



**SUMMER SCHOOL: 2-4<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
**EU LAW AND GOVERNANCE IN POPULIST TIMES (#EU-POP)**  
**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE CYPRUS**

**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The School of Law of UCLan Cyprus is pleased to announce a Summer School that will take place in July 2019, in the framework of the Jean Monnet Module ‘European Union Law and Governance in Populist Times.’

**The Project**

The European Union is faced with a threat to its very foundations through the rise of right wing populist narratives and political parties. The current climate of uncertainty, migration flows without adequate integration policies in many European countries, including Cyprus and the rise of fake news particularly online constitutes a fertile setting for the rise of right-wing populists. The climate generated by such phenomena are damaging in themselves and also in their manifestation, such as in relation to the protection of the rule of law and human rights. The proposed module is established on research informed teaching of the soft and hard tools available at an EU level to challenge the right-wing populist threat and its manifestation in the form of (i) deterioration of the rule of law or risk thereto (ii) hate speech including online hate speech (iii) hate crime (iv) aggressive Euroscepticism currently tainting Europe at a local, national and regional level. To this end, the module entitled ‘European Union Law and Governance in Populist Times’ was developed on the premise that there exists an urgent need to (i) develop research in the area which continues to remain under developed (ii) enhance teaching excellence in the field so as to ensure that young professionals and graduates are well equipped with the ability to understand the regulatory framework in the EU, (iii) foster coherent dialogue between stakeholders, civil society and academics on the chosen theme and (iv) offer a core output to the European Commission on guidelines for improvement of the current regulatory framework.

*Watch our project video by clicking on the below link:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_SOx8nQGJBI&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR311BPRYbhAz0tGvWSOICp0jZVvkPpMQhHPFhkZ6C7Fc5dM-Fn6t-1qXgp4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SOx8nQGJBI&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR311BPRYbhAz0tGvWSOICp0jZVvkPpMQhHPFhkZ6C7Fc5dM-Fn6t-1qXgp4)

## **The Summer School**

The Summer School will look at populism and its manifestations from perspectives of theory, law and political science. Those who participate in the Summer School will gain a good understanding of the definitional, theoretical and contextual framework of populism and its manifestations, an in-depth understanding of the EU's toolbox in tackling effects of right-wing populism as these are witnessed today in Europe, including deteriorations of the rule of law, discriminatory policies and hate speech. The Summer School will also include sessions on the socio-legal and political significance of protecting social and economic rights in times of crisis, the link between financial and social crises and the rise of both right and left wing populism in Europe in the current era.

The Summer School will employ a *mélange* of formal and non-formal educational methodology, placing the learner at the epicenter of the learning process. It will include a selection of lectures but also interactive workshops lead by imminent experts.

## **Target Group**

PhD students, early career researchers, advanced students in fields such as law, European Studies, sociology, politics, policy makers, members of civil society, stakeholders, professionals.

## **Costs.**

There is no registration cost. All meals are covered.

Flights and accommodation for international participants are not covered. Prices and information on the University's student accommodation is attached to this call.

## **About the team (in alphabetical order)**

### **Dr. Natalie Alkiviadou, Lecturer, School of Law, UCLan Cyprus**

Dr. Natalie Alkiviadou is the academic coordinator of EU-POP and Lecturer in European Union Law and Human Rights at UCLan Cyprus. Her research interest lie in the far-right, populism, hate speech, hate crime and non-discrimination. Her monograph 'The Far-Right in International and European Law' was published by Routledge in 2019 and her second monograph 'Legal Challenges to the Far-right: Lessons from England and Wales' is to be published by Routledge in December 2019. Natalie has over ten years of experience in working with civil society, educators and public servants in the framework of her role as director and founder of AEQUITAS – an NGO working on human rights education and one of the Directors

of ICLAIM (Interdisciplinary Centre for Law, Alternative and Innovative Methods). She participates in European actions such as the High-Level Group on Combatting Racism, Xenophobia and Other Forms of Intolerance. Natalie was the country researcher for a 2019 European Network against Racism report on Hate Crime and has drafted handbooks, strategy papers and shadow reports for projects funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation, the European Commission and the European Youth Foundation, on themes such as the rights of domestic workers in Cyprus and hate crime and extremism in young people.

### **Judge George Arestis (retired)**

George Arestis studied law at the Law School of Athens University, graduating in 1968. He subsequently went to England and read political sciences at the University of Kent at Canterbury, graduating in 1970 with a M.A. in Comparative Politics and Government. After practising as a lawyer for ten years, he was appointed as a judge in 1982 and in 2003 he attained the office of Judge of the Supreme Court of Cyprus. He has been Cyprus' first judge at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, a position from which he served for a period of ten years. In July 2013 he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Law by the University of Kent, U.K. He is an Honorary Fellow of the School of Law at UCLan Cyprus.

