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The LL.M. in International & European Law

Our LL.M. in International and European Law, taught entirely in English, builds on the very successful LL.M. programme we have created in the Athens Law School in the past ten years. It is an intensive Master's programme, which provides students with an in-depth understanding of International and European Union Law in both their theoretical and practical aspects. The Programme covers a single academic year, in the course of which students must successfully complete two semesters of core, mandatory taught modules while conducting research, under the supervision of our Faculty, leading to an original item of written work in the form of a dissertation. For the successful completion of the Programme students must obtain 75 ECTS. The taught part of the LL.M. Programme is divided into two semesters – winter and spring. In each semester, students are offered one core module and its seminar and many optional modules. They must attend the core module (10 ECTS for the module and 5 ECTS for the seminar) and three optional modules in each semester (5 ECTS per module), chosen from a list of modules which cover the most important legal issues in their specialization. The remaining credits (15 ECTS) are covered by the successful submission of the LL.M. dissertation, on a subject of the student's choice, often related to one or more of the modules taught, supervised by an academic staff member. Students choose the subject of their thesis during the second semester of their studies, upon consultation with their academic supervisor. The dissertation must be written by each student individually and must be the result of their original scientific research. It is written in English. Students will present their research before a 3-member academic panel, who will grade the dissertation. The LL.M. course starts on 1st October and lasts until the mid-June. The written or oral examinations take place in February and June, upon completion of each semester. Students may re-sit a failed examination in September following the end of the academic year. The Master thesis shall be submitted by 30 September of the year during which the spring semester takes place.



The European Law School Network

The Athens Law School is a member of the European Law School Network since 2020, thus enabling it to collaborate with some of the most prestigious Law Schools in Europe, which are the:

- Amsterdam Law School of the Universiteit van Amsterdam
- Juristische Fakultät of the Humboldt Universitaet zu Berlin
- Dickson Poon School of Law of King's College London
- Law School of Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)
- Faculty of Law of La Sapienza Università di Roma
- Católica Lisbon School of Law of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa
- Faculty of Law of Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

The European Law School (ELS) Network was established in 2006 and aims to provide postgraduate students with an education that meets the requirements of a truly European lawyer. Students first complete their bachelor's degree at their home university and then pursue an LL.M Programme at two partner universities of the ELS Network, obtaining two Master's degrees. For example, a student from King's College London may study at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin or La Sapienza, Università di Roma, and subsequently at Athens Law School or the Católica Lisbon School of Law. Upon completion of their studies, participants receive the "Juriste Européen" Certificate, attesting to their familiarity with three legal cultures and their ability to engage in scholarly legal discourse across different jurisdictions. Each year, fourteen (14) students selected by the partner universities may be admitted to the LL.M Programme, in accordance with their home university's admission procedures. Students benefit from the close cooperation among partner universities, including staff mobility and participation in summer schools. Once a year, students and professors meet to develop modern legal skills and collectively reflect on contemporary legal issues, such as law in the era of digitalization. As a result, ELS alumni are well prepared for leading roles in European and international law firms and institutions.



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Welcome Meetings & Oath Ceremonies



Oath Ceremony – Class 2022-2023



Oath Ceremony – Class 2023-2024

The Oath Ceremonies of the Graduates of the «LL.M. in International and European Law» of the Law School - NKUA was successfully held at the "Parnassos" Literary Society" (2022-2023) and "Oikonomidis Hall" (2023-2024). During the Ceremonies, speeches were delivered by the Professor of Public International Law and Dean of the Law School-NKUA Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos, by the Director of the Programme Professor Maria Gavouneli and by the Professor of European Law, Rebecca-Emmanouela Papadopoulou, who awarded the diplomas to the LL.M. graduates in the presence of members of the teaching staff of the programme and the graduates' families.



Welcome Meeting – Class 2024-2025



Welcome Meeting – Class 2025-2026

The reception ceremony of the Classes 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 of the English-taught “LL.M. in International and European Law” of the Athens Law School of NKUA was held at the Cultural Center of the University of Athens “Kostis Palamas”, with great success. The main purpose was for the students to familiarize themselves with the new academic environment, meet and chat with faculty and receive direct information about curriculum. It should be noted that this year more than 150 applications were received for the total of 50 places in the programme and all the places were filled with students, including 22 international students from 14 countries (Germany, Finland, France, Italy, Norway, Hungary, United Kingdom, Australia, USA, Jordan, India, Argentina, Turkey, Nigeria).

– Staff

**Maria Gavouneli**

Professor of International Law

Director of “LLM in International and European Law”

LL.B. (Honours) (Athens); LL.M. (Cantab); Ph.D. (Cantab) (Paul Guggenheim Prize); Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law and Athens Public International Law Center – Athens PIL, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens; President of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR); Member of the Board and former Director General, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy – ELIAMEP; Director, Refugee & Migration Studies Hub – RMS Hub, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens; Associate, Hellenic Institute of International & Foreign Law; Research Fellow, Sir William Dale Centre for Legislative Studies, University of London (2019-); Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London (2005-2019). ORCID id: 0000-0002-4509-9513; coordinator and member of major research teams funded by European and Greek resources; recipient of multiple research grants: Aristeia II, ELIDEK, COST, Jean Monnet; research impact: Google Scholar h-index 10 | i10-index 10; ResearchGate: 14,67 | total research interest: 113,4 | h-index: 5; Web of Science Researcher ID: AAL-6043-2021, h-index: 3. Fulbright Visiting Scholar 2018-2019 at the University of California Berkeley; Visiting professor and lecturer in several universities and research institutions in Greece and abroad, including the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), Tulane University (USA), the University of Edinburgh (Brodies Lecture), the University of Oxford, the University of Glasgow, the University of Manchester, Utrecht University. Member of several academic organisations, including the British Institute of International & Comparative Law (visiting researcher, 2000); the American Society of International Law (co-chair of the Law of the Sea Interest Group – LOSIG, 2012-2015); the European Society of International Law (co-convenor of the Interest Group on the Law of the Sea – LAWSEA, 2014-2020); the Association internationale du droit de la mer (AssIDMer); the International Law Association (member of the Executive Council; President, Hellenic Branch); the Hellenic Society of International Law & International Relations (Vice-chair); the Hellenic Arbitration Association; ILA, Committee on submarine cables and pipelines, nominee of the Chair (2018-); Committee on international law and sea-level rise (2013-2022); Committee on the legal principles relating to climate change, member and co-author of the 2014 Washington Declaration on the legal principles relating to climate change (2010-2014); Committee on transnational enforcement of environmental law, co-rapporteur (2005-2006); member, Standing Steering Committee, Executive Council (2021-); ILA Hellenic Branch, President (2018-2022). Author of five monographs, including *Pollution from offshore installations* (Martinus Nijhoff 1995 – Prix Paul Guggenheim), *State immunity and the rule of law* (Athens 2001), *Functional jurisdiction in the Law of the Sea* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2007), *Energy installations at sea* (Nomiki Vivliothiki, 2016 – in Greek); *Energy at Sea* (Edward Elgar, 2022) editor of several volumes; multiple chapters in books and numerous articles; co-editor-in-chief: *Yearbook of International Environmental Law*; board member in multiple journals. Bureau member, European Network of National Human Rights Institutions – ENNHRI (2016-2022); Bureau member, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions – GANHRI (2019-2022); alternate member, Sub-Committee on Accreditation, UN OHCHR; Member, National Accessibility Authority; National Transparency Authority, member of the Management Board (2020-2023); OECD, Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions, Vice-President (2005-2013), member of the Man-

agement Group (2014-2021) and lead examiner; Council of Europe, Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO), Head of delegation (since 2006) and examiner; UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), contact point for Greece (2007-2009), evaluator; National Coordinator for combating corruption, Advisory Body (2014-2015); European Commission, Expert Group on Corruption (2011-2020. Delegate of the Hellenic Republic in the General Assembly of the United Nations (Third Committee); The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Chair and member in numerous committees of the Council of Europe, including the Steering Committee on Criminal Matters (CDPC), member of the Bureau (2007-2011); Steering Group of the Pan-European Platform on Ethics, Transparency and Integrity in Education – ETINED (2016-2019); President of the Committee of Article 36 (CATS), Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs) (2003 and 2014); Delegate and negotiator in numerous bilateral and multilateral treaties, including treaties with the USA, the Russian Federation, Canada, the Ukraine, Mexico, Brazil, Iran and Armenia; Advisor to the Hellenic Ministry of Justice, member of several legislative drafting committees; Attorney-at-law, Athens Bar; Managing Partner, Gavouneli Micha Law Firm; Arbitrator under ICC rules, other domestic rules and Greek law; counsel, legal advisor and consultant in energy and environmental matters; arbitrator with the Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE) and the European Organization for Arbitration and Mediation (EODID). Fluent in Greek (native language), English, French, Italian and Spanish; comfortable with German



Photini Pazartzis

Professor of International Law

Director of Athens Public International Law Center

Member of the UN Human Rights Committee ICCPR (since 2015) and currently Vice-Chair. She is the President of the European Society of International Law (from September 2019) and member of the Editorial Board of the *European Journal of international Law*. Professor of the «Konstantinos Karamanlis Chair» at the Fletcher School of Tufts University, Boston (2023-2025). She completed her undergraduate studies in the University of Athens (1983) and her graduate studies at the University of Paris-II Panthéon-Assas (DEA, 1984; Doctorat d'Etat, 1992, Prix Paul Guggenheim). She has been Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law and at Wolfson College Cambridge (1998, 2017-2018), Director of Studies at the Hague Academy of International Law (French section, 2003), and has lectured in various universities and institutions, including the Universities of Bordeaux, Paris-I, Paris-II (Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales), Cambridge, Oxford, UCL, Sheffield, Oslo, the European University Institute and the Xiamen Academy of International Law (2015). In July 2018, she delivered a course at The Hague Academy of International Law on *Reparation in International Adjudication*. She is Co-Chair of the ILA's Study Group on *The Content and Evolution of the Rules of Interpretation*. Her areas of interest are public international law, settlement of disputes, international adjudication and procedure, international criminal law, human rights law and law of the sea.

**Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos**

Professor of International Law
Former Dean of Law School NKUA

Professor of International Law and former Dean of the Law School of the University of Athens, President of the Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights, former President of the European Court of Human Rights, corresponding member of the Academy of Athens, Vice President of the Institute of International Law, member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law, member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague), former Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, former member of the Management and Executive Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, former Vice President and current member of the National Commission for Human Rights. He is the author of eight monographs and studies and of more than 120 articles in French, English and Greek, published in a variety of prestigious academic journals in the field of general international law, international human rights law and the law of international organisations. He has also been invited to lecture at various academic institutions, including – but not limited to the: Hague Academy of International Law (1996, 2000, 2005, 2023), Faculty of Law at the University of Oxford (2006), Law School of the University of Paris-I, Panthéon-Sorbonne (1999, 2003), Law School of the University of Paris-II, Panthéon-Assas (1999, 2004, 2011, 2016, 2023), Faculty of Law of the Robert Schuman University of Strasbourg (1998, 2006, 2013-2018), Faculty of Law of the University of Aix-Marseille (2003, 2004), Faculty of Law of the National University of Ireland (Galway, 2005), Law School of the Montesquieu University of Bordeaux (2007, 2008, 2010), Faculty of Law of University College London (UCL) (2012), Faculty of Law of Saint Louis University of Brussels (2016), Faculty of Law of Leiden University (2017), Sciences Po, Paris (2018), Humboldt University, Berlin, (2019), Sapienza University, Rome (2024), etc. Grand Commander of the Order of the Saviour of the Hellenic Republic, *Officier de la Légion d'honneur* of the French Republic, Doctor *honoris causa* of the University of Paris-II (Panthéon-Assas) and of the University of Galatsi (Romania).

