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INTRODUCTION BY THE DEAN, PROFESSOR ACHILLES C. EMILIANIDES



States, organisations - anything that was or is worth the effort - came into being not only thanks to the well-known, but mainly thanks to the far more numerous unknown individuals: those who committed themselves to their work, their profession, their family, and to the improvement of society. In the same way, universities are valuable insofar as they have academic staff, researchers, administrative personnel, students, and a broader community of people outside the universities, competitors and collaborators alike, forming a chain that connects us internationally in co-creation, regardless of whether we know one another personally. Every graduate is forever connected to their university, and a university is as significant as the achievements of its graduates.

We live in an era of technological innovation in which the framework of work is changing even as we speak. In a competitive and psychologically demanding labor market, we are constantly called upon to prove that we can turn our goals into reality. Academic degrees provide resources, knowledge, and skills. The question, however, remains: what do we do with them? It is not only the ability to make use of what we have learned that matters, but above all the ability to go beyond it, to broaden our horizons and our thinking, to set goals and to realise them. It is, of course, reasonable for each person to have as a primary goal the well-being of themselves and their family. At the same time, however, we are called upon to set as an objective our contribution to the society in which we live. Our fields, after all, are not theoretical but highly practical, in the sense that their purpose is to solve complex problems in real life. Our aims are the society's and human well-being.

The year 2025 had special significance for the School of Law. The University of Nicosia received one of the first licenses for the establishment and operation of a branch of a non-state university in Greece. The founding of UNIC Athens, a non-profit branch, constitutes a milestone in the long-standing academic relationship between the University of Nicosia and Greece. UNIC Athens welcomed its first students in the autumn of 2025, in a specially designed campus in the Ellinikon area of Athens.

One of the first programmes to receive approval at UNIC Athens was the four-year Law degree taught in Greek. The programme includes courses in Greek law, aiming at an understanding of law within a comparative European framework, as well as at linking legal education with contemporary academic and professional demands. The expansion to Athens represents a historic moment for the University of Nicosia and its School of Law, allowing us to reshape our strategy with the aim of further expanding our activities.

This is the eighth edition of the Annual Review. As in previous years, it aims to provide a general overview of our activities beyond the usual teaching and educational ones. Its content refers to the previous calendar year, in this case 2025. It includes activities of the two Departments that make up the School, namely, the Department of Law and the Department of Politics and Governance, as well as those of our affiliated entities and journals.

OUR FACULTY

Prof. Achilles C. Emilianides, Dean of the School of Law, President of the School Council of Unic Athens (Public, Private and Commercial Law)

Dr Christina Ioannou, Associate Professor, Associate Dean (European Politics, Labour Law and Social Policy)

Dr Christos Papastylianos, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Law (Public Law)

Dr Constantinos Adamides, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Politics and Governance (International Relations, Diplomacy)

Prof. Irini Stamatoudi, Director of Unic Athens School of Law (Intellectual Property, Law of Cultural Heritage)

Dr Stergios Mitas, Assistant Professor, Director of Unic Athens Department of Law (Jurisprudence, Public Law)

Dr Michalis Kontos, Associate Professor, Associate Head of the Department of Politics and Governance (International Relations, International Law)

Dr Vagia Polyzoidou, Associate Professor, Associate Head of the Department of Law (Criminal Law)

Professor Emeritus Andreas Theophanous (Political Economy, Public Policy)

Dr Emilios A. Solomou, Honorary Faculty (History)

Prof. Nestor Courakis (Criminal Justice)

Prof. Antonis Manitakis, President of the Scientific Committee of the School (Constitutional Law)

Prof. Hubert Faustmann (History, Political Science)

Dr Giorgos Kentas, Associate Professor (International Relations, Public Administration)

Dr Nikos Koumoutzis, Associate Professor (Private Law)

Dr Giorgos Charalambous, Associate Professor (Political Science)

Dr Yiannos Katsourides, Associate Professor (Political Science)

Dr Odysseas Christou, Associate Professor (Government, Energy and Environmental Law)

Dr Fotios Nicolaou, Assistant Professor (Private Law)

Dr Konstantinos Dimarellis, Assistant Professor (Labour Law)

Dr Dimitrios Koukiadis, Assistant Professor (Comparative Law, AI and Law)

Dr Giorgos Tsaousis, Assistant Professor (Public Law, Public Administration)

Dr Nicolas Kyriakides, Assistant Professor (Private and Procedural Law)

Dr Taygeti Michalakea, Assistant Professor (European Law, Public International Law)

Dr Athanasios Houliaras, Assistant Professor Unic Athens (Criminal Justice)

Dr Evi Eftychiou, Lecturer (Sociology and Anthropology of Law)

Dr Antonios Stylianou, Lecturer (Public International Law, Law of the Sea)

Prof. Phedon Nicolaides, Visiting Professor (State Aid, Economic Governance)

Prof. Nikolaos Davrados, Visiting Professor (Private International Law, Private Law)

Dr Stavroulla Soukara, Associate Professor (Judicial Psychology)

Prof. Theodoros Tsakiris (Energy Security, Geopolitics)

Prof. Athanasios Michiotis, Adjunct Faculty (Public Administration)

Dr Despina Kyprianou, Adjunct Faculty (Criminal Law)

Dr Katerina Papanicolaou, Adjunct Faculty (Public Law, Public Administration)

Dr Andreas Karyos, Adjunct Faculty (History)

Dr Victoria Pistikou, Adjunct Faculty (Political Economy)

Dr Konstantinos Pliatsikas, Adjunct Faculty (Private Law)

Dr Pantelis Rentoulis, Adjunct Faculty (Civil Procedure Law)

Dr Soterios Loizou, Adjunct Faculty (Commercial Law)

Dr Maria Kyprianou, Adjunct Faculty (Criminal Justice)

Dr Sophocles Ioulianos, Adjunct Faculty (Public Procurement)

Dr Konstantinos Voulgarakis, Adjunct Faculty (Private and Procedural Law)

Dr Eleftheria Christianopoulou, Adjunct Faculty (Private and Commercial Law)

Dr Theodora Antoniou, Adjunct Faculty (Public Administration)

Dr Aspasia Archontaki, Adjunct Faculty (Public and EU Law)

Dr Athanasios Anagnostopoulos, Adjunct Faculty (Criminal Law)

Dr Stella Mala, Adjunct Faculty (Public Law)

Dr Petros Petrikkos, Adjunct Faculty (Politics)

Dr Maria Hadjiathanasiou, Adjunct Faculty (History)

Dr Stavros Drakoularakos, Adjunct Faculty (International Relations)

Dr Themis Tzimas, Adjunct Faculty (International Law)

Dr Emmanouil Laskarides, Adjunct Faculty (Private Law)

Dr Anastasios Chrysikos, Adjunct Faculty (Commercial Law)

Dr Nicolaos Stelgias, Post-Doctoral Researcher (Turkish Studies)

Vasos Georgiou, Adjunct Faculty (Sports Law, Public Administration)

Agis Georgiades, Adjunct Faculty (Procedural Law, Arbitration)

Theognosia Kouspi, Adjunct Faculty (Public Law)

Philippos Patsalides, Adjunct Faculty (Private and Criminal Law)

Andreas Christou, Adjunct Faculty (Criminal Law)

Antonis Baltas, Adjunct Faculty (Criminal Law)

Kleopas Stylianou, Adjunct Faculty (Private Law)

Christina Lederer, Adjunct Faculty (Private Law)

Anastasia Papamichael, Adjunct Faculty (Private Law)

Marios Menelaou, Adjunct Faculty (Company Law)

Thanos Papageorgakis, Adjunct Faculty (Commercial Law)

Maria Athanasiou, Adjunct Faculty (International Law)

Styliana Petrou, School Secretary



HIGHLIGHTS

UNIC ATHENS BRANCH

UNIC Athens, the academic and research hub of the University of Nicosia in Greece, welcomed, on 24 November 2025, the first students of the School of Law for the academic year 2025–2026, at its state-of-the-art facilities in the Ellinikon area. The University received accreditation for its Law programme from the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE), following a lengthy evaluation process. Dean Emilianides, stated: *'The launch of the School of Law at UNIC Athens, which now constitutes the fourth Law School operating in the country, is in itself a historic event and introduces a new dynamic in the field of legal education. With a curriculum that adheres to international academic standards and focuses on an in-depth understanding of Greek Law, we aspire to offer our students a modern, demanding, and comprehensive learning framework. The fact that our Law programme has been a consistent choice for Greek students at the University of Nicosia reflects the trust placed in us and the quality of our academic approach. At UNIC Athens, we continue along this path, creating an environment that fosters critical thinking, academic excellence, and the professional prospects of our graduates.'* Professor Stamatoudi, the first Director of the UNIC Athens School of Law, stated: *'After 30 years of providing high-quality legal education in Nicosia, and with graduates who excel as lawyers, prosecutors, judges, notaries, and legal advisors in leading companies and institutions in Greece, the rest of Europe, and internationally, we are opening our doors in Athens. The launch of the School of Law in Greece represents an important milestone for our university community, as it will not only facilitate hundreds of families who wish their children to study in the country at a university ranked among the highest internationally (#501–600 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings), but also because we have already attracted distinguished academics and researchers who left the country during the brain drain and now wish to return.'*





GRADUATION CEREMONY 2025, 27.6.2025

The Attorney General of the Republic, George Savvides, was the keynote speaker at this year's graduation ceremony of the School of Law. In his address, the Attorney -General extended his warm congratulations to the graduates on their achievements, adding: *'Whichever path each of you chooses tomorrow, whichever Ithaca you walk toward, the reminder I hope you will keep in mind is that you - and only you - have the ability, through your way of thinking and your conduct, through your aspirations and desires, to influence creatively and beneficially your entire life and the lives of those around you.'* He also urged the graduates to be guided by ethics and integrity, emphasising that the science of Law is *'first and foremost a vocation of responsibility toward the human being, truth, and legality.'* In his own address, the Rector, Professor Philippos Pouyioutas, highlighted the competitive advantages of the University of Nicosia and focused on its significant global rankings, particularly its joint 2nd place in Greece and Cyprus, and its position among the top 501–600 universities worldwide according to the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025. He also referred to the University's participation in the European university alliance NEOLAiA, which aims to create an innovative European University with campuses in nine countries. The Dean, Professor Emilianides, further noted: *'I will not urge you to become the leaders of tomorrow. On the contrary, I will urge you instead, to not concern yourselves with whether you will gain fame or be regarded as leaders, but with how to contribute something socially useful. How to become the best version of yourselves, giving back to society through your work. Human societies will always be imperfect, just as humans themselves are imperfect, but what matters is how we contribute to them from the position each of us has been called to serve. Pericles may be famous for the Parthenon, but it would not have existed without the thousands of builders who constructed it, nor would it have had any meaning without the millions who preserved it, who believed - and continue to believe - in it.'* Addresses were also delivered by the top graduates of the School, Anastasia Papatheodorou (Law) and Christiana Michael (Public Administration).

