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THEMISTOKLIS TZIMAS,

ADJUNCT LECTURER SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, DEMOCRITUS UNIVERSITY OF THRACE

Work:

October 2022- September 2023: Adjunct Lecturer, School of Political Science, Democritus University of Thrace

October 2021- September 2022: Adjunct Lecturer, International Relations/ European Policies, University of Crete, Department of Political Science

October 2021- February 2022: Adjunct Lecturer, International and European Law, Hellenic Open University

January 2019- present: Post- doc researcher, at the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, having introduced and taught at spring semester “Artificial Intelligence, International Relations and Political Theories”.

February 2017- February 2019: Post- doc researcher at the University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

Theme of Research: “Transformations of State Sovereignty”

June 2019- June 2021: Lawyer in Terre Des Hommes /DRC project for child protection in 6 camps of northern and Central Greece, providing legal counseling as well as legal representation.

December 2018-present: Lawyer of the NGO “ELPIDA- HOME” providing legal representation and legal counseling to asylum- seekers.

January 2017- March 2018: Terre Des Hommes Greece: Lawyer working on cases of asylum- seekers, migrants and refugees, focusing on minors and young adults in Thessaloniki and Northern Greece.

In the course of my work I have provided legal counseling for asylum procedures, legal representation in penal code, administrative, international and civil law cases.

I have organized several interventions in detention centers and police stations, with more than 500 beneficiaries during this period. In the course of the specific project I conducted interviews with detained asylum seekers and refugees in various detention centers all around N. Greece, such as in Fylakio at the Greco- Turkish borders, Xanthi, Paranesti, Thessaloni, Serres etc. I identified victims of physical and psychological abuse, vulnerable groups and conducted advocacy and representation on their behalf in various authorities.

I have participated in several policy-making committees under UNHCR in Greece.

June 2016- December 2016: ARSIS: Lawyer working with refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants. I provided legal counseling to asylum seekers at a total of 6 camps in the wider area of Thessaloniki (Derveni, Hope, Thessaloniki Port, Diavata, Softex, Katerini, Kalochori)

August 2005- present: Self- employed lawyer

(Ermou 10, Thessaloniki)

Teaching Experience (Other than above- mentioned):

- January 2021 - September 2021: Adjunct Lecturer, Teaching in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Political Sciences the module of “Eastern Mediterranean, Diplomacy and Politics”
- 2020-2021: Lectures in the course of the Module “Modern History and Geopolitical Systems” of the Master’s, entitled “Political History, War and Strategic Studies” of the Department of Political Science, in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- January 2019- present: I have introduced and taught the module “Artificial Intelligence and Political Theories” in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Political Sciences
- 2016- 2018: Teaching Law at DEI College, in the framework of its collaborative scheme with the University of Northampton and with the University of London.

I have taught the following modules:

- a) Public and Administrative Law(University of Northampton)
- b) Law and Society (University of Northampton)
- c)Law and Jurisprudence (University of London)
- 2012- 2015: Teaching assistant in international relations and public international law, at the undergraduate and postgraduate level in the Law School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki as a PhD student, from 2012 to 2015. I taught the fundamental theories of international relations, applying them also in current -at the time- significant, international events.

Languages:

Mother Tongue: Greek

Other Languages: English

Understanding/ Speaking/ Writing/ Listening/ Reading/ Spoken Interaction/ Spoken production: C2

Certificate of Proficiency in English University of Michigan

Certificate of Proficiency in English University of Cambridge

Monograph Publications:

1. Book title: Legal and Ethical Challenges of Artificial Intelligence from an International Law Perspective

ISBN: 978-3-030-78584-0

Publisher: Springer

Book Series: Issues in Privacy and Data Protection

Date: August, 2021

2. Book Title: Greece and Cyprus in the Post- American World

(May, 2022)

Publisher: Topos Publications, Athens, Greece

3. Human Security in the Context of Collective Security (PhD, published in Greek)

Editor in Collective Volumes

Artificial Intelligence And Normative Challenges: International And Comparative Legal Perspectives, Springer, (under contract, to be delivered in December 2022, co-editor with Professors A. Kornilakis, V. Pergantis, G. Nouskalis)

Peer- Reviewed Publications:

1. Themis Tzimas, Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights: Their Role in the Evolution of AI, (2020), 80, Heidelberg Journal of International Law, pp. 1-25
2. Themistoklis Tzimas, The Need for an International Treaty for AI from the Perspective of Human Rights, (2019), Vol 4, No 1 SCIENTIA MORALITAS International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research, pp. 73-91
3. Themis Tzimas, Self-Defense by Non-State Actors in States of Fragmented Authority, (2019) Vol. 24, No. 2, Journal of Conflict and Security Law, krz006, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jcsl/krz006>
4. T. Tzimas, Solidarity as a Principle of International Law, 6(2), (2019), Groningen Journal of International Law
5. T. Tzimas, Solidarity and Consensual Intervention, (2018), 10(7), ESIL Conference Paper Series, Conference Paper No.17/2017
6. T. Tzimas, Two Years After: Evaluation of the EU Refugee Policy from an International and European Law Perspective, Geneva Jean Monnet Working Paper No 11/2017 <http://ceje.ch/files/5815/2162/1634/tzimas-11-2017.pdf>
7. T. Tzimas, Legal Evaluation of the Saudi- led Intervention in Yemen: Consensual Intervention in Cases of Contested Authority and Fragmented States: Heidelberg Journal of International Law, 78(1), (2018), pp. 147-189
8. T. Tzimas, The Assad must go doctrine- An evaluation of government legitimacy: International Community Law Review,19(4-5) (2017), pp. 485-517
9. T. Tzimas, International Public Emergency as a Foundation of Collective Security: Journal of Conflict and Security Law, 20(3), (2015) pp. 335-358
10. T. Tzimas, Arts & Humanities Open Access Journal, 1(4): Can Conflict-Management be Effective in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict? The Inaccurate Comparison with the Protracted Conflict of Cyprus, (<http://medcraveonline.com/AHOAJ/AHOAJ-01-00024.pdf>)

Peer Reviewed Blog Publications

11. T. Tzimas, Berkeley International Law Journal Blog: “The Israeli Basic Law: “Israel as the Nation State of the Jewish People” examined from the perspective of international law on self- determination” (August 26, 2018)
12. T. Tzimas, Oxford University Press academic blog: “The ISIS Emergence: Enemy of the International Community” (December 2015)

Publications in Collective Volumes:

1. Themistoklis Tzimas, What role for social rights during the leap to post or “enhanced” humanism?, in Artificial Intelligence And Normative Challenges: International And Comparative Legal Perspectives, Springer, (under contract, to be delivered in 2022, co- editor with Professors A. Kornilakis, V. Pergantis, G. Nouskalis)
2. Themistoklis Tzimas, Digital Equality during the AI era, in, “Socio-Economic Sustainability in the Post-Pandemic Era”, (IGI Global Publisher) (expected by the end of 2022)
3. C. Tassis, (ed.), Socialism and Political Power, (Dionicos Publications, 2022, Publication in Greek), Chapter: The Challenge of Foreign Policy for a Socialist Party,
4. C. Tassis, (ed.), Socialism and Political Power, (Dionicos Publications, 2022, Publication in Greek, Publication in Greek), Chapter: 4 Challenges for the Future: Post- modernity, , Decentralization, New Technologies, Crisis Governance
5. T. Ignatiadis, (ed.), “From the reversal over the Atlantic to the multipolar world”, (Topos Publications, 2020, Publication in Greek) Chapter: The SE Mediterranean in the vortex of Changing Borders – From Victory to Carelessness,
6. Themis Tzimas, Constitutional Implications of the MoU’s in Greece during the financial crisis, in V. Asimakopoulos and C. Tassis eds., *PASOK 1974-2018, Political Organization, Ideological Transformations, Governmental Policies*, (Athens, Gutenberg, 2018)
7. Themistoklis Tzimas, Artificial Intelligence as Global Commons, in J. Puaschunder ed., *Proceedings of the 10th International RAIS Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities (RAIS 2018)*, (Amsterdam, Atlantis Press, 2018)
8. Themis Tzimas, The bending of constitutional norms in times of economic crisis: the Greek case, in Ilija Vujacic and Bojan Vranic (eds.), *Decline or*

Eclipse of Democracy in Europe's New Democracies?. (Belgrade: Serbian Political Science Association, 2016)

9. Themis Tzimas, 2015. Economic Self- Determination and economic reconstruction in the framework of supranational statehood, in the collective volume “Reconstruction of Production in Greece, Study the past, plan the future”(Zygos Publications, Athens, grk. Edition)