**Rebecca-Emmanouela Papadopoulou**

Professor of European Law

Rebecca-Emmanuela Papadopoulou completed her undergraduate studies at the School of Law of the University of Athens. She obtained a Licence Spéciale in European Law (Institut d'Etudes Européennes, ULB), a Licence Spéciales in Administrative Law (School of Law, ULB) and a Diplôme de Doctorat in EU Law (School of Law, UCLouvain). Her PhD thesis was awarded a prize by the Hellenic University Association for European Studies (ESCA-Greece) and the Foundation for the Promotion of European Studies, for its contribution to the study of European integration. Since 2000, she is a member of the Department of International and EU Law Studies of the Athens School of Law. She is currently an Associate Professor and she teaches EU Law in the framework of the graduate, post-graduate and Erasmus program. Her

courses include EU Institutional Law, EU Economic Law, EU Tax Law, Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU, and the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (mainly EU Migration Law and EU Criminal Law). She was a Visiting Professor at the International Tax Center (Leiden) and she teaches EU Law at the National School of Public Administration. Her areas of interest focus on the principles and the functioning of the EU legal order and its relationship with national laws, the EU internal market (mainly issues of free movement and competition), EU tax law, human rights protection in the EU, the rules on the Economic and Monetary Union, and the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (mainly migration, asylum granting and EU criminal law). She is the author of several monographs and articles and she has given lectures in the framework of national and international conferences. She participated as a senior researcher in the EU-funded projects ELISE (2002-2005) and CHALLENGE (2004-2008). She is the Scientific Responsible of the project «Migration Challenges from Eastern Mediterranean: EU Policies and New Responses» - MICEMEU- (April 2022 – March 2025), co-funded by the EU Erasmus+ Programme, and the Academic Responsible of the NKUA Jean Monnet Module “REUR” (Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights”) – (2023-2026). Member of the Hellenic Association for European Law; Founding Member and member of the Supervising Committee of the Association of Scientists of European Studies; Member of the Board of the Academy of Transparency and Human Rights of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO); Member of the Board of Directors of the “Jean Monnet Center of Excellence”.



Christos Gortsos

Professor of Public Economic Law

After having graduated from the German School of Athens (Dörpfeld Gymnasium) in 1979 (Apolytirion of the Hellenic Ministry of Education and Abitur of the German Ministry of Education), he pursued his academic education in law (University of Athens, Law School, Degree in Law, University of Zürich, Law School, Pre-diploma (Diplom-Vorprüfung) and University of Geneva, Graduate Institute of International Studies (‘IUHEI’, Master’s degree (D.E.S.) in International Law) and economics (University of Athens, School of Economics, Degree in Economics, University of Geneva, IUHEI, Master’s degree (D.E.S.) in International Macroeconomics). He received his PhD in 1996 from the University of Geneva, IUHEI; Thesis title: International and Regional Regimes for the Prudential Regulation of International Banks (grade: magna cum laude (Thesis), summa cum laude (viva)). He is Visiting Professor at the Europa Institute of the University of Saarland (since the 2008-2009 academic year), at the European Law and Governance School (ELGS) of the European Public Law Organisation (EPLO) (since the 2015-2106 academic year) and, since June 2022, at the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management. Since the 2014-2015 academic year, he also holds a teaching position at the Europa Institut of the University of Zürich, lecturing in the LL.M. Program in International Economic Law and the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) Program in Financial Markets Law. Since 2012, he also regularly lectures in conferences and Summer Schools organised by the European Law Academy (ERA) in Trier. The main fields of his research, teaching and publication activities are public economic law, EMU law, international, EU and Greek financial regulation (banking, capital markets and insurance) and institutional economics. In the winter semester of the 2017-2018 academic year, he was awarded the Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship at the European University Institute (EUI) in

Florence (Department of Law), during which he conducted his Research Project on: “The EU framework on banking resolution” and taught (with EUI Professor Stefan Grundmann) the course “Introduction to European (EU) Financial Law”. For the period September – October 2018 he was Academic Visitor at St Antony’s College, University of Oxford affiliated to the Political Economy for Financial Markets (PEFM) programme. During the Academic Year 2022-2023 (in a sabbatical leave from the NKUA) he is Visiting Scholar at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zürich and Senior Fellow at the Collegium Helveticum (a Joint Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of Zürich and the Federal Polytechnic School in Zürich (ETH)).



Manolis Perakis

Associate Professor of European Law

Manolis Perakis completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Athens (2001) and his post-graduate studies at both the University College London (LLM, 2002) and the University of Athens (PhD, 2008). In 2003, he served as trainee in the Cabinet of the Greek judge and President of the Court Mr. Vassilios Skouris. Manolis Perakis is currently teaching EU Law in the University of Athens as Assistant Professor. His areas of interest are EU institutional and internal market law, EU human rights protection law, EU external relations law, Economic and Monetary Union, and the EU Court of Justice case-law. He is the author of several monographs and articles, and he has given lectures in the framework of national and international conferences. Manolis Perakis also practices law as attorney-at-law. He is a senior associate in a law firm and he is actively involved in all public procurement and privatisation transactions, advising mainly on EU and administrative law aspects. Furthermore, he is involved in numerous ICC and local arbitrations as the Court’s assistant. Manolis Perakis is currently the Editor-in-Chief of “European Politeia”, a bi-annual journal of European law, public affairs and society published by the European Public Law Organization under the scientific supervision of the Greek Center of European Studies and Research (EKEME) of the EPLO. He is also a member of the Board of the “Association of Scientists of European Studies”, as well as a member of the “Hellenic the Hellenic Association of European Law”, the “Greek Association of International Law and International Affairs”, and of the “Association of Greek Commercialists”. Since 2014 he is academic supervisor to the Athens Law School’s student team in the annual “European Law Moot Court Competition”.



George Kyriakopoulos

Associate Professor of International Law

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BA in Law Studies, Faculty of Law, University of Athens; DEA in International Law, DEA in Political Science, Paris 2 University, France; PhD in International Law, Paris 2 University (Subject : «*La sécurité de l’aviation civile en droit international public*»). *Prix de thèse* of the French Society of Air and Space Law. 2018-2023, Assistant Professor of International

Law, School of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece; 2009-2018, Lecturer in International Law, School of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece; Attorney at Law, member of the Athens Bar Association; 1/3/2019 – 31/8/2019, Visiting Professor, Institute and Centre of Air and Space Law, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Montreal, Canada; 2014-2018, Visiting Professor in Air & Space Law, Panteion University, Athens, Greece; 2014-2015, Visiting Professor in Space Law / 2022 : Guest Keynote Speaker, Université Nice Sophia Antipolis, Faculté de droit et science politique, France. Member of the European Society of International Law; Member of the American Society of International Law; Point of contact (Greece) for the European Center of Space Law (ECSL); Member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL); Member of the Space Law Committee of the International Law Association (ILA); Member of the Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations (2011-2017, Member of the Board of Directors); 2017-2020, *Rapporteur* to the Scientific Council of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs; 2016-, Member of the Greek Delegation at ICAO, UNCOPUOS (Legal Subcommittee and the Plenary) and COSPAS-SARSAT; 2008-2010, Member of the Greek Air Accident Investigation and Aviation Safety Board; 2005-2006, Legal adviser of the Minister of National Defense (Greek Government) in Air Law and International Law.



Anastasios Gourgourinis

Assistant Professor of International Law

Assistant Professor of Public International Law at the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, specializing in International Economic Law. He is also a Research Fellow at the Academy of Athens and a membre associé of the Centre de Recherche sur le Droit des Marchés et des Investissements Internationaux de Dijon (CREDIMI), Université de Bourgogne. He holds an LL.B. and an LL.M. from the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, as well as an LL.M. (awarded with Distinction) and a Ph.D. from University College London. He has served in the past as Special Legal Advisor at Greece's Ministry for Development and Competitiveness, and the Ministry of State, advising on issues pertaining to investment, trade and state aid. Currently, he practises with the Athens Bar in Greece. Anastasios' teaching and research interests include public international law, international investment law and WTO law, particularly from the perspectives of international arbitration and adjudication, the theory of sources of international law, State responsibility, and normative fragmentation of international law. He is the academic supervisor of the Summer Law School on International Investment Law, organized annually by the Athens Public International Law Center and ELSA Athens, convenes the Trade Law Clinic project, and coaches the teams which annually represent the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot, the ELSA Moot Court Competition on WTO Law and the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.



Efthymios (Akis) Papastavridis

Assistant Professor of International Law

In May 2025 Dr Efthymios (Akis) Papastavridis was appointed Assistant Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). Previously he was teaching international law at the Faculty of Law, NKUA as a teaching associate both at the undergraduate and postgraduate level. In the period 2021-2024 Dr Papastavridis was the Principal Investigator of the Research Project 'EU Maritime Security post-2020' (EUMARSEC 2020+), hosted by the Athens PIL Center, Faculty of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Professor Papastavridis is also a visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of University of Oxford since 2016. He currently teaches International Law of the Sea at the BCL/MJur Programme and he has previously taught International Law of Armed Conflict at the BCL/MJur Programme and Public International Law at the undergraduate level. He was an Oxford Martin Fellow at the Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford during the period 2016-2022. Also, Professor Papastavridis is since 2019 legal consultant of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime Global Maritime Crime Programme. In addition, since 2010 he has been working as a Research Fellow at the Academy of Athens, Bureau of International Relations, under the supervision of Professor Emmanuel Roucounas. He was formerly Expert Counsellor on Public International Law at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece (2016-2019). In that capacity he participated in various international meetings (e.g., on Cyprus, the Prespa Agreement) and in bilateral talks on maritime delimitation. He was also Part-time Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Democritus University of Thrace (2010-2016) and Post-doctoral Fellow at the Faculty of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2012-2015). Professor Papastavridis has read law at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and at University College London. In 2009 he was awarded a PhD in Public International Law from University College London.



