Design, Postgraduate
2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019	Advanced Audio Programming, Doctorate
2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019	Audio Programming, Postgraduate

2023 - 2024, 2022 -	
2023, 2021 - 2022,	Advanced Multimedia Design Destarate
2020 - 2021, 2019 -	Advanced Multimedia Design, Doctorate
2020, 2018 - 2019	
2023 - 2024, 2022 -	
2023, 2021 - 2022,	Proparatory Studies in Sania Arta Bostaraduata
2020 - 2021, 2019 -	Preparatory Studies in Sonic Arts, Postgraduate
2020, 2018 - 2019	
2023 - 2024, 2022 -	
2023, 2021 - 2022,	Internative Sound Composition Destaraduate
2020 - 2021, 2019 -	Interactive Sound Composition, Postgraduate
2020	
2021 - 2022, 2020 -	
2021, 2019 - 2020,	Contemporary Practices in Sonic Arts, Doctorate
2018 - 2019	
2018 - 2019	Electronic Music Composition, Postgraduate

Designed Lessons

2022 - 2023 Vasilakos K., Interactive Music Composition, Postgraduate

Research Infrastructure Information

June 2018 Vasılakos K., Sevilgen S., Dagdeviren O., Istanbul Coding Ensemble

Published journal articles indexed by SCI, SSCI, and AHCI

I. Free as in BEER: Some explorations into structured improvisation using networked live-coding systems

Wilson S., Lorway N., Coull R., Vasılakos K., Moyers T. Computer Music Journal, vol.38, no.1, pp.54-64, 2014 (SCI-Expanded)

Articles Published in Other Journals

I. A Networked Hybrid Interface for Audience Sonification and Machine Learning

Vasilakos K.

REVISTA VÓRTEX, vol.10, pp.0-5, 2022 (ESCI)

II. Exploring Live Coding as Performance Practice

VASILAKOS K.

Porte Akademik, vol.21, pp.21-37, 2021 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)

III. GREAP: AN INTERACTIVE SYSTEM FOR GESTURAL MANIPULATION OF SONIC MATERIAL USING A LEAP MOTION DEVICE

VASILAKOS K.

Porte Akademik, 2018 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)

Books & Book Chapters

I. Alternative IDEs for SuperCollider

Vasılakos K.

in: The SuperCollider Book. Volume 2, 2nd Edition, Scott Wilson, Nick Collins, David Cottle, Editor, The MIT Press, Cambridge (MA), USA, Massachusetts, pp.0-8, 2024

Refereed Congress / Symposium Publications in Proceedings

I. Live Coding in the Time of COVID

Vasılakos K., Wilson S., Sevilgen S. ICLC2022, 20 January 2022, pp.0-5

II. Lick the Toad: a web-based interface for collective sonification

Vasılakos K.

Anais do XVIII Simpósio Brasileiro de Computação Musical (SBCM 2021), 24 October 2021, pp.178-188

III. Showcase Lick The Toad NIME 2021. NIME 2021

Vasılakos K.

International Conference on New Interfaces for Musical Expression, Shanghai, China, 14 - 18 June 2021

IV. Dark Matter (live coding)

Vasılakos K.

International Conference on New Interfaces for Musical Expression, Birmingham, England, 21 - 25 July 2020,

V. Sonification of High Energy Physics Data Using Live Coding and Web Based Interfaces.

Vasılakos K.

International Conference on New Interfaces for Musical Expression, 07 January 2020, pp.464-470

VI. Emerging Dark Matter Through Diverse Sonification Practices

Vasilakos K.

Proceedings of the International Music and Sciences Symposium, 01 January 2019, pp.0-5

Other Publications

I. On a thin String: Live coding with Lick the Toad

Vasılakos K.

Presentation, 2023

II. Symphony in Blue 2.0

Vasılakos K.

Presentation, 2021

Supported Projects

2018 - 2019 Interactive Physics Sonification System, Universities of Other Countries Supported Project

2017 - 2018 Dark Matter, Universities of Other Countries Supported Project

Scientific Refereeing

January 2023 International Live Coding conference 2023, Conference Paper (Full Text)

Convergence 2022, De Montfort University Institute for Sonic Creativity—MTI2 Leicester, UK,

September 2022 Conference Paper (Full Text)

Scientific Consultations

Tasks In Event Organizations

29 Aralık 2022	Vasılakos K., Fereli H. M., Sonified:	10th Year Anniversary of Sonic A	rts, Art Activities, Turkey
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09 Mayıs 2019 Vasılakos K., High Voltage, Art Activities, Turkey

Scientific Research / Working Group Memberships

Birmingham Ensemble For Electroacoustic Research,

2014 - Continues https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/ea-studios/research/beer.aspx, The University of

Birmingham, England

Metrics

Publication: 14 Citation (Scopus): 8 H-Index (Scopus): 1

Congress and Symposium Activities

2023	2nd INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM, Invited Speaker, İstanbul, Turkey
2014	SoundThought, Attendee, Glasgow, England
2013	Embracing Rhythm Welcoming Abstraction, Attendee, Manchester, England
2013	live.code.festival 2013, Attendee, Karlsruhe, Germany
2012	Live Interfaces, Attendee, Leeds, England
2012	INTER/actions 2012, Attendee, Cardiff, England

Invited Talks

May 2022	EELISA Research-based Learning Symposium, Conference, Istanbul Technical University,
May 2022	Turkey
May 2021	New Music Festival: Arter Gallery Festival, Conference, Arter Gallery Istanbul, Turkey
July 2020	NIME2020:Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Workshop, NIME, England
June 2019	Podcasts on Sound and Data: Interview with Konstantinos Vasilakos, Seminar, THE
June 2019	SONIFICATION NETWORK, United States Of America
November 2018	Creations Conference 2018: Ellinogermaniki Agogi, Conference, Ellinogermaniki Agogi, Greece
March 2018	Sonar D+ Istanbul 2018, Seminar, Charm Music Turkey, Turkey
November 2016	TEDxAUEB 2016:Athens University of Economics and Business, Conference, Athens University
	of Economics and Business, Greece

Scholarships

2011 - 2016 Doctoral Scholarship, University

Artworks

January 2023 Electronic Music, On a Thin String, Original Works

June 2021 Electronic Music, Symphony in Blue 2.0, Original Works

December 2020 Electronic Music, Visceral (for Hans) Fixed Media Composition, Original Works

Artistic Activity

December 2022 Vasılakos K., Arter Sonified 2023 10 years of Sonic Arts ITU/MIAM May 2022 Vasılakos K., EELISA Research-based Learning Symposium

Representation and Promotion Activities

2019 - 2019	Institutional Representation, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey, Istanbul, 2019 - 2019
2019 - 2019	Institutional Representation, Bilkent University, Turkey, Ankara, 2019 - 2019
2019 - 2019	Institutional Representation, Sabanci, Turkey, İstanbul, 2019 - 2019

Non Academic Experience

2016 - 2016

Business Organization (private), Koumaria Residency, Medea Electronique Koumaria

Residency program