EVANGELOS VENIZELOS RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE, 27.6.2025

The School of Law conferred an Honorary Doctorate upon the distinguished constitutional law scholar and former Vice President of the Greek Government, Professor Evangelos Venizelos, in recognition of his contribution both to legal scholarship and the academic community, as well as to the practice of politics and public administration. The laudatory address for the honoree was delivered by the Head of the Department of Law, Christos Papastylianos. Upon his conferment, Professor Venizelos made special reference to the fact that many members of the School's teaching staff had once been his students, stating: *'I feel a very strong sense of familiarity with the University of Nicosia, and particularly with its School of Law, because here I understand a phrase persistently repeated by my own teacher and mentor, Dimitris Tsatsos—that the moment comes when a teacher becomes a student of his students.'* Addressing the students, he remarked: *'You are leaving the walls of the university, which were safe, and entering a world that is uncertain, indeterminate, dangerous, and demanding. None of the certainties of the modern and now post-modern world still hold. Nothing can be taken for granted - not even the anthropological model within which we operate, which is now being called into question by the development of artificial intelligence. Even more so, the achievements of liberal democracy, democratic safeguards, and the guarantees of the rule of law are being challenged. What will secure you in your lives and make you feel resilient and competitive is knowledge and specialisation. Only when you have complete command of your field [...] will you be able to feel secure within a legal services market that is changing at a rapid pace.'*



ANDREAS THEOPHANOUS BECOMES PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Professor Theophanous was elected Professor Emeritus by the University Senate, following a unanimous proposal by the Department of Politics and Governance, and the School of Law. He is the first Professor Emeritus in the history of the School, a well-deserved acknowledgment in recognition of 32 years of continuous service. Professor Theophanous served as Head of the Department of Politics and Governance from its establishment in 2007 until 14 February 2025. He continues to serve the School in his capacity as President of Cyprus' leading think tank, the Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, which he founded more than 25 years ago.

CRABA 2025, 3.11.2025

The annual *Lifetime Achievement Awards* at the annual Cyprus Review Book Awards (CRABA 2025) were presented to the Director of the Centre for Research on the History of Modern Hellenism at the Academy of Athens Sotiris Rizas, and to former Director of Secondary Education and former Deputy Director of the Centre for Scientific Research Kyprianos Louis. Professor Rizas was honored in recognition of his multifaceted and enduring work on the modern history of Cyprus, while Kyprianos Louis was recognised for his research contributions to education and the promotion of archival research in Cyprus. Director of the Department of Contemporary Culture Ioanna Hadjicosti addressed the ceremony, on behalf of the Deputy Minister of Culture, Vasiliki Kassianidou.

In the Political Science and History category, the *Stanley Kyriakides Award* was presented to Stella Theocharous for the book *Street Naming and the Politics of Greek-Cypriot Identity* (Palgrave Macmillan), while the *Costas Kyrris Award* was given to Michalis Stavri for the book *Nikolaos Katalanos: His Contribution to Political, Social, and Ideological Movements in Cyprus (1893–1921)* (Rizes). The Scientific Committee consisted of Emiliou A. Solomou (Chair), Petros Papapolyviou, Michalis Kontos, Giorgos Charalambous, Odysseas Christou, and Anastasia Yiangou.

In the Social Sciences category, the *Peter Loizos Award* was presented to Theodoros Kouros for the book *Tactical Citizenships: Encounters with Everyday State in the Republic of Cyprus* (Berghahn). Honorable Mentions were awarded to Maria Achilleos for the book *The Society of Roman Cyprus Based on Epigraphic Data and Archaeological Evidence under the Lens of Romanization, Vols. I–II* (Centre for Scientific Research), and to Maria Mattheou and Argyro Xenophontos for the book *Cypriot Fairy Tales, Vol. V* (Centre for Scientific Research). The Scientific Committee consisted of Constantinos Phellas (Chair), Andri Papakyriakou, Sofia Iordanidou, Nasa Patapiou, and Evi Eftychiou.



MA IN TECHNOLOGY REGULATION

The School of Law began offering its new Master's Programme, MA in Technology Regulation. The programme is delivered online in English, comprises 90 ECTS credits, and has a duration of 1 to 1.5 years. It aims to provide in-depth knowledge in legal fields related to regulatory technology and examines the regulatory aspects of areas such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, the Internet of Things, Big Data, and the Metaverse, in conjunction with topics including fundamental rights, intellectual property rights, and criminal law. The Programme Coordinator is Dimitris Koukiadis, assisted by Eirini Stamatoudi.

PHD IN RELIGION, CULTURE AND PUBLIC LIFE

The School of Law began offering an inter-university doctoral programme in Religion, Culture, and Public Life, together with the University of Padua (lead institution), the University of Turin, and the Catholic University of Uruguay. The programme is highly competitive and aims to provide in-depth study of the role of religion across different socio-political and cultural spheres at the local, national, and international levels. The overall coordinator of the programme is Professor Giuseppe Giordan (University of Padua), while coordination on behalf of the School of Law has been undertaken by Nikos Koumoutzis. The Academic Council of the programme also includes Christos Papastylianos and Dean Emilianides.

NEW DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

Constantinos Adamides and Michalis Kontos were elected Head and Associate Head, respectively, of the Department of Politics and Governance as of 15 February 2025. Christos Papastylanos and Odysseas Christou were elected Head and Associate Head respectively, of the Department of Law. Their term will run until 1 April 2028.



DISTINCTION IN INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

The results of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2025 placed the University of Nicosia in joint 1st place in the field of Social Sciences in Cyprus and Greece, 103rd in the EU, and among the top 401–500 universities worldwide in this field. Commenting on the results, the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Klimis Mastoridis, noted: *'The 2025 international rankings once again highlight the unwavering dedication and continued commitment of the human capital of the University of Nicosia. The outstanding results in the field of Social Sciences constitute a significant recognition of our colleagues' tireless efforts to produce high-quality research. At the same time, I would like to emphasize the excellent performance and vital contribution of our colleagues from the School of Law, who played an important role in shaping the overall Social Sciences ranking.'* It is also noted that the University of Nicosia was ranked among the top 501–600 universities worldwide in the overall Times Higher Education rankings.



FACULTY CHANGES

In September 2025, five new faculty members were elected. Taygeti Michalakea and Athanasios Houliaras commenced their service on 1 October 2025, while Thomas-Nektarios Papanastasiou, Christos Marneros, and Themis Tzimas will begin on 1 January 2026. In addition, Stavros Drakoularakos, Emmanouil Laskaridis, Anastasios Chrysikos, Thanos Papageorgakis, and Maria Athanasiou were elected as new adjunct faculty. The School of Law welcomes them all. Three faculty members departed after long service at the School. Costas Stratilatis, who had served at the School since 2012, was elected Assistant Professor at AUTH. Dimitra Sorvatzioti, who had also served at the School since 2012, was appointed Vice-Rector at the University of Limassol. Grigoris Michaelidis, who had served at the School since 2014, joined the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens as an expert. In addition, adjunct faculty Criton Dionysiou, was appointed Lecturer at the University of Limassol. The School of Law thanks them all for their significant contributions.

RENEWAL OF COLLABORATION WITH AUTH, 23.7.2025

The University of Nicosia renewed its Memorandum of Cooperation with Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) for the provision of the inter-university Master's Programme in Criminal Law and Addictions. The programme is offered in collaboration with the National Organization for the Prevention and Treatment of Addictions (EOPAE). The agreement was signed by Dean Emilianides, the Dean of the Law School of AUTH, Panagiotis Glavinis, and the President of EOPAE, Athanasios Theocharis. The Coordinating Committee includes, on behalf of the University of Nicosia, Vagia Polyzoidou, Nikos Koumoutzis, and Stergios Mitas.

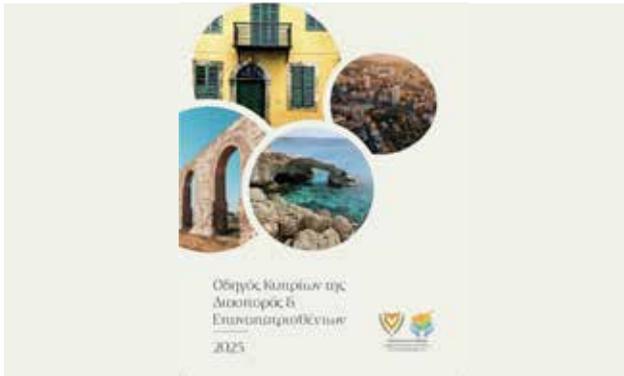


RENEWAL OF COLLABORATION WITH HOU, 14.1.2025

The University of Nicosia renewed its Memorandum of Understanding with Hellenic Open University (HOU). The new MoU was signed by Rector Pouyioutas and HOU's Rector Emmanouil Koutouzis. Professor Petros Lois, and Coordinator of Inter-University Programmes Anthi Tziakoura, were also present at the meeting. Dean Emilianides remains as the Director of the inter-university MA Programme in Law of the Economy and of the Enterprises, whereas Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs Panayiotis Angelides and Prof. Stamatoudi also participate in the Coordinating Committee on behalf of the University of Nicosia.

GERDA HENKEL RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Giorgos Charalambous, together with Michelangelo Anastasiou and Lazaros Karavasilis, secured significant research funding through a competitive process. The total funding, exceeding €300,000, comes from the Gerda Henkel Foundation's Democracy programme, under the section *The Contours of Future Democratic Society*. The research project will run for a period of three years.



GUIDE FOR CYPRUS DIASPORA AND REPATRIATES

The School of Law undertook, and completed, the project of updating the Guide for Cyprus Diaspora and Repatriates, which it has originally drafted for the first time in 2019, in accordance with a specific contract. The project was undertaken under the instructions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus. Associate Dean Ioannou was the coordinator of the project, whereas Sotiris Pafitis, Panayiotis Antoniadis, and Charalambos Charalambides were members of the research team.