Presentations/Publications at Peer- Reviewed Conferences

1. September 7-9, 2022, International Initiative for promoting Political Economy 2022 Conference: Socio-Ecological Crisis and The Political Economy Of Sustainability, Themis Tzimas: Four challenges for the future: postmodernity, decentralization-diffusion, new technologies, governance during crises under the pretext of the unpredictable.
2. June 17-19, 2022, ISA-IDSS 2022 Global Crises: Responses and Recoveries, University of Crete, Rethymno, Crete, Themis Tzimas: The crisis within crises: inequality and crisis governance
3. April 1st, 2022, ILA, Hellenic Branch, Annual Conference, AI, Science, Data, Information: A Brave New World for International Law, Themis Tzimas: Data manipulation and weaponization
4. November 4th - 6th 2021 ISA Northeast Annual Conference Global Transformations and a Changing Discipline, Themis Tzimas “The “Kargu-2 quadcopter” incident: Killer drone on the loose?”
5. 27-28 August, 2021, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, ILABSEM International Conference for Young Scholars, Crises, Wars And Epidemics In Modern Europe, New Directions In Social And Historical Research, Themis Tzimas: “Equitable Access To Health Care And Social Rights, International Public Emergencies”
6. 10-15 July 2021, International Political Studies Association, 26th World Congress of Political Science, New Nationalisms in an Open World: Themis Tzimas: “AI Governance and social rights”
7. April 3, 2019, ESIL Annual Research Forum, Gottingen: Themis Tzimas “The “Hotspots” approach and the rule of law: the “Greek” experience in relation to mass, administrative detention”
8. April 3, 2019, ESIL Annual Research Forum, Gottingen: Themis Tzimas “Cyberspace and Artificial Intelligence: from a- territorial space to a- territorial “beings” and the role of human rights for an adjusted version of rule of law”

9. March 27th- 30th, 2019, ISA Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada: Themis Tzimas “Autonomous Artificial Intelligence and International Law: Towards Multilayer Legal Personhood”
10. September 5, 2018, Prague, SOLAIR Annual Conference on Society, Law, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics: Themis Tzimas “Artificial Intelligence Creations as global commons”
11. August 22-23, 2018, Princeton, 10th International RAIS Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities, Themis Tzimas “Artificial Intelligence under the international law supremacy, principle”
12. November 3-4, 2017, Prague, 3rd Biennial Ideas in Politics Conference: Themis Tzimas “Neo-liberal supranational statehood,: the case of the EU , the quest of sovereignty as a public “topos” and the claim for a re- emerging citizenship”
13. September 6-8, 2017, ESIL Annual Conference, Napoli: Themis Tzimas “Solidarity from to Whom: Consensual Intervention and the Saudi- led Intervention in Yemen”
14. May 12, 2017, University of Westminster, London: Inaugural Middle East Peace Conference, Themis Tzimas “One State”, “Two State” and “Third Way” solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Paving the Way to a Functional Palestinian State. “Can conflict- management be effective in the Israeli- Palestinian conflict? The inaccurate comparison with the occupation and division of Cyprus”
15. September 7, 2016, ESIL Biennial, Riga: European Society of International Law Interest Group, The EU as a Global Actor , The Contribution of the European Union to the International Legal Order, Themis Tzimas “The EU- Turkey Agreement about Refugees and its Impact on the Implementation of International Law: Turning a Blind-Eye to International Legal Norms in the Name of Securitization?”
16. July, 18-20, 2016: First International Conference on Geographies of Migration and Mobility, Loughborough University, Themis Tzimas “Disintegration by securitization: The “EU refugee policy”
17. November 27-28, 2015, Thessaloniki, Greece: First International Conference, Department of Economics Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Reconstruction of Production in Greece, Study the past, plan the future, Themis Tzimas “Economic self- determination and reconstruction of the production, within the supranational statehood framework”,