Metaxia Kouskouna

(retired) Assistant Professor of European Law

LLB School of Law NKUA. D.E.A. Droit Européen, Paris II. PhD in EU Law, School of Law NKUA. Assistant Professor of European Law in School of Law, NKUA (graduate and post graduate programmes 1997-). Visiting Professor: Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania Crete (MAICH/CIHEAM), Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) University of London: EU Law. Research Fellow: MAICH (Department of Geoinformation in Environmental Management), IALS, Athens PIL. *Academic Responsible for Erasmus agreements* with the Universities: Bucerius Law School (Hamburg), Riga Stradins University, Radboud University Nijmegen, IALS (UK), Universiteit Hasselt (UHasselt), member of Transnational University Limburg (tUL) network, Executive Vice President of Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence NKUA. Research Programmes: In collaboration with MAICH (Steering Committee): ISOTEIA, STRiM (MAICH 2003-6). In collaboration with the Centre for European Constitutional Law, Themistocles, and Dimitris Tsatsos Foundation (CECL): Assistance to the Ministry of Justice in BiH in internal organization and improvements of administrative capacity to undertake European Integration tasks, CARDS 2004, TWINNING LIGHT PROJECT- BA 04.03/01.01, Support to Justice - Kosovo EAR (CARDS

2005). In collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs: Collection / Codification of legislation – Collection of Greek Courts Reports & European Union Court Reports - Proposals to simplify the implementation of legislation (Ministry of Internal Affairs-Secretariat for Gender Equality), March 2012 - September 2013. In collaboration with the EPLO and the University BACHESECHIR, ISTANBUL: PSELLOS II (2008) and PSELLOS III (2009) (training courses in EU Law and Human Rights). She speaks English, French, German, Spanish.



Ilias Plakokefalos

Assistant Professor of International Law

Ilias Plakokefalos is Assistant Professor at the Section of International and European Studies of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration NKUA. He holds an LLB from the University of Essex, an LLM from Tulane University and a PhD from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He has worked as a researcher at the University of Athens and for the UN Office in Geneva (International Law Commission). He was a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Amsterdam (2012-2015) working at the SHARES project. He has taught at the Universities of Athens and Amsterdam and has been a guest lecturer at the University of Oxford. His research interests include public international law, the law of international responsibility, international environmental law and the law of the sea.



Dr. Theodoros G. Iliopoulos

Prof. Dr. Theodoros G. Iliopoulos is a professor of European environmental law at Hasselt University, and a postdoctoral fellow of FWO (Flanders Research Foundation) for his project “Quo Vadis Renewable Energy Support Law”, which is being conducted in affiliation with Hasselt University and Ghent University. He has also worked as an adjunct professor of European energy law at the Brussels School of Governance (Free University of Brussels, Vesalius College). His main expertise lies in the promotion of renewable energy sources, energy regulation, and EU energy policy. He has studied law at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (LLB in 2014). He has an LLM in “EU Law” from National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2015) and an LLM in “Law and Economics” from Utrecht University (“cum laude”, 2016). He completed his doctoral research on renewable energy law at Hasselt University, in collaboration with Maastricht University, and under the supervision of prof. dr. Bernard Vanheusden, in October 2021. He has been honoured with several international research grants and awards, such as the GCET Award “Young Researcher” for 2020 or the distinction “Wiley Top Cited Article 2020-2021” for his work “The EU's 2030 Climate and Energy Policy Framework: How net metering slips through its network”.



Dr. Stavros-Evdokimos Pantazopoulos

Dr. Stavros-Evdokimos Pantazopoulos is a Teaching Fellow at the NKUA School of Law and a visiting researcher with the Erik Castrén Institute, University of Helsinki. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and an Associate Fellow at the T.M.C. Asser Institute. He is a founding member of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association and a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law. Previously, he was a postdoctoral researcher with the Toxic Crimes Project at the University of Helsinki, and a researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Institute. He has also served as Legal and Policy Analyst of the Conflict and Environment Observatory, a UK-based NGO raising awareness of the environmental impacts of armed conflict. He has been a visiting researcher at the University of Michigan Law School as a Michigan Grotius Research Scholar, at iCourts and at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. Stavros has also held teaching positions at SciencesPo (Reims campus) and the University of Amsterdam. He obtained his Ph.D degree in international law from the EUI. His research focuses on the legal aspects of environmental protection during and after armed conflict. He has published in the fields of international humanitarian law, international environmental law, international cultural heritage law, and autonomous weapons systems.



Dr. Maria – Louiza Deftou

Dr Maria-Louiza Deftou is a Research Fellow at Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights(MFHR) and an active researcher at the Athens Public International Law Center(AthensPIL) with a multifold involvement in academic life. She has participated in a number of EU-funded research and teaching projects: as a teaching associate in the European Union Jean Monnet Module '*Migration Flows: Challenges and Perspectives under International and EU Law*' and as a research and teaching associate in the Jean Monnet Network programme '*Migration and Asylum Policies Systems (MAPS)*' (2019-2022). She has also participated in the research project titled '*Borderless Challenges: Redefining Sovereignty*' (2020-2022) and she is currently a member of the research team of "*EU Maritime Security Post-2020*" (2021-2024), both funded by the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI). She holds a PhD from the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, a LLB from the same university and a Master 2 Research in Human Rights Law from Université Lumière Lyon 2. Dr Deftou also teaches international law and international human rights law at the School of Law of the University of Athens and she has published extensively in these fields of law. Besides her academic interest, she has also worked for the International Organisation for Migration (IOM-UN Migration) and as a practising attorney at law (Athens Bar Association). Her first monograph, titled "*Exporting the European Convention on Human Rights*", was published by Hart Publishing in 2022.



Dr. Nikolaos Voulgaris

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EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the obligation of the administration to give reasons for its decisions” in Memorandum of Georgios Chr. Panagiotopoulos, Sakkoula publications, Athens - Thessaloniki, 2022, pp. 799-820. In addition, he delivers lectures on various topics of European Union Law in undergraduate and master programs of the Law School of NKUA.



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Dr. Anastasios Brakatsoulas

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Marilena Zacharopoulou is a graduate of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences and holds a postgraduate degree in Comparative Legal Studies. She has worked as a legal secretary since 2018. Since 2022, she is the Administrative Secretary of the Department of International Studies at the NKUA School of Law, supporting undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as members of the department.

– Courses

Programme 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

WINTER SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
1 Core Module	ECTS	1 Core Module	ECTS
Fundamentals of International Law (PIL)	10	International Law Processes (PIL)	10
Fundamentals of EU Law (EUL)	10	The EU area of Freedom, Security and Justice: Between Governance and Security (EUL)	10
4 Optional Modules - 2 hours / week		4 Optional Modules - 2 hours / week	
Seminar I (PIL)	5	Seminar II (PIL)	5
Seminar I (EUL)	5	Seminar II (EUL)	5
International Human Rights Law	5	International Environmental Law and Energy Law	5
Law of the Sea	5	Business and Human Rights	5
Law of the World Trade Organisation	5	International Investment Law & Arbitration	5
International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law	5	International Law and Domestic Courts	5
Diplomatic and Consular Law	5	Diplomacy through Experts	5
International Humanitarian Law	5	Cybersecurity and International Law	5
European Union External Relations Law	5	Environmental Law and EU Internal Market	5
The EU Internal Market: Economic Freedoms and Competition	5	EU Tax Law	5
Fundamental Rights Protection in the European Union	5	EU Economic and Monetary Union Law	5
		International and European Banking Law	5
TOTAL WINTER SEMESTER	30	TOTAL SPRING SEMESTER	30
		LLM THESIS	15
TOTAL 75 ECTS			

– Lectures in the context of the Programme

**Dr. Vaios Koutroulis**

Guest lecture for the course “International Humanitarian Law” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (11.10.2023)

Vaios Koutroulis is Professor of Public International Law at the ULB Faculty of Law and Criminology, specializing in international humanitarian law and international criminal law. He has lectured extensively to academic and professional audiences and has published widely on IHL and jus contra bellum. He is a member of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission and has advised the Belgian government in proceedings before the International Court of Justice and in international criminal law negotiations.

**Dr. Orfeas Chasapis Tassinis**

Guest lecture for the course “Diplomatic and Consular Law” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (14.11.2023)

Dr Orfeas Chasapis Tassinis is a Research Fellow at Gonville and Caius College at the University of Cambridge where he teaches international law at the Faculty of Law. Orfeas' work focuses on the intersections between international law and legal theory, broadly construed. He holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge (Yorke Prize), as well as LL.Ms from the University of Athens and NYU (Jerome Lipper Prize).

**Professor Dr. Theodoros Iliopoulos**

Guest lecture for the course “EU Internal Market” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (24.11.2023)

Prof. Dr. Theodoros G. Iliopoulos is a professor of European environmental law at Hasselt University, an adjunct professor of European energy law at the Brussels School of Governance (Free University of Brussels, Vesalius College), and a postdoctoral fellow of FWO (Flanders Research Foundation) for his project “Quo Vadis Renewable Energy Support Law”, which is being conducted in affiliation with Hasselt University and Ghent University.

**Dr. Silvia Bartolini**

Guest lectures for the courses of specialization “European Union Law” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (11, 13, 18, 20.12.2023 & 25.4.2024)

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**Mr. Joseph Klingler**

Guest lecture for the course “The Law of the World Trade Organization” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (9.1.2024)

Joseph Klingler is a partner in the International Litigation and Arbitration Department of Foley Hoag LLP in Washington, DC, specializing in public international law disputes. He represents sovereign States and State-owned entities before major international courts and arbitral tribunals, including the ICJ, PCA, and ICSID. He is a recognized expert in treaty interpretation and has published extensively in public international law. Mr. Klingler has lectured at the Graduate Institute in Geneva and is co-authoring the third edition of Oxford University Press’ leading volume on treaty interpretation.

**Dr. Joseph Crampin**

Guest lecture in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (4.1.2024).

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**Dr. Zinovia Stavridi**

Guest lectures for the course “Diplomatic and Consular Law” in the context of the 2023/24 and 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (9.1.2024 and 7.1.2025)

Dr. Zinovia Stavridi is a member of the Legal Department of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She currently holds the position of Legal Adviser, Head of the Legal Department. She graduated from the Law School of the National Kapodistrian University of Athens and is a holder of a DEA in Public International Law and a Doctorat d’Etat of the University of Paris II.

**Dr. George Karipsiadis**

Guest lecture for the course “Fundamentals of EU Law” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (10.1.2024)

Dr. Karipsiades holds a PhD and LL.M. in International Law and has served since 1994 as a Legal Adviser at the EU Law Department of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, becoming Head of Department in 2020. He has represented Greece before the Court of Justice and the General Court of the EU and participated in major international negotiations. His work covers a wide range of EU law fields, including external relations, migration, environmental policy, and EU law transposition. He has chaired key EU bodies, notably the High Level Group on Asylum and Migration, and is active in academic research, publications, and teaching.

**Professor Eleftheria Neframi**

Guest lecture for the course “EU External Relations Law” in the context of the 2023/24 and 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (10.1.2024 and 8.1.2025)

Eleftheria Neframi is Professor of European law at the University of Luxembourg since 2012. Prior to joining the University of Luxembourg, she held a post as professor at the University Sorbonne Paris-Nord (Paris 13). She is director of the LLM in European Litigation. She is visiting professor at the University Paris 2, Panthéon-Assas and at the NKUA. She is publishing in the fields of European external relations, European litigation and interaction of legal orders.

**Prof. Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi**

Guest Lectures for the course “International Humanitarian Law” in the context of the 2023/24 and 2024/2025 LL.M. in International & European Law (10.1.2024 and 19.12.2024).

Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi is an Assistant Professor of International Law at Sciences Po Law School, specializing in digital security law and global governance. Her research examines technolegal forms of governance at the intersection of international law, technology, risk, and fundamental rights. She is the author of Drones and International Law: A Techno-Legal Machinery (Cambridge University Press, 2023) and holds key editorial and leadership roles in international law networks. She previously taught at the University of Manchester and holds a PhD from the European University Institute and EHESS.

**Professor Vassilios Christianos**

Guest lecture for the course “EU Law Seminar” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (12.1.2024)

Professor Vassilios Christianos is an Emeritus Professor of EU Law at the Athens Law School with extensive academic and institutional experience in European law. He has held senior roles in European and Greek institutions, including the Court of Justice of the EU, regulatory authorities, and international legal organizations. He has taught EU law at several leading European universities as assistant and visiting professor. Dr. Christianos is also a prolific author, researcher, and practicing lawyer admitted to the Athens and Luxembourg bars.

**Ms Aspasia Tsekeri**

Guest lecture on the topic «The International Fund for Agricultural Development» in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (14.2.2024)

Ms Aspasia Tsekeri is a Legal Counsel at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) of the United Nations

**Ambassador Dimitrios Paraskevopoulos**

Guest lectures for the course “Diplomacy through Experts” in the context of the 2023/24 & 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (20.3.2024 & 21.5.2025)

Ambassador a.h. Dimitrios Paraskevopoulos is a Greek career diplomat and law graduate of the University of Athens. He held senior posts in the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served as Ambassador to Moscow and Paris, as well as Director of the Diplomatic Cabinets of both the Foreign Minister and the Prime Minister. He also led the organization of the Greek Presidency of the Council of the EU and served as Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has been highly decorated by Greece and several foreign states and speaks English and French.

**Professor Emeritus Stelios Perrakis**

Guest lecture on the topic ‘Applying International Law by International Courts and Tribunals. Mapping issues and questions in particular from a Hellenic perspective and Practice’ in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (10.4.2024)

Professor Emeritus of International and European Institutions and Former Vice-Rector of Panteion University, President of the Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations, Honorary Professor of the Democritus University of Thrace, Former Ambassador-Permanent Representative of Greece at the Council of Europe

**Dr. Tatiana Papadopoulou**

Guest lectures for the course «The EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice» in the context of the 2023/24 & 2024/25 LLM in International & European Law (18.4.2024 & 22.5.2025)

Dr. Tatiana Papadopoulou is a Legal Counselor at the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, specializing in EU institutional law and key EU policy areas, including free movement of persons, European citizenship, and the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. She represents the Hellenic Republic before the Court of Justice of the European Union and participates in EU legislative negotiations within the Council and the Commission. She has held senior roles at the Greek Permanent Representation to the EU and chaired important EU working groups. Dr. Papadopoulou is also a published author in the fields of EU law and private international law.

**Mr. Panos Theodoropoulos**

Guest lecture on the topic of "Umbrella Clauses in Investment Treaty Arbitration" for the course ““International Investment Law & Arbitrations” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (21.5.2024)

Panos Theodoropoulos is an international dispute resolution lawyer specializing in arbitration, public international law, and EU law. He previously worked as an international arbitration associate at Dechert LLP in Paris, representing States, State-owned entities, and major corporations in ICSID, ICC, UNCITRAL, and LCIA arbitrations, as well as cases before the European Court of Human Rights. He also worked at the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center in Geneva.

**Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis**

Guest lectures for the course “Diplomacy through Experts” in the context of the 2023/24 and 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (22.5.2024 & 12.3.2025)

Dr. Iakovidis is a senior Greek diplomat with extensive expertise in international law, human rights, and multilateral diplomacy. He holds degrees from University Paris II, University Paris I, and a PhD from the University of Athens, and was a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute. He served as Greece’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva and is currently Director of the Office of the Secretary General for International Economic Relations and Extroversion. His diplomatic career includes postings in Beijing, Brussels, New York, and Geneva, with experience in EU law-making, multilateral negotiations, and human rights, including initiating UNGA Resolution 163/68. His research focuses on international human rights law, state immunities, diplomatic law, and cyber dispute settlement.

**Dr. Sotirios Lekkas**

Guest lecture for the course “Seminar II - PIL” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (23.5.2024)

Dr. Sotirios Lekkas is an expert in general international law, with a focus on the law of international responsibility and rules of interpretation. He joined the University of Sheffield in September 2023, and his research also covers the law of the sea, international criminal law, and international investment law. Previously, he was a lecturer at the University of Groningen, a postdoctoral researcher on the ERC-funded TRICI-Law project, and a judicial fellow at the International Court of Justice, having also taught at Oxford and held research positions in London and Athens.

**Ms Maria Telalian**

Guest lecture for the course “Diplomacy through Experts” in the in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (29.5.2024)

Ms Maria Telalian has served as Legal Adviser and Head of the Legal Department at the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2013, previously leading its Public International Law Section. She was Greece’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN (2005–2007) and acts as Agent before the ICJ, Counsellor in cases at the European Court of Human Rights, and Greek Representative to the UN Sixth Committee. She is also a member of the Panel of Arbitrators at the Permanent Court of Arbitration and a former Appeals Board member of the Western European Union. Maria Telalian has taught international law and the law of the sea at the Greek Diplomatic Academy and the Rhodes Academy on Oceans Law and Policy.

**Dr. Anna Ventouratou**

Guest lecture for the course “Seminar II – PIL” in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (30.5.2024)

Dr. Anna Ventouratou is an international lawyer specializing in international economic law and trade, currently a Lecturer at the University of Sheffield since May 2022. She convenes undergraduate and postgraduate International Trade Law modules and leads the International Mooting module, advising the Sheffield team in the John H. Jackson WTO Moot Court Competition. Her research focuses on public international law, including dispute settlement, state responsibility, treaty law, gender and trade, and the legality of economic sanctions. Dr. Ventouratou studied at Oxford, Athens, and Columbia, has extensive teaching and coaching experience, and has achieved notable success in international mooting competitions.

**Dr. Eniko Horvath**

Guest lecture on the topic of "Investment Arbitration Amidst Crises" for the course "International Investment Law & Arbitration" in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (4.6.2024)

Dr. Enikő Horváth is a counsel and arbitrator specializing in international arbitration and public international law, in particular investor-State and inter-State disputes, human rights cases and matters involving international organizations. Until March 2024, she was a National Partner at Dechert and prior thereto held a senior position at Cleary Gottlieb. In the past sixteen years, she has represented parties in over two dozen international arbitrations and before the European Court of Human Rights.

**Dr. Artemis Papathanassiou**

Guest lectures for the course "Diplomacy through Experts" in the context of the 2023/24 & 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (5.6.2024 & 28.5.2025)

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**Dr. James Devaney**

Guest lecture for the course "Seminar II – PIL" in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law (6.6.2024)

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**Dr. Nick Petropoulos**

Guest lecture for the course «Fundamentals of EU Law» in the context of the 2024/25 LLM in International & European Law, on the subject «Federalism or "Federalism"? The United States and the European Union in Comparative Perspective» (9.10.2024).

Nick Petropoulos holds a PhD in Criminal Justice from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and has over 15 years of teaching experience in law, comparative criminal justice, terrorism, and human rights across several countries. He is currently a Research Fellow at the Center on Terrorism at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and has previously conducted research on UN sanctions and their compatibility with international and European law. He has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals and has served as a reviewer for leading academic journals.



Prof. August Reinisch

Guest lecture for the course «Fundamentals of PIL» in the context of the 2024/25 LLM in International & European Law (4.11.2024).

Prof. Reinisch is a professor of international and European law at the University of Vienna and a Member of the International Law Commission as well as of the Institut de droit international. He is president of the Austrian branch of the ILC. He has published widely in international law with a focus on the law of international organizations and on international investment law and he is currently serving as the ILC's Special Rapporteur on the topic "The settlement of international disputes to which international organizations are parties".



Dr. Maria Varaki

Guest lecture on "The Law of Occupation in the 21st Century" for the course "International Humanitarian Law" in the context of the 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (28.11.2024)

Dr. Maria Varaki is a Lecturer in International Law at the War Studies Department of King's College London. She previously held research and teaching positions at the Erik Castrén Institute in Helsinki, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Kadir Has University in Istanbul. She holds a PhD from the Irish Centre for Human Rights and two LLM degrees from Tulane University and NYU School of Law. She is currently a Research Associate in the ERC project 3 Generations of Digital Human Rights at the Hebrew University.



Professor George Pagoulatos

Dr. Michalis Kritikos

Guest lecture for the course "International Human Rights Law" in the context of the 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (26.11.2025)

Mr. George Pagoulatos is Professor of European Politics and Economy at the Athens University of Economics and Business and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. He has held senior advisory roles in Greek public life, including Director General of ELIAMEP and Advisor on European Affairs to the President of the Hellenic Republic. He is an accomplished author and public intellectual, with academic degrees from the University of Athens and the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Dr. Michalis Kritikos is a legal and policy analyst on technology ethics at the European Commission, specializing in AI ethics and the responsible governance of emerging technologies. He has authored over 40 publications and managed major projects on risk regulation and responsible innovation, with current research focusing on AI risk assessment and regulatory governance. He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and is affiliated with leading academic and policy institutions in the field of AI and technology law.



Dr. Marios Tokas

Guest lecture in the context of the course "The Law of the World Trade Organization" of the 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (17.12.2024)

Marios Tokas is the Head of Trade Law at Besso Ltd (Swiss Legal Tech start-up). He is finishing his PhD in International Law at the Geneva Graduate Institute. He is the Trade and Investment Program Manager at the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL). He has practiced international trade law, EU law and international arbitration in law firms and consulting firms in Geneva, Brussels and Athens.

**Dr. Marco Ferrazzani**

Guest lectures in the context of the course “International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law”, under the central theme “The Laws applicable to Outer Space” (9.1. & 16.1.2025).

Dr. Marco Ferrazzani, is Director of Internal Services and former Legal Counsel of the European Space Agency (ESA) and Fellow at the Athens PIL. He is a renowned expert in space law and a leading practitioner, with extensive academic and legal experience in space matters. We are honored to have him co-teach this course. This presents a unique opportunity for students to hear from a highly respected figure in space sciences.

**Ms Natalia Panourgia**

Guest lecture «Diplomacy and new technologies: a case study of neurotechnology» in the context of the Course “Diplomacy through Experts” of the 2024/2025 LL.M. in International & European Law (19.3.2025)

Natalia Panourgia is a Greek diplomat holding the rank of First Counsellor, with 15 years of experience at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece. She has held diplomatic postings in Montenegro and Chile, before serving for five years in Geneva, where she represented Greece at the Human Rights Council and played a key role in introducing the first Human Rights Council (HRC) resolution on neurotechnology and human rights. She holds a law degree from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and a Master's degree in International Law and Diplomacy from Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. She is currently pursuing an online Advanced Diploma in Internet Governance from the Diplo Foundation of the University of Malta.