COST PROGRAMME PARTICIPATION

Constantinos Adamides serves as a member of the Management Committee of the new funded programme COST: Networking European Security Knowledge. The programme aims to develop collaborations between universities and research organisations in the field of security studies and to address the existing challenge of fragmentation in the field, which limits the EU's strategic autonomy and its ability to respond effectively to complex security challenges.



STUDENT VISIT IN CJEU, 15-16.12.2025

A group of students from the Law programme visited the General Court of the EU in Luxembourg, following an invitation from the Court of Justice of the EU to the School of Law. The student group, consisting of Andreas Papadopoulos, Ioanna Dimitrakopoulou, Vasilios Evangelou, Athanasios Naskos, Georgios Kassavetis, and Mustafa El Hakim, was accompanied by Nikolas Kyriakides. During their visit, the students had the opportunity to observe a hearing at the General Court, which concerned restrictive measures imposed against Belarus.

ELECTION OF GRADUATE AS SPEAKER OF THE SEYCHELLES PARLIAMENT, 28.10.2025

Graduate of the Law Programme Azarel Ernesta was elected as the first female Speaker in the history of the Seychelles Parliament. The School of Law congratulates the new Speaker for her election and wishes her a successful term.



NEW PHDS

The School of Law congratulates its new PhD graduates. PhD in Law Graduates: Regina Okhiria: *A critical appraisal of the social and educational rights of the internally displaced children in Nigeria*, Main supervisor: Christos Papastylianos, Anastasios Chrysikos, *Fitting Video Games Into Copyright*, Main supervisor: Iriini Stamatoudi, Petros Constantinides, *Η οριζόντια επίδραση των θεμελιωδών δικαιωμάτων και η υποδοχή της στην κυπριακή έννομη τάξη*, Main supervisor: Costas Stratilatis, Anna Maria Iosifidou, *Επιστροφή αρχαιοτήτων στις χώρες προέλευσής τους κατά το δίκαιο της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης*, Main supervisor: Iriini Stamatoudi. PhD in International Relations and European Studies Graduates: Petros Petrikkos, *Ontological Security Management Against Hybrid Threats in Small EU Member-States: The Cases of Cyprus and Estonia*, Main supervisor: Constantinos Adamides, Panayiotis Tylliros, *The Cyprus Bail-in: An Assessment of the Causes, Impact and Implications*, Main supervisor: Andreas Theophanous. PhD in Human Rights, Society and Multi-Level Governance (joint with the Universities of Padova, Zagreb and Western Sydney) Graduate: Filio Kyriacou, *Exploring coherence in EU migration governance: A unified actor in the making?*, Main supervisor: Odysseas Christou.

ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIT OF COMPARATIVE DEMOCRATIC STUDIES

The School of Law, adopting a proposal from the Department of Politics and Governance, established the Research Unit for Comparative Democratic Studies, with Yiannos Katsouridis and Giorgos Charalambous as co-directors. The Unit aims to organise conferences, secure research funding, and foster international collaborations in the field of comparative study of democratic institutions.



COLLABORATION WITH EPO/EUIPO

The University of Nicosia concluded an MoU with the European Patent Office (EPO) and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), with the objective of promoting the Pan-European Seal Programme, which aims to promote online tools in the academic world, specifically in order to assist students. The MoU was signed by Rector Pouyioutas, EPO President António Campinos, and the Executive Director of EUIPO João Negrão. Prof. Stamatoudi will coordinate on behalf of the University.



COLLABORATION WITH BALKAN HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The School of Law concluded a collaboration agreement with the Balkan History Association (BHA) to promote interdisciplinary research on the history of Cyprus and its connections with the Balkans. The collaboration will be implemented through joint publications, conferences, and lectures. The BHA is an independent, non-profit organisation that aims to conduct comparative and interdisciplinary studies of the Balkan region and, more broadly, Southeastern Europe. It manages the journal *Hiperboreea*, published by Penn State University Press. The agreement was signed by Dean Emilianides and BHA President Mihai Dagnea, in the presence of Associate Dean Ioannou and Yiannos Katsouridis. A collective volume is already being prepared within the framework of this collaboration, aiming to produce an English-language volume on the ties between Cyprus and the Balkans.



CULTURAL HERITAGE IN WAR TIME, 8-9.5.2025

The School of Law co-organised the conference: *The Protection of Cultural Heritage in Times of War: 70 Years since the 1954 Hague Convention*, together with the AUTH Law School. Dean Emilianides, the Dean of the Law School of AUTH Panagiotis Glavinis, the Dean of the School of Humanities, Social and Economic Sciences of the International Hellenic University Manolis Manoledakis, the Commander of the Supreme Inter-Service War College, Major General Michail Ploumis, and the President of the Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield, Eleni Korka, addressed the conference. The keynote speaker was AUTH Professor Emeritus Anastasia Grammatadaki-Alexiou, while other speakers included Dean Emilianidis, Konstantinos Rokas, Ioannis Iliadis, Maria-Anna Iosifidou, Orfeas-Konstantinos Sotiriou, Peter G. Stone, Iliriana Islami, Eleni Trova, Eleni Korka, Antonia Zervaki, Konstantinos Papageorgiou, Dimitris Kourtis, Alexandros Kazanas, and Vasiliki Papageorgiou. The findings of the conference were elaborated by Professor Stamatoudi.



TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, 21.2.2025

The School of Law, the Labour and Social Security Law Society, and the Nicosia Bar Association co-organised a conference on the topic: *Current Issues in the Law of Termination of Employment Contracts*. The conference was dedicated to the memory of Pavlos Papageorgiou (1941-2022), former Minister of Labour and Social Insurance. Rector Pouyioutas, Minister of Labour and Social Insurance Yiannis Panayiotou, Mayor of Strovolos Stavros Stavrinides, President of the Cyprus Bar Association Michalis Vorkas, President of KEBE Stavros Stavrou, Director-General of OEB Michalis Antoniou, General Secretary of SEK Andreas Matsas, and General Secretary of PEO Sotiroula Charalambous, addressed the conference. The keynote speaker was Professor Dimitrios Zerdelis from the AUTH Law School. Other speakers were: Dean Emilianides, Konstantinos Dimarellis, Dimitrios Sideris, Dimitrios Goulas, Dimitrios Vasileiou, Moscho Zampakidou, Stefanos Skordis, and Christoforos Christofi.



LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIAL, 9.5.2025

The School of Law, the Research Office on Polity and Public Policy of the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts, the Nicosia Bar Association, the Foundation for Parliamentary Democracy and Participatory Governance of the House of Representatives, and the Academy of the Legal Service co-organised a conference on: *Legitimate Interest in the Administrative Trial*. The conference was dedicated to the memory of Andreas S. Angelides (1946–2024), former advocate and MP. The Attorney-General Giorgos L. Savvidis, the President of the Supreme Constitutional Court Antonis Liatsos, the President of the Cyprus Bar Association Michalis Vorkas, the President of the Nicosia Bar Association Stefanos Skordis, the Executive Director of the Foundation for Parliamentary Democracy Dionysos Alexiou, and Andreas S. Angelides' son, Simos Angelides, addressed the conference. The keynote speaker was Professor Emeritus of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Glykeria Siouti, while the contributions of Andreas S. Angelides to administrative law were elaborated by former President of the Supreme Court Christos Artemidis and former Ombudsman Eliana Nicolaou. Other speakers included Dean Emilianides, Giorgos Serafeim, Efi Papadopoulou, Christos Papastylianos, Costas Paraskevas, Giorgos Tsaousis, Theognosia Kouspi, Elena Papageorgiou, and Ioannis Kastanas.



THEATRICAL PLAY. THE RASHOMON EFFECT, 9.5.2025

The Law and Literature Lab of the School of Law presented the theatrical play: *The Rashomon Effect*, based on the film *Rashomon* by Akira Kurosawa and the novel *In a Grove* by Ryūnosuke Akutagawa. Stergios Mitas and Vagia Polyzoidou had the overall coordination/supervision, whereas Stergios Mitas adapted and directed the play. The following students participated in the play: Antonis Zournatzis, Domna Mavrikaki, Dimitris Gioldaseas, Thanasis Chrysfafis, Fotini Syrigou, Giorgos Fasakis and Vasiliki Barba. Andreas Papadopoulos had the supervision for sound, light and video, Domna Mavrikaki had the supervision for stage props, whereas Milena Pavlidou had the supervision for the play's posters.





EVENT IN HONOR OF NESTOR COURAKIS, 12.5.2025

The Hellenic-French Association organised an event in honor of Professor Nestor Courakis, focusing particularly on the philosophical background of his works. Among the speakers were former Rector of NKUA Theodosios Pelegrinis and the Dean of the Law School of NKUA Konstantinos N. Christodoulou, while former Rector of NKUA Theodoros Fortsakis addressed the event.

RODIS ROUFOS, 31.5.2025

The School of Law, the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Cyprus, and the Research Office for Polity and Public Policy of the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts, with the support of *The Cyprus Review* journal, co-organised a conference dedicated to the life and work of the diplomat, author, and intellectual Rodis Roufos-Kanakaris. The keynote speaker was Professor Emeritus of NKUA Nikos Alivizatos, while other speakers included the Dean of the School of Humanities of the University of Cyprus Petros Papapolyviou, Alexandros Bazoukis, Georgia Pateridou, and Dimitris Bacharas. The Ambassador of Greece to Cyprus Ioannis Papameletiou, Rodis Roufos' son Loukas Roufos, and Dean Emilianides, addressed the conference, while an intervention was made by Dimitris Papamichail, a fellow of the Rodis Roufos-Kanakaris Foundation.



BSEMR CONFERENCE, 3-4.10.2025

The *Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Review*, published by the School of Law and the Interdisciplinary Laboratory for Black Sea and Mediterranean Studies of AUTH, organised, in collaboration with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, a conference on: *The International Order in Question: Regional Security and Prosperity in Times of Global Flux and Disarray*. Dean Emilianides, the Director of the Laboratory Grigoris Zarotiadis, the Editor-in-Chief of BSEMR Professor Emeritus Sofia Kaitatzi-Whitlock, and the Director of FES Cyprus Hubert Faustmann, addressed the conference. The keynote speaker was Professor Carsten Wieland, while the central panel discussion that followed featured Sofia Kaitatzi-Whitlock, Constantinos Adamides, and Michalis Kontos.



