



Marios Theodorou is a Special Scientist (Postdoctoral Researcher) working in the Clinical Psychology and Psychophysiology lab. He is currently involved in two projects:

**Understanding Gambling Behaviour in Cyprus (URGAME-C):** URGAME-C project aims to understand the characteristics of people engaging in various types and degrees of gambling behavior in Cyprus, and to implement and evaluate the effectiveness of a psycho-educational program aimed to prevent pathological levels of gambling. The project runs under the supervision of Professor Georgia Panayiotou (Director of the Clinical Psychology and Psychophysiology lab).

**PULSE. a public speaking VR app:** PULSE aims to validate through empirical testing and multidimensional assessment, the efficiency of a new VR application developed as an intervention of the fear of public speaking. The project runs under the supervision of Dr. Andria Shimi (director of Memory and Attention Development Lab/ MADLab), Prof. Marios Avraamides (Director of Experimental Psychology Lab), and Prof. Georgia Panayiotou (Director of the Clinical Psychology and Psychophysiology lab).

Marios Theodorou holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Cyprus (2010), a MSc in Psychology, (track Clinical Psychology) from Leiden University in the Netherlands (2011), and a PhD degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Cyprus (2018). The majority of his current research applies correlational studies and lab experiments (using physiological methodology) to investigate cognitive and affective processes in psychopathology (e.g. anxiety, substance use etc). His research agenda, also, focuses in studying the development of socio-emotional skills which act as protective factors for individuals' wellbeing.

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