**Professor Aurélien Raccach**

Guest lecture on the subject «The rise of populism in France» for 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (11.4.2025)

Dr. Aurélien Raccach is Vice Dean for international development, director the International and European Law School (IELS) and associate professor at the law Faculty of the Catholic University of Lille. He was awarded a PhD in EU law at the European University Institute (EUI) on the following topic: ‘The direct implementation of European Union law by devolved bodies. A comparative approach in Germany, the United Kingdom and France’. His research currently focuses on the respect of EU values and law, overall through proceedings before the Court of justice of the European Union. He wrote and co-edited books on the Legal risks in EU law, the Lisbon treaty and in EU environmental law.

**Ms Evgenia Stavropoulou**

Guest lecture in the context of the course “International Investment Law & Arbitration” in the context of the 2024/25 LL.M. in International & European Law (20.5.2025)

Eugenia Stavropoulou is an Associate in the International Arbitration and Cross-Border Disputes Practice Group at Kim & Chang in Seoul, specializing in commercial and investment arbitration. She previously served as a tribunal secretary in Zurich and has experience across public and private international law, trade, and investment matters. She is admitted to the Athens Bar and holds LL.M. degrees from NKUA and MIDS, and is currently a PhD candidate at the London School of Economics.

**Professor Daniel Bodansky**

Guest lecture in the context of the course “International Environmental Law and Energy Law” of the 2024/25 LL.M. in International and European Law (27.5.2025)

Daniel Bodansky is Regents’ Professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, and a leading scholar in international environmental and climate change law. He previously served at the U.S. State Department and held academic positions at the University of Washington and the University of Georgia. He is the award-winning author of The Art and Craft of International Environmental Law and International Climate Change Law, and a graduate of Harvard, Cambridge, and Yale.

**Professor Dr. Daan Bijmens**

Guest lecture in the context of the course “Environmental Law and EU Internal Market” of the 2024/25 LL.M. in International and European Law (29.5.2025)

Daan Bijmens is an Assistant Professor of public procedural law at Hasselt University and a Visiting Professor of constitutional law at Ghent University. He previously completed his PhD at Hasselt University on the principle of legality in the Belgian Constitution within the EU legal order. He also works as a legal expert and case law coordinator at the Flemish Administrative Courts, specializing in administrative and environmental law.

Scientific Events & Educational Activities

Movie Screening on International Humanitarian Law (20.12.2023 – Library of School of Law)



The screening of the movie 'Eye in the Sky', which took place on **Wednesday, December 20 from 19.00 to 21.00** at the Law School Library, 104 Solonos street.

Selected excerpts of the movie will be screened, and a discussion will follow, focusing on international humanitarian law issues and the role of legal advisers during military operations.

The screening is jointly organized by the 'Law and Art' group and the instructors of the 'International Humanitarian Law' module of the LL.M. in International and European Law.

Event on the Climate Change School of Law – NKUA & Marangopoulos Foundation (12.02.2024)



This event was organised on the occasion of the emblematic case *Duarte Agostinho and others v. Portugal and 32 other States* brought before the European Court of Human

Rights (ECtHR). The head of the applicants' legal team, Ms. Alison Macdonald KC, Barrister, Essex Court Chambers, was invited. In the subsequent discussion, moderated by the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the NKUA and former President of the ECtHR, Professor Linos-Alexander Sicilianos, also participated Professor Emerita Glykeria Siouti, Professor Maria Gavouneli and Professor George Dellis, from the University of Athens. The rich academic discussion right after all excellent interventions, highlighted the legal aspects of the *Duarte Agostinho* case, the first of its kind, as it is brought before the ECtHR by 6 children and young persons from Portugal against thirty-three (33) States, claiming the latter's failure (all of them being Parties to the 2015 Paris Agreement) to limit the inter-generational and transboundary consequences of *climate change*. The President of the Hellenic Council of the State, Ms. Evaggelia Nika, the President of the Supreme Civil and Criminal Court, Ms. Ioanna Klapa, academics, members of environmental and civil society organisations, as well as the general audience, have honored our event with their presence.

Open discussion on negotiating bilateral issues on the law the sea (17.4.2024)



On Wednesday, 17 April 2024, from 19:00 to 21:00, an open discussion entitled “*Negotiating Bilateral Issues on the Law of the Sea*” was held at Room 5, 3 Sina Street. The discussion featured Professor **Maria Gavouneli**, Director of the LL.M. in International and European Law, as well as Professor Dr. Demir and Mr. Baskara from the National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law, Turkey (DEHUKAM).



Prof. Ismail Demir is a distinguished expert in maritime law, specializing in maritime trade and marine pollution. He studied law at Ankara University, completed an LLM in 1997, and earned his doctorate in 2009 on "Salvage within the Framework of the London Convention." He served as First Legal Counselor at the Undersecretariat of Maritime Affairs (1997–2001) and has held key academic and research positions, including Professor of Maritime Law, Board Member of Ankara University's National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law, Leading Researcher at DEHUKAM, and Head of the Department of Maritime, Transportation Law and Politics.



Mustafa Başkara is a distinguished maritime law scholar who earned his LL.B. from Ankara University and an LL.M. in International Shipping Law from Queen Mary University of London. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Maritime Law at Ankara University and gained professional experience through an internship at the International Maritime Organization. He has served as a research assistant at the Social Sciences University of Ankara, advisor to the Minister of Justice of Türkiye (2020–2022), and CEO of the Ankara University National Center for Sea and Maritime Law since 2021. In 2023, he was appointed Director of the Mediterranean Climate Change Research Centre (AİDAM), a future UNEP/MAP regional activity centre.

Educational visit to the International Court in The Hague (15-16.4.2024)



On 15-16 April 2024, a group of 14 students from the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, together with postgraduate students from the University of Oxford, had the unique opportunity to visit the International Court of Justice at The Hague and attend in person part of the hearings of the preliminary objections in the case "*Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Armenia v. Azerbaijan)*". Armenia was represented, among others,

by **Professor Linos-Alexander Sicilianos**, former President of the European Court of Human Rights and Dean of the Law School of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens.



The students were accompanied by Dr. **Stavros Pantazopoulos** and Professor **Efthymios Papastavridis**. During the visit to the Court, the students had the great honour and pleasure to discuss with the Registrar of the International Court of Justice, Mr. Philippe Gautier, Judge Dire Tladi, as well as associate legal officers, among whom our alumnus, Mr. Nikiforos Panagis.



Among the highlights of this educational visit was the meeting with the counsels of Armenia, including the Dean and Professor of the Law School of the NKUA, Mr. **Linos-Ale-**

xandros Sicilianos. The Dean, together with the other counsels of Armenia, Dr. Konstantinos Salonidis, and Alison Macdonald KC, conversed with our students and their counterparts from the University of Oxford about the current case; responded to numerous questions from the students; and explained in detail the process of preparing the case and the role of the counsel before the International Court of Justice.



Rapid Response Roundtable ITLOS Advisory Opinion on Climate Change (24.5.2024)



A Rapid Response Roundtable took place on Friday, 24 May, from 17:00 to 18:30 at Room 8 of the New Building of the School of Law, 3 Sina Street. Against the background of increasing climate change litigation, the Roundtable addressed legal issues arising from the Advisory Opinion of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) on Climate Change and the Law of the Sea, which had been published on 21 May. The

Roundtable was chaired by Professor **Maria Gavouneli**, and the speakers included **Assistant Professor Ilias Plakokefalos** (NKUA), Dr. **Sophia Kopela** (WWF Greece), Dr. **Efthymios Papastavridis** (NKUA), and Dr. **Stavros Pantazopoulos** (NKUA).

Lecture "Environmental taxes and corporate compliance" (13.6.2024)

On Thursday 13 June 2024, 17.00-19.00 pm Dr. Kristof Wauters and Mrs. Lydia Sofrona gave lecture on the topic of "Environmental taxes and corporate compliance" for the course "Environmental Law and the EU Internal Market" in the context of the 2023/24 LL.M. in International & European Law. The lecture took place at 3 Sina Str., Room 8. This guest lecture examined the complex landscape of environmental taxation and corporate compliance from an international perspective. It discussed international initiatives on taxation for the SDGs and focused on the European Union's approach to environmental taxes, including their design, implementation, and related challenges across Member States. The lecture also addressed corporate compliance, with particular emphasis on ESG reporting and the growing trend toward voluntary compliance beyond regulatory requirements. Finally, it explored future developments in environmental taxation and corporate sustainability practices.



Kristof Wauters is a Belgian lawyer at the Limburg Bar and Partner at Vensius, a boutique law firm in Hasselt, specializing in international tax and corporate law. He is also a lecturer at AP University of Applied Sciences and Arts Antwerp, teaching personal and corporate income taxation. He previously worked at the University of Hasselt, where he completed his PhD on tax compliance by large corporations in 2021.



Lydia Sofrona is a Greek tax partner at Koutalidis Law Firm in Athens and a senior tax expert at the IMF, providing technical assistance on tax reform across multiple regions worldwide. She previously served as Senior Counsel at the IMF's Legal Department, Director of Legal Services of the Greek Revenue Authority, and legal counsel to the Greek Alternate Minister of Finance. She is also a member of the UN Roster of Experts on Tax and Sustainable Development Goals.

81st ILA Conference (25-28.6.2024)



International law constantly evolved and moved forward but in what direction and who contributed thereto? What did moving forward mean? Did it expand and progress towards a liberal ideal, or shrink in front of insurmountable challenges and forces that undermined the international legal order? And which fields showcased more pertinently the dilemmas that international law was encountering? The 2024 Biennial Conference purported to launch a multilevel discussion regarding the future of international law: perennial questions surrounding state sovereignty and challenges of international law's enforcement were accentuated by urgent crises, including climate change, populism, war, economic inequalities, backlash regarding the protection of human rights, the revival of the domestic

affairs mantra, and corruption. International law faced increasingly serious risks. Yet at the same time, this move forward reflected a more diversified and inclusive legal order: new actors (civil society, local authorities, the international community as a whole), new lawmaking methods (best practices, model laws, and guidelines), and new means of enforcement confirmed the relevance and robustness of the international legal order. The Conference sought to showcase new practices and innovative research in various fields of international law, such as the sources doctrine, state sovereignty, international human rights law, international economic law, international environmental law, jus ad bellum, and jus in bello. New tendencies, such as the greening of energy law or the gendering of human rights protection, were highlighted. In this framework, the 2024 Biennial Conference launched a Call for Papers on four specific angles of the general Conference theme. In addition to these proposed sessions, the ILA Committees and Study Groups submitted and presented Reports and resolutions at the Conference.

Summer Course on Space Law and Policy of the European Center of Space Law (ECSL) 26.8.-6.9.2024



From 26.8.2024 to 6.9.2024, the **Athens Law School** and the **Athens PIL**, together with the European Space Agency (ESA) and the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL), organised the **annual Summer Courses** in this field of law. Around sixty students and young professionals from all over Europe were welcomed to the premises of the Law School, where a number of professors and high-level experts gave them the opportunity to become more familiar with space law, its problems and perspectives.