Other speakers included Joninda Mehmetaj, Nadia Kornioti, Antonis Stylianou, Petros Iosefidis, Dimitrios Tsagalas, Anisa Telharaj, Adeljana Shehaj, Pelagia Eleftheriadou, Eleni Koutsouraki, Katerina Oikonomou, Lina Pelekidou, Ioanna Kirou, Andreas Vorizanakis, Cleo Koutra, Larissa Leonidnova Bozhko, Theodoros Skarvellis, Umer Fasie Bashir, Iraklis Georgiokas, Zenonas Tziarras, Themistoklis Zanidis, and Johann Pibert.

CONFERENCE ON RESHAPING EUROPE, 30-31.10.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance and the Cyprus Center of European and International Affairs, coorganised with TEPSA (Trans-European Policy Studies Association), the pre-Presidency conference: *Reshaping Europe in an age of uncertainty*. The conference was organised in anticipation of the Cypriot Presidency of the EU and was also supported by the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, the Cyprus Forum, and the Cypriot Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Professor Theophanous, Michalis Kontos, and the Secretary-General of TEPSA Jim Cloos, addressed the conference. The Keynote speaker was the Deputy Minister of Migration and International Protection Nicholas A. Ioannides, whereas other speakers were: Nikoletta Pirozzi, Erik Jones, Clélia Chevrier Kola ko, Revecca Pedi, Ian Bond, Konstantinos Kollias, Øyyind Svendsen, Jessica Larsen, Irene Rajcinovska Pandeva, Giselle Bosse, Pernille Ricker, Yiannos Katsourides, Alexandros Gotinakos, Andria Costa, Konstantinos Petrides, Jean-Louis de Brouwer, Haris Polycarpou, Alexia Sakadaki, Charles Ellinas, Andreas Poullikas, Marco Siddi, Lucia Mocra, and Mary Varda.



70 YEARS SINCE THE EOKA STRUGGLE, 31.10.2025-2.11.2025

The School of Law was one of the co-organisers of the conference: *70 Years since the EOKA Struggle: Echoes, Analyses, Reassessments*. Other organisers included the EOKA 1955-1959 Liberation Struggle Foundation, the EOKA 1955-1959 Historical Memory Council, the EOKA 1955-1959 Fighters' Associations, the Holy Archbishopric of Cyprus, the Archbishop Makarios III Foundation, the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Cyprus, the Department of History and Archaeology of AUTH, the Department of History and Archaeology of NKUA, the Tassos Papadopoulos Center for Studies, the Cyprus Oral History Association, and the Center for Scientific Research. The keynote speakers were the President of the Republic Nikos Christodoulides and the Archbishop of Cyprus Georgios. Two roundtable discussions were also held: one with EOKA fighters Yiannis Spanos, Kikis Kyriakides, Maroula Violari-lakovidou, Renos Lysiotis, and Andreas Meimaridis, and the other with academics Evanthis Hatzivassiliou, Petros Papapolyviou, Ioannis Stefanides, Paschalis Kitromilides, and Dean Emilianides. The conference featured over 100 speakers, including faculty members Hubert Faustmann, Odysseas Christou, Michalis Kontos, Maria Hadjiathanasiou, and Andreas Karyos.



7TH SARIPOLOS LECTURE, 13.11.2025

The School of Law and the Larnaca Bar Association, with the support of the Municipality of Larnaca, co-organised the 7th Nikolaos I. Saripolos Memorial Lecture. This event has become an established tradition in the academic life of the region, featuring high-level scholarly presentations that set the essential tone for research activity in fields of public law. The lecture was delivered by Professor Emeritus of NKUA Nikos Alivizatos, who spoke about Nikolaos N. Saripolos, his contribution to Greek constitutionalism, and contemporary issues in constitutional discourse. A discussion followed, moderated by Nicolas Kyriakides. The Mayor of Larnaca Andreas Vyras, the President of the Larnaca Bar Association Dimitris Kallenos, and Dean Emilianides, addressed the Lecture.



SEPARATION OF POWERS, 18.11.2025

The School of Law, the Research Office for Polity and Public Policy of the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts, the Foundation for Parliamentary Democracy and Participatory Governance of the House of Representatives, the Nicosia Bar Association, and the Center for European Constitutional Law - Themistoklis and Demetris Tsatsos Foundation co-organised a conference on: *Separation of Powers between Executive and Legislative Authority*. The Minister of Justice and Public Order Marios Hartziotis, the Chair of the Legal Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives Nikos Tornaritis, the President of the Nicosia Bar Association Stefanos Skordis, and the Executive Director of the Foundation for Parliamentary Democracy Dionysos Alexiou, addressed the conference. Speakers included the President of the Tsatsos Foundation, Professor Xenofon Kontiades, and Dean Emilianides. The speakers in the subsequent roundtable discussion were: MPs Aristos Damianou and Dimitris Dimitriou, former President of the Supreme Court Myron Nikolatos, Christos Papastylianos, and Theognosia Kouspi.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY, 18-21.11.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance, the Ministry of Defense, and the European Security and Defense College co-organised a seminar on: *Artificial Intelligence, Security and Cooperation in the European Union*. The seminar focused on the decisive role of artificial intelligence in shaping contemporary issues of security, defense, hybrid threats, and cybersecurity. Twenty-nine participants from fourteen countries attended, receiving briefings on key topics such as the strategic implications of artificial intelligence for European security, cybersecurity and operational resilience, disinformation and cognitive warfare, the diplomacy and governance of artificial intelligence, as well as the ethical dimensions and regulatory framework of the European Union. Constantinos Adamides served as the lead instructor.



5TH PROCEDURAL LAW SYMPOSIUM, 10-12.12.2025

The Unit of Procedural Law of the School of Law organised its 5th Annual Symposium, in cooperation with the International Association for Judicial Independence and World Peace (JIWP), on the topic: *Judicial Independence and Liberal Democracy. The Challenge of Implementing the ELI Mt Scopus Standards on Judicial Independence*. Dean Emilianides, Attorney of the Republic Despina Kyprianou, President of the Cyprus Bar Association Michalis Vorkas, former President of the European Law Institute Pascal Pichonnaz, Associate Head of Justice Policy and Rule of Law Unit of the Directorate General of Justice and Consumer of the European Commission Nicolaas Bel, and JIWP Chair Shimon Shetreet, addressed the Symposium. The speakers were: Marietta Safta, Graham Zellick, Alexander Trunk, Daniela Piana, Matthias E. Storme, Achilleas Demetriades, Vincent De Gaetano, Valentina Pavlicik, Amnon Reichman, Graf-Peter Calliess, Τάκης Τριδήμας, Stephanie Lauthé-Shaelou, Christos Clerides, Fryderyk Zoll, Caroline Expert-Foulquier, Serhii Kravtsov, Giuseppe Franco Ferrari, Natasa Plavsic, Philippe Jougleux, Georgios Kontis, Andrea Danuser, Mikhail Antonov, Martin Sabelli, Shimon Shetreet, Ruti Teitel, Haim Sandberg, Hiram Chodosh, Maimon Schwarzschild. The Unit's Director Nicolas Kyriakides elaborated on the findings of the Conference.



OTHER EVENTS



ADVANCED COMMAND COURSE, 24.1.2025

The School of Law co-organised a course for the High-Level Command of the British Forces, in close cooperation with the United Kingdom High Commission and the British Ministry of Defence. The course was coordinated by Constantinos Adamides, and an address was delivered by the UK High Commissioner Michael Tatham.



THE CONCEPT OF LAW IN THEATER, 3.2.2025

The School of Law and the Cyprus Theatre Organization (THOC) co-organised a discussion on *The Concept of Law in Theater*, with Dean Emilianides and the Director of the Department of Theater at AUTH, Assistant Professor Thomas Moschopoulos, as speakers. The discussion was moderated by the President of THOC, Professor Emeritus of the University of Cyprus, Pantelis Voutouris.

EUROPEAN SECURITY CHALLENGES, 11.2.2025

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs organised the seminar *European Security Challenges and International Law*, with Assistant Professor at War Studies University Poland Joanna Siekiera as speaker, and Professor Theophanous as moderator.



BECOMING A LAWYER FOR A DAY, 22.2.2025

The School of Law organised its annual seminar *Becoming a Lawyer for a Day*, aimed at further educating and training students. The seminar targeted high school and vocational education students, giving them the opportunity to learn about legal science, legal studies, and the legal profession. The presentation was made by Grigoris Michaelides, whereas a practical workshop/moot trial was moderated by Andreas Christou.

TURKEY AND THE CYPRUS ISSUE, 27.2.2025

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs organised the seminar *Revisionist Turkey and the Cyprus Issue*, with Professor Theophanous as speaker.

BUILDING REGULATIONS, 13 & 20.3.2025

The School of Law and Sakkoulas Publications organised the online educational seminar: *Fundamental Changes in the New Building Regulation Following Decisions 146, 147/2025 of the Plenary of the Supreme Court*, with Professor Dimitris Melissas of the National Technical University of Athens as trainer.



ARTIFICIAL JUSTICE, 19.3.2025

Sakkoulas Publications and the Hellenic Criminology Society co-organised an event in Athens on the occasion of the publication of over 100 volumes of the scientific series *Criminal Law*, including the collective volume edited by Nestor Courakis and Ioannis Sarmas: *Τεχνητή Δικαιοσύνη; Προκλήσεις και Δυνατότητες της Τεχνητής Νοημοσύνης κατά την Απονομή της (Ποινικής) Δικαιοσύνης*. Speakers included Professors Leonidas Kotsalis, Emmanouil Giannakoudakis, and the two volume editors.

EUROPEAN SECURITY CHALLENGES, 27.3.2025

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs and the Jean Monnet Chair of NKUA co-organised the presentation of the book by former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Professor Yiannis Valinakis: *For a New Strategy towards Turkey*. The book was presented by the Chair of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee, Haris Georgiades, whereas Professor Theophanous addressed the event.



70 YEARS SINCE THE EOKA STRUGGLE, 3.4.2025

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs organised the seminar *70 Years Since the Start of the EOKA Struggle: A Reassessment of the Factors Leading to the Armed Struggle for Enosis*. The speakers were the Dean of the School of Humanities at the University of Cyprus Petros Papapolyviou, Andreas Karyos, and Professor Theophanous.



WAVES WAVES, 7.5.2025

The School of Law co-organised, together with Hippasus Publications, the presentation of the book *Νταλγκά (Waves, Waves)* by journalist Sofia Iordanidou. The book was presented by Professor Emeritus Stelios Perrakis of Panteion University and Assistant Professor of the Chair of Cypriot Studies at AUTH, Charalambos Alexandrou. The event was moderated by Michalis Kontos.

