

## Michael Aristidou



### Bio

Michael Aristidou was born in Athens in 1975, and he is a Cyprus citizen. After high school he served two years in the Cyprus Armed Forces as a Reserve Sub-Lieutenant. He received his Bachelor in mathematics from Aristotle University (Greece) in 1999 (two years under scholarship) and specialized in pure mathematics, mainly in algebra. Michael was awarded a scholarship (teaching assistantship) from Louisiana State University (USA) and entered the PhD program in 1999. He received his Master's in mathematics from Louisiana State University in 2001. In 2002, he started working with Dr. G. Olafsson on Jordan Algebras, Lie Groups and Lie Algebras in relation to Special Functions in pursuit of a doctorate. He wrote a thesis on Irrationality, under the supervision of Dr. J. Cogburn, for his Master's in philosophy which he received in 2004. He received the Focused Research Award for spring 2005 and his Doctorate in mathematics in summer 2005. He taught several lower level mathematics courses in Louisiana State University for four years as a teaching assistant. He was the founder and president of the Hellenic Student Association at Louisiana State University (2003) and he represented Greece on many occasions that promoted Greek history and culture. From 2005 to 2009 he was an assistant professor at Digipen Institute of Technology (USA) where he taught and designed several classes such as Linear Algebra, Discrete Math, Quaternion Algebra, Fuzzy Logic and Philosophy. From 2009-2010 he was an assistant professor at Barry University (USA) where he taught several courses and helped organize the Math Club. In 2011 he was an adjunct professor at Northwestern State University (USA). From 2011-2019 he was an assistant/associate professor at the American University of Kuwait (Kuwait), where he taught mathematics. He was also the faculty advisor for the AUK Jiu Jitsu Club. Since 2019, he is an assistant professor at Texas A&M University in Galveston (USA), where he is teaching mathematics. His research interests are in mathematics and philosophy, and he published in both fields. He published two books, in 2020 and 2021. He is also a reviewer for some scientific journals. In his personal time, he writes articles, likes debating, and enjoys playing speed-chess and poker. He is also a Jiu Jitsu practitioner/instructor.