On Monday, 9th of September, a similarly co-organised International Young Scholars Conference on Space Law, unique in the international academic annals, was held, in the framework of which about thirty students from all over the world presented extremely interesting ideas and thoughts and answered numerous questions from the audience. The theme of the conference was the development of legal reflection on the dilemma of "space exploration vs. space exploitation". An indication of the success of the workshop is the fact that papers were presented by young scholars from fourteen countries (Norway, Netherlands, Finland, Vietnam, South Africa, India, UK, Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Peru, Portugal, Greece).



The Summer Course was opened by the former Dean of the Law School, Professor **Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos**, and the Director of the Athens PIL, Professor **Photini Pazartzis**, while the current Dean of the Law School, Professor **Konstantinos Christodoulou**, introduced the Conference.



The Law School's Department of International Studies was instrumental in making this happen. The Vice-Dean of the Law School, Associate Professor **Georgios Kyriakopoulos**, not only coordinated the overall events, but also made a significant contribution to the teaching of the summer courses, while at the same time taking the lead in the academic evaluation and final selection of the proposals submitted for the Conference. In addition, an organising committee of more than fifteen students (postgraduate and undergraduate), worked tirelessly and ultimately with complete success for these academic events.





As part of the ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy hosted by the Athens Law School, students visited the premises of Hellas Sat in Koropi. The visit included a guided tour of the company's facilities, including the Satellite Operations Centre, Network Operations Centre, and Teleport and Data Centre, followed by a presentation and discussion with the company's President, Mr. Christodoulos Protopapas. Students gained first-hand insight into satellite systems and communications and expressed strong appreciation for the facilities and hospitality. Hellas Sat's long-standing support for the Law School and its students, including sponsorship of the Summer Course and the Manfred Lachs Moot Court teams, was also highlighted.



Summer Course and Intensive Course

“Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU”

2-6 September 2024 & 3,4,13,14,15 February 2025



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6. Consequences of the foreseeable rise to power of the populist parties on the rule of law in France
7. The rise of soft law and challenges for rule of law and democracy
8. Rule of law and asylum
9. Rule of law and immigration
10. Fundamental rights in the shadow of EU law
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The Jean Monnet Module “Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU” (R-EU-R) is a three-year project coordinated by the Public International and EU Law Department of the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission. The project aims to highlight the central role of the rule of law within the EU legal order and its close connection to the protection of fundamental rights, particularly in light of recent developments concerning judicial independence. It promotes international academic cooperation to assess evolving case law and legal challenges in this field. R-EU-R provides post-graduate-level training through an annual summer school, a short intensive workshop for professionals, and an open conference bringing together academics and practitioners.

Lecture of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Volker Türk (18.11.2024, Great Hall NKUA)



In the packed Great Hall of the University of Athens, the **United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr Volker Türk**, delivered, on 18 November 2024, quite a powerful keynote speech on the current crisis of human rights, titled «**The centrality of Human Rights in the current context**». The High Commissioner particularly noted that this crisis is taking unprecedented and alarming dimensions and put particular emphasis on all the contemporary challenges contributing to this crisis, including the proliferation of armed conflicts across the globe (in Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar, Congo), the financial crisis and the accelerating impact of climate change.



Introducing the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Prof. Linos-Alexander Sicilianos, emphasised the pivotal importance of the institution of the High Commissioner at this critical juncture for human rights. He referred, in particular, to the fact that,

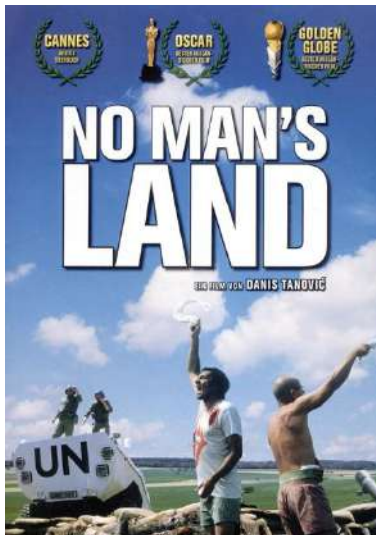
for the first time, all major ongoing military crises are brought before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague. Having as a jurisdictional basis the most important UN treaties on human rights, the ICJ is called upon to pronounce on States' accountability for gross human rights violations in the context of recent or ongoing armed conflicts.

Conference on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Greece's ratification of the European Convention on Human Rights (12-13.12.2024)



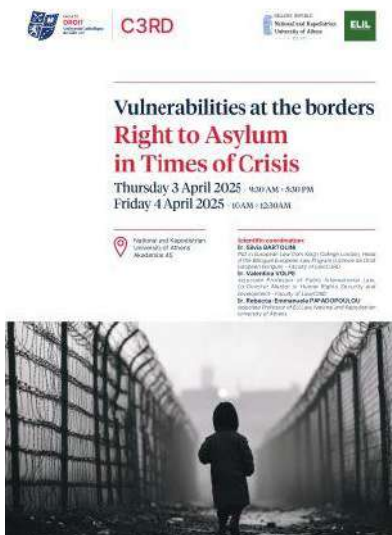
The School of Law at the University of Athens, in collaboration with the Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (MFHR), successfully organized a two-day conference on December 12 and 13, 2024, titled “50 Years of the ECHR: Interactions with Various Branches of Greek Law”. The conference, held in Greek, took place at the “Alkis Argyriadis” Amphitheater, in the Central Building of the University of Athens. For the first time, 42 distinguished speakers, academics, senior judges, professors of law schools, international experts and lawyers discussed and analysed the interplay between the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and various branches of the Greek legal order. On the first day of the conference, in-depth discussions were held on the historical, philosophical and sociological foundations of the Convention. The impact of the ECHR on various branches of civil law, civil procedure, labour and commercial law, criminal law and criminal procedure as well as penitentiary law was then examined. On the second day of the conference, the scientific discussion focused on the relationship between the ECHR and public law as well as the Convention’s influence beyond national law, with emphasis on EU law, private international law and other branches of international law.

Movie Screening on International Humanitarian Law (11.12.2024 - Library of Law School)



The screening of the 2001 film 'No man's land', which took place on Wednesday 11 December from 18.30 to 20.30 at the Library of the Law School, 104 Solonos Street. Excerpts from the film will be screened in English followed by a discussion focusing on issues of international humanitarian law. The presentation of the screening is jointly curated by the group 'Law and Art' and Dr. **Stavros-Evdokimos Pantazopoulos**.

Conference "Vulnerabilities at the borders rights to asylum in times of crisis" (Hybrid 3-4.4.2025)



international, European, and national legal frameworks respond to asylum challenges in times of crisis.

The conference "**Right to Asylum in Times of Crisis: Vulnerabilities at the Borders**" explored the contemporary challenges facing asylum and migration law in Europe amid situations of crisis. Through keynote interventions, expert panels, and a student round table, the discussions focused on rule of law backsliding in EU asylum policy, new solidarity mechanisms, the role of EU agencies such as Frontex, and national practices at external borders. Particular attention was given to access to asylum, denial of protection, instrumentalization of migration, and the protection of vulnerable groups, including victims of trafficking and children in immigration detention. By combining academic analysis, practitioners' perspectives, and clinical legal work, the conference provided a comprehensive examination of how international, European, and national legal frameworks respond to asylum challenges in times of crisis.

Memorandum of Cooperation between the Law School NKUA and the Hellenic Diplomatic Academy (17.9.2025)



Memorandum of Cooperation between the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) and the Hellenic Diplomatic Academy (HDA) with the aim of strengthening and expanding bilateral cooperation, was signed on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, by the Dean of the Law School of the NKUA, Professor Constantine Christodoulou, and the Director of the HDA, Ambassador Michalis Diamessis, in the presence of the Rector of the University of Athens, Professor Gerasimos Siassos, and the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Teresa Angelatou. The signing ceremony was also attended by Spyros Vlachopoulos, member of the Administrative Council of the University of Athens and professor at the Law School, former Dean of the Law School, Professor Linos-Alexandros Sisilianos, the Deputy Dean of the Law School, Associate Professor Georgios Kyriakopoulos, professors of the School Ms. Fotini Pazartzi, Rebecca-Emmanuela Papadopoulou, and Elina Moustaira, Associate Professor Anastasios Gourgourinis, and the Director of Studies of the Hellenic Open University, Deputy Minister Michael Angelopoulos. This Memorandum lays the foundations for a common framework for action aimed at improving mutual knowledge, promoting research and educational exchanges, and exchanging views, experiences, best practices, and know-how. In this context, the scope of cooperation between the Law School of the University of Athens and EDA includes, among other things, the exchange of academics, faculty members, diplomats, and researchers.

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The mission of Athens PIL is to be a leading research centre committed to the study and promotion of international law.

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- To contribute to the promotion of international law through teaching, research and other scientific events
- To provide an environment that brings together students, researchers and academics interested in international law from all over the world
- To play a pivotal role in the development of international law through strong cooperation and partnership with other academic institutions or research centers, international organizations and other scientific and social organizations

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- Bilateral and multilateral co-operation with other academic institutions or research centers
- Organisation of conferences on topical issues of international law and national and international events
- Training and education seminars and programmes

– Conference

The rules of interpretation of international law 12-13.10.2023, Alkis Argyriadis Amphitheater



The Conference addressed the central role of interpretation in international law as the process through which the meaning and scope of legal rules are determined. It highlighted that most disputes before international courts and tribunals involve questions of interpretation, a process codified for treaties in Articles 31–33 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. These provisions were examined with regard to the interpretative elements they set out, including the text and context of treaties, their object and purpose, and the intention of the parties, while emphasizing that this framework applies only to treaties and not to customary international law. The Conference examined customary international law as one of the principal sources of international law and discussed the challenges arising from its unwritten nature, traditionally identified through state practice and

opinio juris. Particular attention was paid to the absence of a clearly articulated framework for the interpretation of customary rules once they have been formed, and to the conceptual and practical difficulties this creates in judicial practice. The discussions explored the risks of both repeatedly re-inducing customary law and of judicial overreach through its assertion. Against this background, the Conference reflected on the prospects, methods, and limits of interpreting customary international law, drawing on theoretical perspectives and the practice of international and domestic courts across different fields of international law. It examined potential divergences between treaty interpretation and the interpretation of custom and discussed general and specialized approaches to customary law. Finally, the Draft Conclusions and commentaries of the TRICI-Law project were presented and critically discussed as part of the Conference programme.

– Fellowship Programme



The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the UN Office of Legal Affairs has long implemented capacity-building programmes in the field of oceans and the law of the sea, notably through the United Nations–Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme. **Athens PIL actively participated in this programme**, contributing its academic expertise and resources by hosting Fellows and serving as co-supervisor for their individual research projects. Through this involvement, Athens PIL supported the advanced training of government officials and professionals from developing States, fostering research, knowledge exchange, and the effective implementation of the legal framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.