SECURITY CHALLENGES IN TURBULENT TIMES, 8.5.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance organised the online webinar *Security Challenges in Turbulent Times: Insights from the Eastern Mediterranean*, with Professor Faustmann, Michalis Kontos, and Constantinos Adamides as speakers.



INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DIPLOMACY, 9.5.2025

The School of Law supported a seminar coordinated by Professor Emeritus Stelios Perrakis, with participation from students of the Postgraduate Programme in International Law and Diplomacy at Panteion University, along with invited guest speakers.

**3RD CYPRUS ARBITRATION DAYS,
16.5.2025**

The School of Law was one of the supporters of the 3rd Cyprus Arbitration Days held in Limassol, with Agis Georgiadis serving as one of the organizers.



**RED TRACES, 20.5.2025,
23.6.2025, 23.9.2025, 6.10.2025**

The book by Yiannos Katsourides: *Κόκκινα Ίχνη: Δεκαπέντε Ιστορικά Αποτυπώματα του Κομμουνιστικού Κόμματος Κύπρου (Ρίζες)* was presented in Nicosia (20.5.2025). Associate Dean Ioannou delivered an address, whereas speakers included Yiannakis Kolokasidis and Kostakis Konstantinou. The book was also presented in Athens (23.9.2025) with Professors Spyros Sakellaropoulos and Michalis Spourdalakis as speakers. Additional presentations took place in Limassol (11.6.2025), Larnaca (23.6.2025) and Paphos (6.10.2025).

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY,
20.5.2025**

The collective volume: *Πνευματική Ιδιοκτησία. Κατ' Άρθρο Ερμηνεία του Νόμου 2121/1993 (Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη)*, edited by Professor Stamatoudi, was presented in Athens in an event organised by the Crispis Foundation for International Legal Studies, under the auspices of NKUA. Greetings were delivered by the President of the Hellenic Parliament Nikitas Kaklamanis, Deputy Minister of Culture Iasonas Fotilas, President of the Intellectual Property Organization Panagiotis Tsiris, Anastasia Samara-Crispi, the publisher Antonis Karatzas, and the NKUA Rector Gerasimos Siasos. The book was presented by former Vice President of the Greek Government, Professor Evangelos Venizelos, and Dean Emilianides.

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS,
20.5.2025**

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs organised the seminar *Federal Governments and the Case of Cyprus: Are the Preconditions for a Federal Settlement in Cyprus Present Today?*, with Professor Theophanous as speaker and Ambassador (ret.) Evripidis Evriviadis as moderator.



**THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
IN THE TRUMP ERA, 26.5.2025**

The Department of Politics and Governance organised the event *The Eastern Mediterranean in the Trump Era*, on the occasion of the publication of the book: *Η Ανατολική Μεσόγειος 100 χρόνια από τη Συνθήκη της Λωζάνης: Ιστορικές, Πολιτικές και Γεωπολιτικές Πτυχές*, edited by Lecturer of the University of Cyprus Zenonas Tziarras (Hippasus). Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Theodoros Gotsis addressed the event, while the speakers were Ambassador (ret.) Alexandros Zenon, Michalis Kontos, and Zenonas Tziarras. The event was moderated by Constantinos Adamides.





CRITON TORNARITIS, 4.6.2025

The book by Dean Emilianides: *Ο Δικηγόρος. Η Βιογραφία του Κρίτωνα Τορναρίτη* (Hippasus), was presented at the Presidential Palace with the support of the Research Office for Polity and Public Policy of the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts. The President of the Republic Nikos Christodoulides, the Speaker of the House of Representatives Annita Dimitriou, Attorney-General George L. Savvidis, and Member of Parliament Nikos Tornaritis, addressed the event. The book was presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Constantinos Kombos and the Dean of the School of Humanities of the University of Cyprus Petros Papapolyviou.

BREAKS AND TRANSITIONS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, 12.6.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance organised the online seminar *Otherness, Breaks, and Transitions in the Eastern Mediterranean: A Dynamic Region in Evolution*, with Yiannos Katsourides and Michalis Kontos as speakers.

THE CYPRIOT ECONOMY, 12.6.2025

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs organised the presentation of the policy paper by Professor Theophanous and Mary Varda: *The Cypriot Economy from EU and Eurozone Accession Until Today: A Critical Evaluation and the Need for a New Socioeconomic Model*.

CYPRUS AND GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, 17.6.2025

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs organised the seminar *The Cyprus Issue, the Metapolitefsi, and Greek-Turkish Relations*, with Professor Theophanous as speaker.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND PERSONAL DATA, 17.6.2025

The School of Law and Sakkoulas Publications organised the online seminar *GDPR and the Artificial Intelligence Act: Convergence, Interaction, and Legal Challenges*, with Dimitrios Koukiadis as trainer.



WORLD CONFERENCE OF GREEK LAWYERS, 7-10.7.2025

The School of Law was one of the supporters of the *1st World Conference of Greek Lawyers*, co-organised in Athens by the Plenary of Presidents of Greek Bar Associations, the Cyprus Bar Association, the Association of Greek Lawyers in America, and the Association of Greek Lawyers in Australia. The central theme was *Safeguarding Democracy, the Rule of Law, and Justice – Global Challenges and the Role of Artificial Intelligence*. Dean Emilianides was one of the four keynote speakers of the conference, while Christos Papastylianos was also a speaker.

PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY, 9.7.2025

The School of Law organised the online seminar *Comparative Law and the Protection of Cultural Property – European Law, the Banking Union, and the Deposit and Investment Union*, with Dimitrios Koukiadis and Konstantinos Voulgarakis as speakers, and Stergios Mitas as moderator.

PRESENTATION OF THE LAW PROGRAMME, 15.7.2025

The School of Law and the Student Admissions Department of the University of Nicosia organised a presentation of the Law programme in Athens, with Antonis Stylianou as the presenter.

NAVIGATING THE NEW DIGITAL RULEBOOK, 16.7.2025

The School of Law organised the online seminar *Navigating the New Digital Rulebook: AI, LegalTech & EU Platform Regulation*, with Phedon Nicolaides and Dimitrios Koukiadis as speaker. Professor Stamatoudi moderated the event.

STATES AND SOCIETIES IN EUROPE, 23.7.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance organised the online seminar *States and Societies in Europe: Contemporary Practices and Issues of Public Governance*, with Associate Dean Ioannou and Giorgos Charalambous as speakers.



INFORMATION DAYS, 16-18.9.2025

The Law School and the Student Admissions Department of the University of Nicosia organised presentations of the Law programme in Athens and Thessaloniki, with Antonis Stylianou as presenter.

DELAYS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, 17.9.2025

The Procedural Law Unit of the School was represented by its Director, Nicolas Kyriakides, at the session of the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Affairs, Justice, and Public Order, discussing delays in the administration of justice. Kyriakides emphasized that documented proposals to accelerate procedures already exist, but without adoption of concrete timelines, the same problems persist annually, undermining the credibility of the justice system.

MEETING WITH STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES, 30.9.2025

Dean Emilianides and Associate Dean Ioannou met with the representative of student union *Proodeftiki*.



WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN CYPRUS, 30.9.2025

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs organised the presentation of Professor Theophanous book *What Really Happened in Cyprus? A Critical Assessment since Independence and the Way Forward*, with the President of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs, Haris Georgiades, and former Greek-Cypriot Negotiator, Ambassador Andreas Mavroyiannis, as speakers. The event was moderated by Yiannos Katsourides.



CYPRIOI CIVIL PROCEDURE, 7.10.2025

The Procedural Law Unit of the Law School, the Cyprus Bar Association, and Nomiki Vivliothiki organised a presentation of the collective work *Cypriot Civil Procedure*, edited by Nicolas Kyriakides, Nikolaos Koulouris, and Iphigenia Fisentzou. Opening remarks were delivered by Nicolas Kyriakides, the publisher Antonis Karatzas, and the President of the Cyprus Bar Association Michalis Vorkas. Speakers included Supreme Court Judge Yasemis Yasemi, Professor Emeritus Adrian Zuckerman (Oxford University), and Agis Georgiades.



TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE GREEK POLITICAL SYSTEM, 8.10.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance organised the seminar *Transformations and Developments in the Modern Greek Political System*, with Professor Spyros Sakellaropoulos (Panteion University) as speaker and Yiannos Katsourides as moderator.

BANK FINANCINGS, 15.10.2025

The School of Law and Sakkoulas Publications organised the online training seminar *Bank Financings Guaranteed by the Greek State*, with Eleftheria Christianopoulou and Vasileios Styliaras as trainers.



FOREIGN DECISIONS, 16.10.2025

The School of Law, in collaboration with the Nicosia Bar Association, organised the event *Foreign Decisions in the Cypriot Legal System*, marking the publication of *Αναγνώριση και Εκτέλεση Αλλοδαπών Αποφάσεων στην Κύπρο* by Criton Dionysiou (Hippasus). Addresses were given by Dean Emilianides and the President of the Nicosia Bar Association, Stefanos Skordis. The speakers were Marlen Triantafyllidi, Viktoria-Zoi Papagianni, and Agis Georgiades, whereas the author also addressed the event. The event was moderated by Salomi Yiallourou.



TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS, 17.10.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance organised the seminar *Voting in Unrecognition: The Political Logic of Turkish Cypriot Leadership Elections*, with Mertkan Hamit as speaker and Constantinos Adamides as moderator.



MEETING WITH STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES, 21.10.2025

Dean Emilianides and Associate Dean Ioannou met with representatives of student union *Protoporia*.



EU AND CYPRUS, 30.10.2025

The Cyprus Center of European and International Affairs and the European Policy Center organised the seminar: *Perspectives on the relationship between the EU and Cyprus and the Cyprus Problem*. The speakers were Professor Theophanous, Former Turkish Cypriot Negotiator Özdil Nami, Greek Cypriot Negotiator Menelaos Menelaou, EPC Senior Policy Analyst Amanda Paul.

CHANGING SECURITY ENVIRONMENT, 13.11.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance organised the online seminar *Disruptive Technologies in a Changing Security Environment: The Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean*, with Petros Petrikkos and Constantinos Adamides as speakers, and Michalis Kontos as moderator.



GRAB A UNIC COFFEE, 19.11.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Cyprus Office co-organised the event *Grab a UNIC Coffee: An Online Briefing on the EU Policy towards Ukraine in a Time of Multiple Security Challenges*, with Elena Lazarou, General Director of ELIAMEP, as speaker.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION, 19.11.2025

The School of Law and Sakkoulas Publications organised an online training seminar on the European AI Regulation (EU/2024/1689), with the Head of the Department of Public Administration of Panteion University Fereniki Panagopoulou as trainer.