### **Dr. Nasia Hadjigeorgiou, Assistant Professor, School of Law, UCLan Cyprus**

Dr Nasia Hadjigeorgiou is an Assistant Professor in Human Rights and Transitional Justice and LLB Course Leader at the University of Central Lancashire Cyprus, where she is teaching, or has taught, among others, Human Rights, Public International Law, Public Law, Criminal Law and Peacebuilding and the Law. She holds an LLB with First Class Honours from University College London (2006-2009), an LLM from the University of Cambridge (2009-2010) and a PhD from King's College London (2011-2015). A development of her PhD thesis, which is forthcoming with Hart, Publishing in January 2020 as a monograph, is entitled 'Protecting Human Rights and Building Peace in Post-violence Societies: An Underexplored Relationship' and focuses on the protection of human rights in Cyprus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Northern Ireland and South Africa. She is the editor of an edited book entitled 'Identity, Belonging and Human Rights' and has published a range of peer-reviewed articles and book chapters in the area of human rights in Cyprus and elsewhere, in both Greek and English. Finally, she has presented at conferences at the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, the London School of Economics, King's College London, Nottingham, Haifa, Tel-Aviv, Copenhagen, Cyprus and Ghent. Dr Hadjigeorgiou was awarded the Graduate School Studentship from King's College London (2011-2014), the Leventis Scholarship for academic excellence and research potential (2012-2014) and the Cyprus State Scholarship for academic excellence (2009-2010).

### **Judge Dimitrios Hadjihambis (retired)**

Demetrios Hadjihambis was born in 1946 in Famagusta, Cyprus. After completing his primary and secondary education there, he studied law in England. Being awarded the LL.B. degree with First Class Honours from the University of Exeter, he proceeded to the University of Cambridge at Jesus College where he was awarded the Ph.D. degree for his thesis on "Liability for Torts in Anglo-American Choice of Law", prepared under the supervision of Professor K.

Lipstein. Called to the Cyprus Bar, he practised law in Cyprus. He was also Lecturer-in-Law at the University of Exeter from 1974 until 1979. He was appointed a District Court Judge in 1982, being promoted to Senior District Judge in 1992 and to President of the District Court in 1995. In 1999 he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Cyprus. In 2013 he was appointed President of the Supreme Court of Cyprus. He retired on 19th July 2014. He is an Honorary Fellow of the School of Law at UCLan Cyprus.

**Professor Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou, Head, School of Law, UCLan Cyprus**

Prof. Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou has lectured, researched, supervised, transferred knowledge and run externally funded projects in several universities throughout Europe including Cyprus and the UK for the past 18 years. She is currently Professor of European Law and Reform and Head of the School of Law of the University of Central Lancashire in Cyprus (UCLan Cyprus) as well as University Chair of Research and Innovation. She supervises LLM dissertations, PhDs and/or post-docs in fields related to her own research including on the financial crisis, migration crisis, EU Citizenship, socio-economic rights in times of crisis, Brexit, effective judicial protection, privacy and other current issues in EU law. For the past 23 years she has been a legal consultant and/or ad hoc legal expert to various individuals and organisations in Cyprus and/or abroad in her respective fields of expertise. She has been a legal expert for the Legal Services of the Republic of Cyprus assisting the Commission of Inquiry on the collapse of the cooperative bank (2018-19). She is a registered certified Mediator and Data Protection Officer, a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and also leads the delivery of professional law courses at UCLan Cyprus through the Law Academy. She belongs to boards and/or networks of academic or professional experts at the national and EU level, is an expert of the European Commission and its agencies, and currently participates to the Horizon 2020 Sherpa project looking at smart information systems and human rights (<https://www.project-sherpa.eu/>) and to the DG Justice project EU-EN4s on the diversity of enforcement titles in the EU (<https://www.pf.um.si/en/acj/projects/pr09-eu-en4s/>). She was also a Jean Monnet Module Leader and Academic Coordinator between 2014-2017, securing the European Commission’s label ‘success story’ and ‘good practice’ upon completion of the project (<https://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/research/jean-monnet-module/>). She is the Founding Member and Director of the non-profit organisation ICLAIM (Interdisciplinary Centre for Law, Alternative and Innovative Methods) which is used as a social enterprise vehicle for social and community projects having an impact on society (see [www.icclaimcentre.org](http://www.icclaimcentre.org)).

A former Member of the European Parliament will also provide a lecture on the topic. (name tbc)

Programme

	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>
09.00-11.00	Registration  Icebreaking and Team Building	Populism: A Theoretical and Contextual Framework from Europe and Beyond (Dr. Natalie Alkiviadou)	Social and Economic Rights and Populism: The Link (Professor Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou)

	Introduction/aims/objectives of the Summer School		
11.00-11.30	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
11.30-13.00	Democracy - Its Own Enemy? (Judge Hadhihambis)	Key note speech delivered by a former Member of the European Parliament.	Populism and Citizenship in the EU (Judge George Arestis)
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-16.00	Human Rights and the Rule of Law: A Theoretical and Contextual Framework	The EU Tool Box to tackle Populism	Closing of Summer School  Preparation of recommendations

### **Contact and Application to Participate**

If you wish to apply for a place please send your CV and a 1 page cover letter explaining why you wish to participate in the summer school, what you can contribute to it and how you will use the learning outcomes in your academic/employment/social settings.

Please send the above or any questions you may have to Natalie Alkiviadou at [nalkiviadou@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:nalkiviadou@uclan.ac.uk)

Deadline to apply: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Notification of results: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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