*Mr **Ivan Bassères** is currently a fellow with the United Nations–Nippon Foundation Fellowship on ocean affairs and the law of the sea. As part of his fellowship award, he has undertaken training and research with the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea prior to joining the Athens Public International Law Centre. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Law (2011) and a Post-graduate degree in Environmental Law (2013) from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, and a Master's degree in International Development from the Barcelona Institute of International Studies (2020). He has over a decade of experience working in environmental administration with the Government of Brazil. Mr Basseres gave a lecture on the subject "Marine pollution in Brazil: Advancing policies and best practices for offshore activities towards a low-carbon blue economy" (31.10.2025)*

– Research Exchanges

Research Exchange started in November 2023, with the aim of bringing together AthensPIL young researchers, PhD candidates, recent doctorate holders, and postgraduate students in the field of public international law.



Ms **Olena Ptashenchuk**, PhD Candidate at the University of Athens, presented her research entitled *“Existing Legal Gaps and Conflicting Interpretations of the ‘Military Activities’ Exception under Article 298(1)(b) of UNCLOS.”* (22.11.2023)



Ms **Dionysia Vanikioti**, trainee lawyer in Athens and LL.M. Candidate of Public International Law at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, presented her ongoing research on the subject *“Jurisdictional Immunities of State Officials: The Work of the ILC on First Reading”* (13.12.2023)



Dr. **Lorenzo Palestini**, delivered a lecture on *“Stability and Finality of Baselines, Outer Limits and Maritime Boundaries in the Context of Anthropogenic Sea-Level Rise”*. He is a Lecturer at the Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement, and his doctoral thesis *“La protection des intérêts juridiques de l’Etat tiers dans le procès de délimitation maritime (The Protection of the Legal Interests of Third States in Maritime Delimitation Proceedings, Bruylant, 2020)”* was awarded the 2021 Paul Guggenheim Prize. (11.4.2024)



Mr. **Diego Zannoni**, researcher in International Law at the Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies of the University of Padova, will deliver a lecture in the context of the 2023/24 AthensPIL Research Exchange meeting, on the subject *“The Principles of Non-Appropriation and Peaceful Use of Outer Space between Progressive Erosion and Empowering Interpretation”* (20.5.2024)



Prof. Dr. **Erika de Wet** delivered a series of lectures from 25 to 28 June 2024 on general issues of Public International Law and practical guidance on academic writing and publishing. She is a leading scholar of international law, holding degrees from the University of the Free State, Harvard University, and the University of Zurich. She serves as Professor of International Law and Co-Director of the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa at the University of Pretoria and as a tenured (part-time) Professor at the University of Amsterdam. Her influential work on the UN Security Council’s Chapter VII powers has been widely cited, and she has authored and edited major publications

with leading academic publishers. She is also Editor-in-Chief of the Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts and General Editor of Oxford Constitutions Online.



Ms **Agostina Pirello** is a PhD researcher at Utrecht University. Her research seeks to expand the concept of access to justice within the European Union, not only by ensuring the availability of effective judicial remedies, but also by incorporating the guarantees of transparency and good governance. Through empirical investigation, she explores how this broader model of access to justice may be applied to the EU management of migration which involves EU Agencies. (23.10.2024).



Ms **Lydia Veneri** is a PhD Candidate at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and a qualified Greek lawyer specializing in privacy and new technologies. Her doctoral research focuses on data protection and Artificial Intelligence, grounded in public international law and human rights. She has professional experience in privacy, IT, and international commercial law in Greece and the EU, and currently serves as Head of Legal at Girls in Tech—Greece (30.5.2025)



Mr **Dimitrios Papantoniou** is a Hellenic Air Force officer and postgraduate researcher in International Law and Security Studies. His doctoral research focuses on the Rules of Engagement at the intersection of *jus ad bellum* and *jus in bello*, combining legal analysis with operational military experience. In the context of research exchanges, he presents selected aspects of his dissertation, examining the legal challenges of the use of force in contemporary military operations (26.6.2025)

— Summer School

Summer School in International Investment Law (14.7.2024-21.7.2024 & 13.7.2025-20.7.2025)



The Summer Law School on International Investment Law, co-organized annually since 2016 by ELSA Athens and the Athens Public International Law Center (Athens PIL) of the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of

Athens, under the academic supervision of Assistant Professor Anastasios Gourgourinis, took place in Athens on July 2024 and 2025. The *Summer Law School on International Investment Law* constituted of more than 32 hours of interactive lectures and workshops over 6 days and provided participants with all the essential tools to grasp the key aspects of international investment law, while also addressing some of the currently “hottest topics” of the field. The Programme also featured a *Skills Training Workshop on Written and Oral Advocacy in Investment Arbitration* offered by ICDR Y&I.

– Workshops

Closing Conference of the "EU Maritime Security Post-2020", 14.11.2024



This project examines the post-2020 EU maritime security architecture from the perspective of public international law, focusing on emerging threats such as the protection of critical energy infrastructure, marine biodiversity, and the increased use of drones and satellite surveillance. It addresses key legal challenges, including shared responsibility, human rights protection, and data privacy within the evolving EU maritime security framework. Conducted under the auspices of the Athens Public International Law Center and led by Dr. **Efthymios Papastavridis**, the project brings together postdoctoral and doctoral researchers supported by an international advisory committee. The research explores novel threats, maritime domain awareness, multilateral cooperation, and legal remedies. Its findings will be presented at an international conference in Athens and published by a leading international law publisher.

Human Rights at Sea: Contemporary Challenges, 24.2.2025



“Human Rights at Sea: Contemporary Challenges” is a specific workshop held in Athens, organized by the Hellenic Branch of the International Law Association and the Athens Public International Law Center (Athens PIL) at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), focusing on urgent issues like migration, rescue operations, climate change, and security threats impacting human rights on the seas, with key contributors including Law Professor **Maria Gavouneli** and other international law experts.

“Tariffs: Quo Vadis?”, 28.5.2025



On May 29, 2025, we hosted an event on the theme of “*Tariffs: Quo Vadis?*” featuring distinguished speakers, including Professor Dimitrios Kainourgios, Professor George Dotsis, Professor **Christos Gortsos**, and Assistant Professor **Anastasios Gourgourinis**. The event was co-organised in collaboration with the University of Athens MBA, the Alumni MSc in Internal Audit, Risk Management and Compliance – NKUA IARC, the NKUA MSc in Applied Economics and Finance and AthensPIL.

Workshop of the Greek International Economic Lawyers (GIEL) 27.6.2025



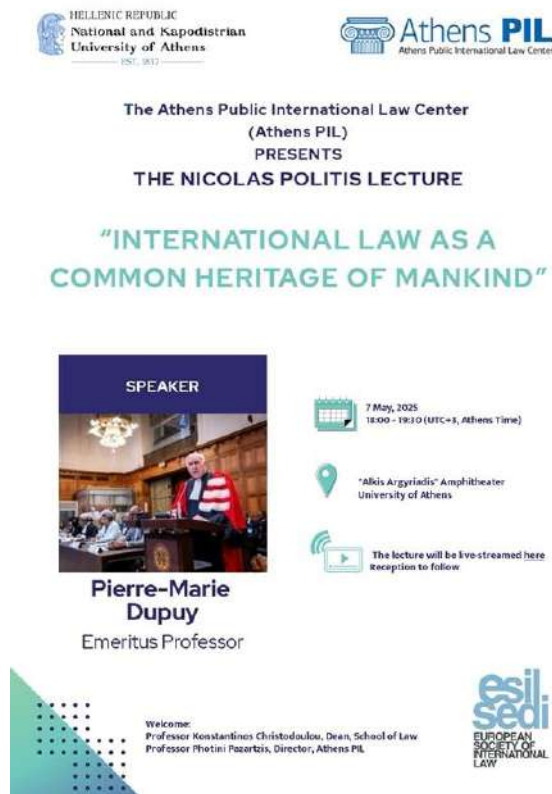
The inaugural workshop of the Greek International Economic Lawyers (GIEL) Network was held on 27 June 2025 at the Law School of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, hosted by the Athens Public International Law Center. Co-convened by Georgios Dimitropoulos, Stratos Pahis and **Anastasios Gourgourinis**, the Network aims to connect Greek and Greece-associated scholars and practitioners in international economic law abroad. The workshop featured two roundtables on recent developments in international trade and investment law, with participation from academics and practitioners in the field.

– Discussion



The Athens PIL Center invites you to a roundtable discussion on the recent events in Libya concerning among others the Law of the Sea and international migration. The discussion took place on **Thursday, 17 July 2025 at 18:30**, at the Athens PIL Centre.

– Nicolas Politis Lecture



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"INTERNATIONAL LAW AS A
COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND"

SPEAKER

Pierre-Marie
Dupuy
Emeritus Professor

7 May, 2025
18:00 - 19:30 (UTC+3, Athens Time)

"Alkis Argyriadis" Amphitheater
University of Athens

The lecture will be live-streamed here
Reception to follow

Welcome:
Professor Konstantinos Christodoulou, Dean, School of Law
Professor Phetini Pazartzis, Director, Athens PIL

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The 2025 Nicolas Politis Lecture was held on **May 7, 2025**, featuring Mr. Pierre-Marie Dupuy, Emeritus Professor at the University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), the European University Institute in Florence and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. His lecture, titled "International Law as a Common Heritage of Mankind" was organised with the support of the European Society of International Law.

Pierre-Marie Dupuy is a French professor of international law and a leading practitioner in international dispute settlement. He has held professorial positions at Panthéon-Assas University, the European University Institute in Florence, and since 2008 at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. He has also served as visiting professor at several leading universities worldwide and taught the General Course at the Hague Academy of International Law. Professor Dupuy has acted as counsel, arbitrator and tribunal president in major international disputes, including before the International Court of Justice, ICSID, the ICC and the Permanent Court of Arbitration, notably presiding over the Abyei Arbitration. He is a member of several international legal bodies and editorial boards and is the author of *Droit international public*, one of the most influential French textbooks on public international law, one of the most influential French textbooks on public international law.



– International Moot Court Competitions



The Athens Law School and the Department of International Law participate each year in a series of national and international student Moot Court or Arbitration competitions, in the fields of Public International Law, Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, European Law, International Criminal Law, Roman Law, Space Law, Air Law, Commercial Law, Commercial Arbitration, International Commercial Arbitration and United Nations simulations, in which it has obtained a significant number of awards.

A Moot Court is a simulation of trial or arbitration, in which students compete in English, on a case involving complex legal issues, acting as lawyers representing the plaintiff, the defendant or the parties of an arbitration. They answer questions asked by the judges and challenge the arguments of their opponents. Some competitions also require the contestants to submit written memoranda or legal sources relevant to their argumentation. Law Professors and eminent legal practitioners are sitting as "Judges" in the competition. Competitors are graded on the basis of specific criteria and the best teams and speakers are awarded team and individual awards, as well as best written memoranda awards.

Prospective students who will be admitted to the LL.M. Programme in International and European Law might have the opportunity to experience a moot court competition. Therefore, they will be presented with the opportunity to cultivate their legal skills in a competitive and multicultural environment. This rare experience would see them becoming more competent within the global community of lawyers, familiarise themselves with the latest legal developments and also broadening their horizons by strengthening the cooperation between nations.