BUSINESS DAY, 21.11.2025

School of Law students visited the offices of Eurofast, accompanied by Antonis Stylianou, where they toured the company's operations and met staff members.

DEVELOPMENTS IN GAZA, 1.12.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance and the Association of Political Science Graduates co-organised the event *Developments in Gaza and the New Order in the Middle East*, with Michalis Kontos, Zenonas Tziarras, and Aristotelis Konstantinidis, as speakers.



CAREER FAIR, 2.12.2025

The School of Law and the University of Nicosia Career Success Center organised a career fair for Law students and alumni to connect with local and international labor markets. Students participated along with representatives of major law firms in Cyprus.

EUROPEAN SECURITY CHALLENGES, 4.12.2025

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, in collaboration with the European Policy Center, organised a discussion on *European Security Challenges and the Role of Cyprus*, with Professor Theophanous, political analyst Iana Maisuradze, AKEL human rights head Stavri Kalopsidioti, and Ambassador (ret.) Papagiannis Papadopoulos, as speakers. The event was moderated by Michalis Kontos.



ADVANCED COMMAND COURSE, 9.12.2025

The School of Law co-organised a High-Level Command course for the British Forces, in close cooperation with the UK High Commission and the British Ministry of Defense. The course was coordinated by Constantinos Adamides, with opening remarks by the UK High Commissioner Michael Tatham and Dean Emilianides.

REGIONAL RELATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, 11.12.2025

The Department of Politics and Governance organised the online seminar *The Future of Regional Relations in the Middle East*, with Nikos Stelias and Stavros Drakoularakos as speakers, and Michalis Kontos as moderator.

ADDITIONAL FACULTY ACTIVITY



Achilles C. Emilianides continues to serve as President of the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts, participating in numerous activities in this capacity. He is also active in various international organizations and academy associations, while maintaining his legal practice. In 2025, he handled or participated in several hundred legal cases and projects, and spoke at dozens of conferences and seminars in Cyprus and abroad. As a member of the Cypriot legal team, he was present in negotiations in Geneva and New York.



Christina Ioannou continued serving on the Committee on Ethics and Sports Safeguarding, and as the Chair of the School of Sports Ethics. In this role, she participated in dozens of educational initiatives in Cypriot schools.



Constantinos Adamides presented his research at the International Studies Association (USA) on small and medium state foreign policy, at KAS POLDiMed-MEDAC in Valletta on Eastern Mediterranean geopolitics, at the George C. Marshall Center (Germany) on perceptions in divided societies, and at KIOS and the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts, on AI's impact on democracy. He also spoke at the European College of Defense and Security (Belgium) on AI and information manipulation, at the Cyprus Parliament/Piraeus University on Cyprus' geopolitical role, in Brussels (for the European Defense Agency and ESDC), in Garmisch (for GCMC), in Rome (for the World Conference of University Rectors at Roma Tre), in Berlin (for the Center for Applied Turkish Studies), in Amman (by invitation of the MfA), and to several events in Cyprus. He continues to serve on the Executive Academic Board of the European College of Defense and Security.



Christos Papastylianos spoke at a conference organised by the Research Center on Britain-Europe Relations, Department of Political Science, University of Surrey: *Challenges to Europe* (28-29.5.2025). He was also a founding member of the ICON-S Balkans chapter.



Irini Stamatoudi
 Prof. Stamatoudi delivered 23 lectures and presentations at institutions including the International Hellenic University, University of Macedonia, NKUA, AUTH, the Hellenic Parliament Foundation, Hydra Historical Museum, Cycladic Art Museum (in collaboration with the European Commission and the Hellenic Industrial Property Organization), and ATRIP at the University of Copenhagen. She was appointed as an expert for the EU Opt-Out Base Design Programme for Text and Data Mining at the European Intellectual Property Office and gave media interviews on issues such as the Parthenon Marbles, justice, cultural heritage, and intellectual property.



Michalis Kontos
 Associate HoD Kontos participated in the ECPR General Conference (Thessaloniki, 26-29.8.2025) on *The De-Russification of Cyprus and the Truman Doctrine Analogy*. He contributed to a working group on the impact and future of the Abraham Accords, five years after their conclusion, presenting findings at an international conference hosted by the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy in Abu Dhabi (24-26.11.2025). He further participated as speaker and moderator in numerous symposia, seminars, and book presentations, including a keynote speech in a Model UN simulation at Senior School, Nicosia (29-30.11.2025).



Vagia Polyzoidou
 Associate HoD Polyzoidou taught at two Summer Schools in Thessaloniki, organised by the Lab for Transparency, Corruption, and Financial Crime on recent developments in financial crime, corruption and money laundering (30.6.2025), and the Lab for Medical Law and Bioethics on environmental law and the law of animals (6-11.7.2025). She further participated in a public discussion on *Medical Liability and New Technologies* organised by the Athens Medical Society and BioMedLex (27.2.2025), and the *3rd International Conference on Decision Making in Medicine and Law: Opportunities and pitfalls of information technologies* in Rome (11.12.2025).



Stergios Mitas
 Stergios Mitas delivered a series of five invited lectures in the postgraduate course *Philosophy and Methodology of Law* at the AUTH Law School (Winter 2025).



Nestor Courakis was elected unanimously as President of the Eleftherios Venizelos History Foundation, Athens (15.2.2025), and participated in the founding team of the Institute of Criminal Procedural Law (23.5.2025). He delivered lectures at the Ionian School students (4.2.2025), the Friends of Panagiotis Kanellopoulos Society (19.9.2025), the scientific event of the Hellenic Society of Criminology titled: *inter-family violence in current Hellenic reality* (25.6.2025), the 2nd National Conference on Women's Mental Health (28.11.2025), and the conference: *Society of Knowledge – University Studies*, organized in Athens for the 100 years since the establishment of the College of Athens (19.12.2025).



Hubert Faustmann spoke at the conference *Ukraine's EU Accession Process: Establishing and Securing Rule of Law Structures in the Long-Term* (University of Regensburg, Germany, 12-19.10.2025) and, together with Heraklis Georgiokas, at the International Studies Association Conference, Chicago (3.3.2025).



Odysseas Christou coordinates the Erasmus+ project: *CIRCULAR CITY through educational circular economy methods for social enterprises* (CIRC), and serves as Working Group Country Expert and Educator in Horizon Europe project: *LEarning VEntuReS for Climate Justice* (LEVERS). He is a member of the Management Committee of COST Action: *Transformations international Experience and Research network for Sustainable futures* (TransformERS), and a Working Group Member of Actions: *EU Circular Economy Network for All: Consumer Protection through reducing, reusing, repairing* (ECO4ALL), and *PlatfoRM OF policy Evaluation community for improvED EU policies and Better ACKnowledgement* (PROFEEDBACK). He served as an expert at the 54th session of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal (PPT) in Brussels (5-6.2.2025), and was appointed as the Official Representative to the Council of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). He presented his research in conferences: *Navigating Energy Security Uncertainty in the Eastern Mediterranean: Conflict, Cooperation, Transformation*, organized by the Institute of the Middle and Far East, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland (20-21/2.2025), and *Challenges, Processes and Policies for Circular Economy*, COST Action ECO4ALL Midterm International Conference at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania (9-10/5.2025).



Giorgos Charalambous delivered a lecture at AUTH as part of the European Studies Double Degree Master Programme and Erasmus Module: *The transformative impact of EU integration in Southern Europe: electoral politics, institutions and society*. He further participated in the Management Committee meetings of the COST Actions DepolarizingEU and RELINK2 in Madrid and Wroclaw respectively, and served as visiting lecturer at Unitelma Sapienza, Rome, collaborating with Davide Angellucci on electoral behavior and party positions.



Yiannos Katsourides presented his research, inter alia, at the Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society in Naples (4-6.9.2025), the ECPR General Conference in Thessaloniki (26-29.8.2025), the 5th International Conference of European Social Research at the University of Lisbon, the Annual Conference on Historical Materialism in SOAS, London (6-9.11.2025), the Political Culture and Behaviour Lab in the National Center of Social Research in Athens (28.5.2025), and the conference on modern antifascism in Centro Internazionale Loris Malaguzzi Reggio Emilia, Italy (28-30.4.2025).



Konstantinos Dimarellis renewed his term as Mediator at the Mediation and Arbitration Organization, and gave presentations at training seminars of the Organization. He lectured in the Employment Law postgraduate programme at AUTH, and had Erasmus visits to Hasselt University, Belgium where he taught the students of the MA program on current employment law issues. He participated in professional meetings of the Labour and Social Security Law Society on the review of foreign case-law regarding dependence in cooperative economy.



Dimitris Koukiadis served as guest lecturer at the MA programme of the International Hellenic University, Economy School, on logistics and maritime governance (11.5.2025), Goethe University Frankfurt, Law School, on comparative constitutional and private law (23-27.6.2025), and the University of the Aegean Summer School/Nomiki Vivliothiki on: *Law and Technology* (3-6.7.2025). He was a speaker at conferences organised by the think tank DIKTYO (2.2.2025), the European Law Academy at Trier on: *5G Technology, Quantum Informatics, Blockchain and Internet of Things* (17.5.2025), and a seminar organised by Zenox Public Affairs Cyprus on *Digital Leverage: How Smart Lobbying Can Turn Cyprus into a Tech Transformation Testbed*: (5.11.2025).



Nicolas Kyriakides lectured at Newcastle Law School, where he presented the research of the Procedural Law Unit, regarding the perceptions on the settlement of minor disputes with the assistance of artificial intelligence (20.5.2025). He was a speaker at REDA 2025 (28.5.2025), and presided on the inaugural ceremony of the Open University of Cyprus Conference: *Digitalization of Procedures in Judicial Cooperation in the EU* (4.6.2025). He was also a speaker at the Riga Graduate School of Law on European private international law (19.6.2025), the conference of the Judicial Administration Research Association, Limoges (11.6.2025), the annual conference of the Society of Legal Scholars, University of Leeds (30.9.2025), the conference on the Journal of Private International Law 20th Anniversary, UCL, and the annual conference of the International Association of Procedural Law, Zagreb (11-13.9.2025).



Giorgos Tsaousis presented on *The Use of Personal Data by the Media* at the Law and Technology Conference, Athens (2.4.2025).



