

# Nestor Courakis

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Born May 21, 1947 in Athens he attended the Law Faculty, University of Athens (LL.M. 1971), Law Faculty, [University of Freiburg/Germany](#) (Ph.D. on Penal Law 1978 with "summa cum laude"), Law Faculty, [Panthéon-Assas University](#) ("Diplôme d' Études approfondies" in Criminology, 1977), [Paris Institute of Criminology](#) (Diploma 1979); research work at [Max-Planck Institute](#) of Foreign and International Criminal Law (Freiburg, Germany) 1978-80.<sup>[2]</sup>

He has been awarded the "[Aghis Tambakopoulos Prize](#)" of the Academy of Athens for his treatise on the Abuse of Rights (1974) and the Prize of Society of Greek Penalists for his scientific work (1985); has been elected and taught as Visiting Fellow at [Brasenose College, Oxford University](#) (1996, 1997). He is also ordinary member of the [European Academy of Sciences and Arts](#) (2012).<sup>[3]</sup>

A Faculty member at [University of Athens](#), Faculty of Law, since 1981, he is actively involved with the teaching of Criminology, [Forensics](#), [Penology](#), [Financial Crimes](#), Gender Criminality and Criminal Policy. In August 2014 he was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor at University of Athens, Faculty of Law, and in September 2014 he became a full-time Professor in the field of Penal Sciences at the [University of Nicosia](#).

He has been the scientific supervisor of research teams on [Hooliganism](#) (1986–88), on [Juvenile Detainees](#) (1993-94 and Follow-up research 1999-2002), on Female Detainees (1994–96), on Juvenile Gangs in Athens (2002-2004) and on [Euthanasia](#) (2005-2007).

He has participated in Committee for the drafting of a new Greek Penitentiary Code and has represented Greece in several criminological meetings at the [Council of Europe](#), the [United Nations](#) and the [European Union](#); has also participated in several international conferences and has presented country-reports (e.g. International Congress of Comparative Law, Athens 1994, on Alternative Penal Sanctions in Greece, and at Preparatory Colloquium of AIDP on Organized Crime, Alexandria 1997); scientific counselor on criminological and penological matters at the Ministry of Justice, Athens 1990-93; mem. Bd. Trustees of Hellenic Society of Criminology etc.; has been mem. European Society of Criminology, [International Association of Penal Law](#) (AIDP), Société Internationale de Défense Sociale, [World Society of Victimology](#). He has also been the Director of the Centre for Criminal and Penological Research (2001-2015), as well as the President of the Consultative Body against Corruption (2013-2015).

Publications include: in Greek: "Economic Crimes" 1982/1998/2007, "Criminological Horizons" 1991/2005, "Penal Repression" 1985/1997/2005/2009, "Juvenile Justice System" 2004, "On the Abuse of Rights" 1978, "On Penalties, according to the Greek Criminal Code" 1993/2008, "Criminal Policy" (ed.), 4 volumes 1994-2003, "Juvenile Delinquents and Society" (in Greek and English) 1999, "On Individual Self-Defense", German Dissertation 1982, more than 170 articles in legal reviews or Congress acts and honorary volumes.

He is married with architect Eurydike Athanasopoulos and has three children.

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