The outstanding achievements and distinctions received by our students in several international competitions rank the Athens Law School - regarding the total number of awards over the last years - among the best in the world. Some of our prizes include:

- 1st place in the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2015
- 1st place in the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot 2015
- 3rd place in the European Law Moot Court (ELMC) 2016
- 1st place in the Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition 2018
- 2nd place in the NILOS Moot Court Competition 2019
- 2nd place in the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (European Rounds) 2021-2022

- 1st place in the NILOS Moot Court Competition on the Law of the Sea 2021-2022
- 2nd place in the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition on World Trade Organisation Law (European Rounds) 2021-2022
- 1st place in the All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition 2022-2023
- 2nd place (advocate general) & 3rd place in the world in the European Law Moot Court (ELMC) 2022-2023
- 2nd place in the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition 2022-2023
- 1st place in the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot 2023-2024
- 1st place in the All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition 2023-2024
- 2nd place in the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition” 2023-2024
- 2nd place in the All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition 2024-2025

Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot 2023-2024



The team of the International Studies Department of the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens won the first place in the world for its written performance, receiving the Best Claimant Memorial Award, as well as third place in the world for its Combined Written and Oral Scores at the World Final Round of the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot 2023. The FDI Moot is a virtual international investment arbitration competition on the constantly evolving international law for the protection of foreign investments and is a simulation of the arbitration procedure for the resolution of international investment disputes. In this year's FDI Moot 2023 competition, a total of 149 student teams from universities around the world took part, including King College London, Singapore Management University, Law Society of Ireland, NALSAR University, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico etc. The Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens participated for the tenth year in the FDI Moot competition under the scientific supervision of Assistant Professor **Anastasios Gourgourinis**. This year's Law School team that travelled to India

for the World Final Round of the competition consisted of undergraduate students Irini Alexiou, Alexandros Brachos and Irini Hartzi, while undergraduate students Marousa Ioanna Diamanti, Panagiotis Karagiannis and Hermione Koukoulis participated in the preparation of the briefs. The coach of the team was the lawyer Maria Paschou.

All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

The All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition is based on a case study prepared by the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The Competition addresses pressing and topical issues in international humanitarian and refugee law, drawing on current global developments, and offers students the opportunity to strengthen their legal analysis, advocacy, and role-playing skills before experienced judges and practitioners. Within this framework, the team of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) Law School has established a strong and consistent presence in the Competition, achieving remarkable success over consecutive years under the supervision of visiting researcher Dr. **Stavros Evdokimos Pantazopoulos**.



In the 8th edition of the Competition, held from 21 to 24 November 2023 at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana, the NKUA team participated for the second time and was declared the winning team for the second consecutive year after a highly competitive final round against Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. The team was composed of undergraduate students Semina Athinelli, Angelos Bozios, and Iro Sala, with Iro Sala also receiving the award of Best Oralist of the Final Round.

Building on this success, NKUA returned to the Competition for a third consecutive year in 2024. The 2024 edition, held from 19 to 22 November at the University of Ljubljana with the participation of teams from 19 European universities, once again saw NKUA reach the final round. Representing the University were undergraduate students Eleftherios Staikos and Melina Thanasoulia, together with post-



graduate student Irini Dimakopoulou. The team delivered an exceptional performance and secured second place following a closely contested final against Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, further underscoring NKUA's sustained excellence and strong institutional support. The team of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) Law School has established a strong and consistent presence in the All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition, achieving remarkable success over consecutive years.

Monroe Price Media Law Moot Court Competition 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

The Price Media Law Moot Court Competition is an annual international moot court organized by the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at the Faculty of Law of the University of Oxford, focusing on media law and information technologies in society and addressing contemporary legal issues, including the relationship between artificial intelligence and freedom of expression. The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) Law School has participated in the Competition since 2020, demonstrating consistently strong performances in both the written and oral stages. The NKUA teams competing during the academic years 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 were prepared under the academic supervision of Professors **Rebecca-Emmanouella Papadopoulou** and **George Kyriakopoulos**.



During the 2023–2024 academic year, the NKUA team represented Greece in the European Regional Round of the Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, held in Paris from 31 January to 2 February 2024. The team advanced to the European Final and qualified for the International Rounds, which took place in Oxford from 15 to 19 April 2024. The team consisted of undergraduate students Athanasia Pateli, Argyro-Demetra

Papavassiliou, Ioanna Lymioti, and Ioanna-Rafailia Malandraki, with valuable assistance from Eleni Radovits, a member of the 2022 team. The team received excellent evaluations for both its written submissions and oral pleadings, with judges highlighting the depth, coherence, and resilience of its legal arguments, as well as its strong command of international law, media law, and information technologies.

Building on this success, the NKUA Law School once again represented Greece in the European Regional Round of the Competition during the 2024–2025 academic year. The European Rounds were held in Paris from 5 to 7 February 2025, where the team reached the European Final and qualified for the International



Rounds in Oxford (21–25 April 2025). In a historic achievement for the University, the team was awarded first place and the Best Memorials Award at the European Rounds, achieving an exceptionally high score, and also recorded an outstanding performance at the Global Rounds. The team was composed, at the European Rounds, of undergraduate students Nikoletta Misarli, Areti-Paraskevi Theiakouli, and Hector Spiliopoulos, as well as postgraduate student Efrosyni Koukouflippi (LLM in International and European Law). At the Global Rounds, the team consisted of Nikoletta Misarli, Areti-Paraskevi Theiakouli, and Efrosyni Koukouflippi. The preparation of the team was further supported by Ioanna Lymioti and Athanasia Pateli, members of the 2023–2024 team.

European Law Moot Court Competition 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) Law School achieved consecutive distinctions in the European Law Moot Court Competition (ELMC) during the 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 academic years, confirming its strong and consistent presence in one of Europe’s most prestigious moot court competitions.



In the ELMC 2023–2024, following the written phase, the undergraduate team qualified for the Madrid Regional Final (7–10 March 2024) and advanced to the semi-finals, ranking among the top four teams of the Regional Final and among the top sixteen teams overall. The team consisted of undergraduate students Eirini Efthymiou, Eleni Sargioti, Vasileia Spaydioti, Vasiliki Christofilopoulou, and Panagiotis Davakis.

Building on this success, NKUA participated again in the ELMC 2024–2025. After the written phase, the undergraduate team qualified for the Lyon Regional Final, held from 27 February to 2 March 2025. Representing the special role of Commission Agent, the team advanced to the semi-finals and, following outstanding oral pleadings, ranked among the top sixteen universities worldwide for performance in this role. The team was composed of undergraduate students Alexandra Alexaki, Eleni Vasilaki, Eleni-Maria Kotzia, Sofia Bantaná, and Despoina Malliarou.



The European Law Moot Court Competition, organized since 1989 under the auspices of the Court of Justice of the European Union, brings together teams from over 80 European and U.S. universities and simulates proceedings before the CJEU, combining written and oral advocacy in English and French. Both teams were academically supervised by Associate Professors **Rebecca-Emmanouela Papadopoulou** and **Manolis Perakis**, and former Assistant Professor **Metaxia Kouskouna**, with valuable support from postdoctoral researcher I. Kourtis and former ELMC team members.

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2023-2024



The 'Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition - White and Case International Rounds', took place from March 30 until April 6 2024, in Washington, D.C., USA. Jessup is the world's oldest, largest and most emblematic moot court competition, covering all aspects of public international law, in which the School of Law has consistently participated with memorable distinctions. This year's team consisting of the undergraduate students *Anagnostopoulou Efpraxia*, *Zeris Ioannis*, *Ntympalska Elisavet*, as well as the postgraduate students *Riskakis Panagiotis* and *Sdrali Kalypso-Sofia* qualified to the international rounds of the competition, after successfully competing in the national rounds against the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. During the international rounds held under the auspices of the law firm "White & Case", the Law School was distinguished as one of the Top-48 Teams among the 143 participating schools. After winning 3 out of 4 preliminary matches, the Team managed to advance to the next phase of the competition. In a tough match, the Team representing the Law School was eliminated by the National Law Institute of India, finishing 35th in the final rankings. Moreover, the Team won the 7th place for its Written Submissions (Memorials) and was awarded the Alona M. Evans Award. This constitutes one of our School's greatest distinctions in the Jessup competition. It is worth noting that the Law School of Athens was one of the few non-English speaking universities that qualified to the Top-48 stage and was distinguished for its Memorials. In fact, the Law School scored higher in the Written Submissions section than leading universities including Oxford, Yale, Columbia, New York University, and University College London among others. The successful preparation of the team in both the national and international rounds was

conducted under the academic supervision of Prof. **Efthymios Papastavridis**, **Matina Papadaki**, (PhD candidate in International Law at the School of Law of the University of Athens, and Research Associate at the Academy of Athens) and Aspasia Marinaki (trainee-lawyer and former contestant).

Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition 2023-2024



The team of the Athens School of Law, representing Europe as regional champion at the global finals of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, achieved second place worldwide, following outstanding performances. Team member Chrysi Vorlooou was also awarded Best Oralist in the World. The global finals were held in Milan from 14–18 October 2024 during the 75th International Astronautical Congress. Earlier, at the European Rounds in Vienna (8–12 April 2024), the team won first place in Europe, along with all major awards, including best written memorials and Best Oralist—marking the first time all awards were won by a single team.



The competition, organized by the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre of Space Law, involved over 70 universities worldwide and addressed issues relating to space research, orbital collisions, and the protection of the dark and

quiet sky. This year's success further strengthens the Athens School of Law's leading position in

the competition since its first participation in 2011. The team consisted of Chrysi Vorloou, Evangelos Gazis, and Reggina Kourtidi, under the supervision of Associate Professor **George Kyriakopoulos**, with additional support from former team members. The achievement highlights the excellence of Greek students and the high academic standards of the Athens School of Law.

Leiden-Sarin Moot Court Competition 2024-2025



The Athens Law School team achieved outstanding results at the “Leiden–Sarin Air Law Moot Court Competition 2025,” earning 3rd place worldwide in the Oral Pleadings and 4th place overall. **The competition, hosted for the first time by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (25-27.4.2025)** provided a platform for in-depth engagement with Public International Law and International Air Law.



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The case focused on issues of fair competition and environmental obligations in international air transport. The team, composed of undergraduate students Paraskevi Kalognomou, Ioannis Gouzeas, and Symeon Palaiochorldis, under the guidance of Associate Professor **George Kyriakopoulos**, received excellent feedback from the judges, reflecting the high academic standard and international standing of the Athens Law

Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition 2024-2025



The team from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens School of Law successfully participated in the grand final of the 13th Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, held at the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Comprising undergraduate students Nikolaos Kyrillidis, Andriana Chandanou, Iason-Omiros Christidis, and Kyriaki Chronaki, the team excelled in both written and oral phases, ranking fourth overall in the written submissions and advancing as the third highest finalist from the Vilnius Regional Round. Coached by Katia Rippi and Eirini Vyzirgiannaki under the supervision of Professor **Maria Gavouneli**, the team demonstrated outstanding legal reasoning, advocacy, and teamwork while engaging with complex issues of personal autonomy and property rights under the European Convention on Human Rights. Their 14th-place finish in the Final Oral Round reflects the Law School of Athens' high academic standards and strong tradition of excellence.



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