Taygeti Michalakea is the lead researcher of the Horizon Project ARM. She was elected Vice President of the International Federation for Human Rights, a global organisation with more than 200 members. She organised two conferences, the first on: *Business and Human Rights in Southeast Europe*, and the second on: *Freedom of Expression in the Digital Space*.



Pantelis Rentoulis was a speaker at the 48th Conference of Greek Procedural Law Scholars, Trikala, on: *Protective procedural provisions for the consumer in the field of payment order and mandatory execution* (12-13.9.2025). He further spoke at various seminars in Athens, organised by Nomiki Vivliothiki, on: *Payment order- suspension of payment* (31/3/2025), *The Civil Procedure Code following the changes of Law 5221/2025* (29/9/2025, 16/10/2025), *Civil Procedure in action – review procedures* (7/11/2025), and *Civil Procedure in action – mandatory execution* (21/11/2025).



Emmanouil Laskaridis completed his term as President of the Hellenic Association of Medical Law and Bioethics, and in this capacity, he co-organised the 1st Balkan Conference on Medically Assisted Reproduction, Alexandroupolis (24-25.1.2025). He continues to serve as a Member of the National Committee on Public Health Experts, after his term was renewed. He inter alia, lectured in a seminar of Nomiki Vivliothiki in Athens (9.4.2025), at the University of West Attica (4.7.2025), a seminar by the Union of Young and Trainee Lawyers (15.11.2025), and Florence Law School (12.11.2025).

PUBLICATIONS/BOOKS

Αχιλλεύς Κ. Αιμιλιανίδης, Ο Δικηγόρος. Η Βιογραφία του Κρίτωνα Τορναρίτη (Λευκωσία: Hippasus, 2025), σσ. 436.

Το παρόν σύγγραμμα ανήκει στο είδος της ιστορικής βιογραφίας και αφηγείται, μέσα από ιστορική έρευνα δεκαετιών, τη ζωή και το έργο του μακροβιότερου Γενικού Εισαγγελέα της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας και στενού συνεργάτη του Μακαρίου, Κρίτωνα Τορναρίτη. Αν και κυριάρχησε στη δημόσια ζωή για 60 χρόνια, η βιογραφία του παραμένει ιστορικά άγνωστη, ακριβώς γιατί δεν είναι εύκολη στην αποκωδικοποίηση, ιδιαίτερα σε εποχές πόλωσης και ασπρόμαυρων αναγνώσεων. Ο Κρίτων Τορναρίτης δεν εντάσσεται σε συνήθη πρότυπα, όπως του αγωνιστή, του επαναστάτη, του αντιστασιακού, του ήρωα, του ιδεολόγου, του πολιτικού ηγέτη ή του καλλιτέχνη. Η ζωή και το έργο του εκφράζουν ένα πρότυπο που δύσκολα γίνεται κατανοητό από το ευρύ κοινό: του δικηγόρου που θέτει ως πρωταρχικό στόχο τη διασφάλιση των συμφερόντων του εκάστοτε πελάτη του και που καθίσταται ένα με το επάγγελμά του. Και που όταν αποκτά την ιδιότητα του πολιτειακού αξιωματούχου, όταν δηλαδή ο πελάτης του είναι η πολιτεία, τότε ταυτίζεται με αυτό που ο ίδιος εκάστοτε αντιλαμβάνεται ως δημόσιο συμφέρον.

Achilles C. Emilianides, Christina Ioannou, Labour Law in Cyprus (4th Ed., The Hague: Kluwer, 2025), pp. 280.

This monograph not only describes and analyses the legal aspects of labour relations, but also examines labour relations practices and developing trends. Both individual and collective labour relations are covered in ample detail, with attention to such underlying and pervasive factors as employment contracts, suspension of the contracts, dismissal laws and covenant of non-competition, as well as international private law. The authors describe all important details of the law governing hours and wages, benefits, intellectual property implications, trade union activity, employers' associations, workers' participation, collective bargaining, industrial disputes, and much more.

Ε. Σταματούδη (επ.), Πνευματική Ιδιοκτησία. Ερμηνεία κατ' άρθρο 2121/1993 (Αθήνα: Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη, 2025), σσ. 1648.

Το βιβλίο αυτό περιλαμβάνει κατ' άρθρο ερμηνεία του Ν. 2121/993 για τα πνευματικά δικαιώματα, λαμβάνοντας υπόψη τις τελευταίες νομοθετικές τροποποιήσεις, τη νομολογία, και τις τεχνολογικές εξελίξεις. Η ανάλυση γίνεται υπό το πρίσμα όχι μόνον του ελληνικού αλλά και του ενωσιακού και διεθνούς δικαίου. Εγκύπτει σε ειδικά ζητήματα του δικαίου της πνευματικής ιδιοκτησίας επιχειρώντας μία ολική προσέγγιση του αντικειμένου.

Michalis Kontos, US Security Interests in the 'New Eastern Mediterranean': Balancing Russia in a Post-Unipolar World (Oxon/New York: Routledge, 2025), pp. 184.

This book discusses US foreign and security policy in contemporary Eastern Mediterranean, against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine and renewed great power competition. It examines US relations with Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus, and a balancing strategy in the region towards Russia. The author assesses the impact on Eastern Mediterranean politics and US interests, drawing on neorealist theories and the dynamics of an international system in transition and explores the impact of the global redistribution of power in regions which do not traditionally constitute top strategic priorities.

Andreas Theophanous, What Really Happened in Cyprus. A Critical Assessment since Independence and the Way Forward (Nicosia: Hippasus, 2025), pp. 362.

There are different and, more often than not, conflicting narratives about the history and the politics of Cyprus. One of the major goals of this book is to provide an objective account of what really happened in Cyprus. At the same time, the author suggests a comprehensive strategy for the way forward. Although circumstances have changed, he explores ways in which the problem can be resolved utilising an evolutionary process and the unity of the Republic of Cyprus is reestablished.

Ιωάννης Σαρμάς, Νέστωρ Κουράκης (επ.), Τεχνητή Δικαιοσύνη; Προκλήσεις και Δυνατότητες της Τεχνητής Νοημοσύνης κατά την Απονομή (Ποινικής) Δικαιοσύνης (Αθήνα: Α. Σάκκουλα, 2025), σσ. 160.

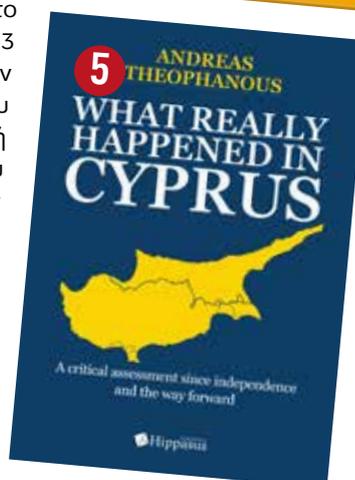
Πρόκειται για μία από τις πρώτες στην Ελλάδα πολυπρισματικές νομικές προσεγγίσεις για την επίδραση την οποία μπορεί να ασκήσει η νεοφυής 'παραγωγική' Τεχνητή Νοημοσύνη (GenAI), όπως π.χ. η ChatGPT, στην απονομή της Δικαιοσύνης και ιδίως της Ποινικής. Όπως αναφέρεται στον Πρόλογο του έργου, σε αυτό εξετάζεται [...] η νέα εικόνα που αναδεικνύεται για τον τρόπο λειτουργίας της Δικαιοσύνης διά μέσου (και) της Τεχνητής Νοημοσύνης, καθώς και για τα όρια έως τα οποία μπορεί να προχωρήσει η χρήση της Τεχνητής Νοημοσύνης χωρίς να διαταραχθούν [...] τα θεμέλια του Κράτους Δικαίου.

Νέστωρ Κουράκης, *Η αρμονία στον Ηράκλειτο και μια σύγχρονη προσέγγισή της*, (Αθήνα: Παπαζήση, 2025), σσ. 194.

Το έργο απαρτίζεται από δύο ειδικότερα, αλλά συνδεδεμένα μεταξύ τους μέρη. Στο πρώτο, εκτενέστερο μέρος, αναλύεται με συστηματικό και ευσύννοπο τρόπο η ηρακλείτεια φιλοσοφία, ενώ σε ένα δεύτερο μέρος εξετάζεται πώς μια σύγχρονη συνθετική μορφή αυτής της φιλοσοφίας μπορεί, με επίκεντρο την Αρμονία, να συνδράμει τον άνθρωπο στις προσπάθειές του για κατανόηση/εξήγηση του κόσμου που τον περιβάλλει, αλλά και για αυτουπέρβαση. Για το έργο αυτό, ο Ακαδημαϊκός Χριστόφορος Χαραλαμπίδης επισημαίνει μεταξύ άλλων: *‘Είναι προφανές ότι, πέρα από την πράγματι πρωτότυπη και στέρεα θεμελιωμένη θεωρητική της σύλληψη, η προσέγγιση αυτή του Κουράκη παρέχει στον σύγχρονο άνθρωπο και έναν πρακτικό “οδικό χάρτη” που θα τον βοηθήσει να αντιμετωπίσει τις πολλαπλές προκλήσεις της σύγχρονης περίπλοκης πραγματικότητας’.*

Χριστίνα Ζαραφώνιτου, Νέστωρ Κουράκης (επ.), *Η εγκληματολογική σκέψη από την αρχαιότητα ως τις μέρες μας. Πρακτικά Συνεδρίου στη μνήμη του Καθηγητή Ιάκωβου Φαρσεδάκη*, Αθήνα: Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη, 2024, σσ. 657.

Στο έργο αυτό καταγράφονται οι 44 εισηγήσεις και παρεμβάσεις που παρουσιάστηκαν κατά το διήμερο Συνέδριο που πραγματοποιήθηκε στις 23 και 24 Μαΐου 2024 στην Αθήνα (αίθουσα Τελετών Δικηγορικού Συλλόγου Αθηνών) στη μνήμη του Ιάκωβου Φαρσεδάκη, διακεκριμένου ομ. Καθηγητή Εγκληματολογίας στο Πάντειο Πανεπιστήμιο, που απεβίωσε το 2024. Οι συμβολές αυτές καλύπτουν όλες τις νεότερες εξελίξεις της εγκληματολογίας σε οκτώ ειδικότερους τομείς, που αποτελούν και τις αντίστοιχες ενότητες του διεξαχθέντος Συνεδρίου, ήτοι: ιστορικές, φιλοσοφικές, θεωρητικές και ποινικές προσεγγίσεις, ανήλικοι δράστες και θύματα, Αστυνομία και Δικανικές Επιστήμες, Σωφρονιστικά Ζητήματα και Ειδικά Θέματα.



Hubert Faustmann and Georgios Kazamias (eds), *Cyprus and the First World War* (London: Bloomsbury, 2025). pp. 223.

This book is the first attempt to provide a comprehensive history of Cyprus during the Great War and its aftermath. In this context, political, social and economic aspects of the war are assessed. One finding of the volume is that the contribution of the island was both through direct participation, but also as a support base for the war effort; these aspects were much more significant than hitherto thought. This volume puts the role and contribution of Cyprus in the First World War into the wider narrative of war and post-war developments on and off the island.

Nikos Koumoutzis, *National Restrictions on Gay, Lesbian and Same-Sex Parentage under Review by the European Court of Human Rights* (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2025), pp. 171.

Bans on single-parent adoption by gay and lesbian individuals, second-parent adoption, and cross-border recognition of the parent-child relationship in same-sex couples, raise pressing human rights issues. The book charts these phenomena and related ECtHR complaints and rulings. Applying rigorous methodology, it scrutinises outcomes to hold them accountable to the ECHR's internal logic, identifying strengths while exposing limits of the protection provided by this framework, persistently shaped by concerns of 'communal morality'.

Γιάννος Κατσουρίδης, *Κόκκινα Ίχνη – Δεκαπέντε ιστορικά αποτυπώματα του Κομμουνιστικού Κόμματος Κύπρου* (Λευκωσία: Ρίζες, 2025): 176.

Το βιβλίο συμβάλλει στην ιστορική και πολιτική κατανόηση του κομμουνιστικού κινήματος στην Κύπρο. Μέσα από χαρακτηριστικές «μικροϊστορίες» – «αποτυπώματα», ο συγγραφέας ανιχνεύει τις ρίζες, τη δράση και την παρακαταθήκη του Κομμουνιστικού Κόμματος Κύπρου, αναδεικνύοντας τον ρόλο του στην κοινωνική και πολιτική συγκρότηση της χώρας. Το βιβλίο είναι διαρθρωμένο σε 15 αυτοτελή κεφάλαια όπου περιγράφονται ιστορικές στιγμές, όπως η παρουσία του Νίκου Καζαντζάκη στο Εργατικό Κέντρο Λεμεσού, ο εορτασμός της πρώτης Εργατικής Πρωτομαγιάς στην Κύπρο, καθώς επίσης και η πρώτη ομιλία γυναίκας εργάτριας στο Εργατικό Κέντρο Λεμεσού.

N. Κυριακίδης κ.α. (επ.), *Κυπριακή Πολιτική Δικονομία* (Αθήνα: Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη, 2025), σσ. 800

Η πολιτική δικαιοσύνη στην Κυπριακή Δημοκρατία έχει υποστεί σημαντικές μεταρρυθμίσεις τα τελευταία χρόνια. Το έργο «Κυπριακή Πολιτική Δικονομία», το οποίο είναι προϊόν συνεργασίας μιας ομάδας νομικών, αναλύει διάφορες πτυχές της πολιτικής δικαιοσύνης, όπως τη δομή των δικαστηρίων, την έννοια της δίκαιης δίκης, τη διαδικασία ενώπιον των δικαστηρίων και τις εναλλακτικές μεθόδους επίλυσης διαφορών. Ιδιαίτερη έμφαση δίδεται στους νέους Κανονισμούς Πολιτικής Δικονομίας, οι οποίοι θεσπίστηκαν το 2023 και αντικατέστησαν τους προηγούμενους Θεσμούς Πολιτικής Δικονομίας. Το έργο φιλοδοξεί να προσφέρει πρακτική καθοδήγηση σε δικαστές, δικηγόρους, φοιτητές και πολίτες, οι οποίοι εμπλέκονται με οποιοδήποτε τρόπο στο κυπριακό σύστημα πολιτικής δικαιοσύνης.

Nicolas Kyriakides (ed), *Judicial Delays Threatening the Rule of Law* (Nicosia: Hippasus, 2025), pp. 117

The book includes the proceedings of the 4th Symposium of the Procedural Law Unit at the Law School of the University of Nicosia. The Symposium served as a platform for identifying challenges and proposing actionable solutions for the Cypriot judicial system and beyond. Building on the foundation laid by previous symposia, this event focused on the issue of judicial delays and how they constitute a threat for the rule of law.

Taygeti Michalakea, *When Corporate Accountability Meets Transitional Justice: International Law and National Practice* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025), pp. 402.

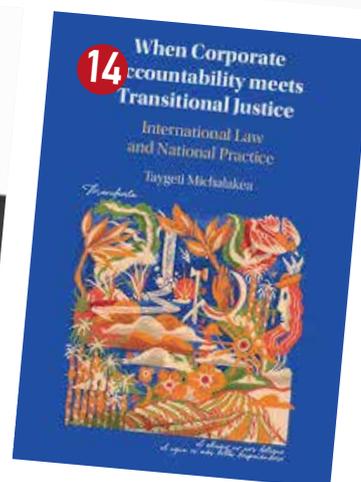
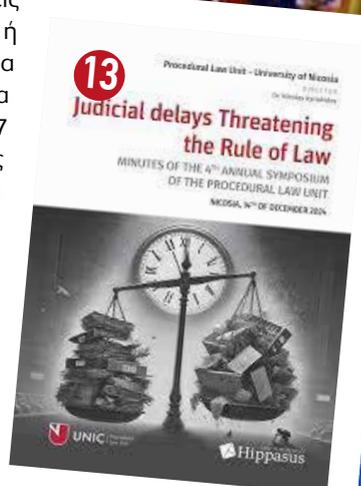
The book provides a comprehensive analysis of corporate malfeasance in situations of conflict and repression worldwide, highlighting that efforts to achieve corporate accountability through transitional mechanisms have often been scattered, limited, and largely ineffective. It examines the legal rationale for integrating corporate accountability within the unique framework of transitional justice, tracing these issues across both international and national legal systems. It further offers a systematic inquiry into the legal possibilities and operational limits of access to remedies for victims of corporate abuses in transitional contexts, as well as the corresponding obligations of states as designers of transitional measures. By offering a consolidated legal account of the convergence between corporate accountability and transitional justice, the book proposes a new vision of transitional justice rooted in transformative approaches.

Παντελεήμων Ρεντούλης, Δικονομική άμυνα του καταναλωτή κατά της διαταγής πληρωμής και της αναγκαστικής εκτέλεσης - Στις εσωτερικές και στις διασυνοριακές διαφορές μετά και το Ν. 5221/2025 (Αθήνα: Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη, 2025), σσ. 240

Στο έργο παρουσιάζονται όλα τα μέσα δικονομικής άμυνας που μπορεί να χρησιμοποιήσει ο καταναλωτής κατά της διαταγής πληρωμής που έχει εκδοθεί σε βάρος του και κατά της επισπευδόμενης κατά της περιουσίας του αναγκαστικής εκτελέσεως, όπως, ιδίως, ο καθορισμός της διεθνούς δικαιοδοσίας και της τοπικής αρμοδιότητας και ο επιβαλλόμενος από το ενωσιακό δίκαιο αυτεπάγγελτος έλεγχος της καταχρηστικότητας των ΓΟΣ που μπορεί να φθάσει μέχρι την άμβλυση θεμελιωδών δικονομικών αρχών. Τα ανωτέρω ζητήματα αναλύονται μέσα από την παράθεση και τον σχολιασμό της πλούσιας νομολογίας του ΔΕΕ, τόσο για τις εσωτερικές όσο και για τις διασυνοριακές διαφορές με ανάπτυξη των σχετικών ρυθμίσεων που περιλαμβάνουν τα βασικά δικονομικά ενωσιακά νομοθετήματα.

Παντελεήμων Ρεντούλης, Συρροή απαιτήσεων στον πίνακα κατάταξης – Συμβολή στην ερμηνεία των άρθρων 977 και 977Α ΚΠολΔ (Αθήνα: Νομική Βιβλιοθήκη 2025), σσ. 232.

Στο έργο παρουσιάζεται το θέμα της συρροής προνομιούχων ή/και μη προνομιούχων απαιτήσεων στον πίνακα κατάταξης και το πώς αυτή διευθετείται αναλόγως του εάν εφαρμόζεται το άρθρο 977 ΚΠολΔ ή το άρθρο 977Α ΚΠολΔ. Πρώτα εξετάζονται οι κοινές προϋποθέσεις που πρέπει να συντρέχουν για να εφαρμοσθεί το ένα ή το άλλο των προαναφερθέντων άρθρων. Στη συνέχεια εξετάζονται οι ειδικές προϋποθέσεις που πρέπει να συντρέχουν, για να εφαρμοσθεί είτε το άρθρο 977 ΚΠολΔ είτε το άρθρο 977Α ΚΠολΔ, καθώς και ο τρόπος διευθέτησης των συρρεουσών προνομιούχων ή/και των μη προνομιούχων απαιτήσεων με βάση τα δύο αυτά διακριτά συστήματα.



PUBLICATIONS/JOURNALS

THE CYPRUS REVIEW

The Cyprus Review 36/2024 Fall Issue featured four papers and three book reviews. The 37/2025 Spring Issue featured five papers and seven book reviews, while the Fall Issue featured five papers and five book reviews. In her Editorial, the Editor-in-Chief of the Review, Associate Dean Ioannou, stated: *'Taken together, these contributions showcase the breadth of inquiry and analytical rigour that characterise The Cyprus Review. By engaging with questions of law, geopolitics, economic resilience, public health, and cultural identity, this issue underscores the continued relevance of Cyprological scholarship to both regional discussions and wider international debates.'*

BLACK SEA AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REVIEW

The 3rd issue of the Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Review (BSEMR) was published in September 2025. The issue features two research articles and a commentary on current affairs on matters pertinent to the Black Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean. The BSEMR is an open-access e-journal, published by the School of Law of UNIC and the Interdisciplinary Laboratory for Black Sea and Mediterranean Studies in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (ILABSEM AUTH).

ΕΠΙΘΕΩΡΗΣΗ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑΣ ΔΙΟΙΚΗΣΗΣ

Το πέμπτο τεύχος του περιοδικού κυκλοφόρησε με έξι επιστημονικά άρθρα και μία βιβλιοκριτική, συζητώντας κρίσιμα ζητήματα στο πεδίο της δημόσιας διοίκησης στην Ελλάδα και στην Κύπρο. Την έκδοση επιμελούνται οι Γιώργος Κέντας και Ιωάννης Ρωσσίδης.



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