18. June 17-19, 2015, London, UK: Annual British International Studies Association, Themis Tzimas, Supranational Statehood: between western hegemony and imperialist fragmentation
19. July 3-4, 2014, Bristol, UK: Postgraduate Law Conference on 'Conflicts of legal norms and interests: European and International Perspectives', Themis Tzimas "From Syria to Ukraine and from solely state security to human security: the fragmentation of collective security system and the constitutional response".
20. November 2013, New Delhi, India: Fourth Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law, Themis Tzimas "Responsibility to Rebuild and Economic Self- Determination: The Necessity of the Inclusion of Economic Self- Determination in the R2P Concept".
21. April 2013, London, UK: Annual International Conference of Young Scientists at Kings College, Themis Tzimas "Challenging a regime's legitimacy: the provision of consent for outside interference by opposition forces during a civil war The case of the Turkish interference in the Syrian civil war".
22. September 2012, Valencia, Spain: ESIL 4th Biennial, Themis Tzimas, "Legal Criteria for Regime Change Under the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine: A Legal Evaluation of the Intervention in Libya and the Overthrow of the Qaddafi Regime"

Education:

- February 2009-February 2016:

PhD Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Faculty of Law, in Public International Law and Political Science;

Title of the Thesis: "Human Security and the Use of Force within the Collective Security System"

/ Academic Honors or Distinctions: Excellent (A);

PhD committee: Prof. Costas Hadjiconstantinou, Dr. Miltos Sarrigiannidis and Prof. Costas Yfantis

EQF Level 8

- October 2008- December 2010

LLM in Public Law and Political Science/ Constitutional Law: Democritus University of Thrace,

Faculty of Law, Academic honors or distinctions: Excellent,

Thesis Title: “The Constitutional approach to the participation of immigrants in Greek local elections”

and to the legislation concerning the acquiring of Greek citizenship”

EQF Level 7

- October 2005- March 2008

MPhil: University of Bristol, Faculty of Law, Bristol, United Kingdom,

Thesis title: “Critical analysis of the nature of terrorism, of US definitions of terrorism and of the main US counter- terrorism policies”

Academic Honors or Distinctions: A,

Supervisors: Prof. N. Tsaggourias and Dr. P. Capps

EQF Level 7

- September 1998- October 2003

LLB: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Faculty of Law, Thessaloniki, Greece,

Academic honors or distinctions: Very Good

EQF Level 6

Digital Competence:

Information processing/Communication/ Content creation: Proficient User

Safety/ Problem solving: Independent User

Memberships in Scientific Associations:

Member of the European Society of International Law

Member of the International Studies Association

Member of the International Political Science Association

Member of the International Association on Artificial Intelligence and Law

Post- Doctoral Research Activities (Short List):

- February 2017- February 2019: Post- doc researcher at the University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece, “The transformations(s) of state sovereignty”.

- Member of the organizing and of the academic committee of the international colloquium that was co- held by the Faculty of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) and the Kalliopi Koufa Foundation for the Promotion of International and Human Rights Law and supported by the European Society of International Law (ESIL): “Artificial Intelligence and Normative Challenges: International and Comparative Legal Perspectives”, 1st-2nd of April.
- January 2018- present: Founding member of the Interdisciplinary Laboratory for Black Sea and Mediterranean Studies, of the School of Economic and Political Science of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (director: ass. Professor of Economics, Grigorios Zarotiadis, Dean of the School of Economics and Political Science of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki- <https://ilabsem.web.auth.gr/>);

As founding member I have contributed into: a) the preparation of the modules which are offered by the laboratory; b) the preparation of the post graduate course for refugee and migration policies, which examines social, political, economic and legal perspectives; c) the preparation of the first international conference of the laboratory on issues of migration as well as of several other international events as well as of several other international colloquia; d) fundraising and project management in the framework of the laboratory activities;

- October 2017- March 2018: Conducted research for administrative detention of asylum-seekers under international and EU law, in the framework of my work of lawyer in Terre Des Hommes;

Research Areas of Interest:

- Refugee and Migration, EU asylum policy, Human Rights, social, political and economic rights, human security, collective security, -*Phd thesis, publications approved and reviewed*;
- Artificial Intelligence and International Law- *publications approved and reviewed*;

More specifically, I examine the ontological characteristics of current and emerging AI entities as paragons for the development of potential legal personhood, the type of the latter in terms of rights and obligations, as well as the legal status of AI entities' creations under various legal regimes of international law.

- State sovereignty, non- international armed conflicts, non- state actors, collective security, terrorism, international relations, - *MPhil thesis, PhD thesis, publications approved and reviewed*;
- EU Law- *publications approved and reviewed*;

- Cyberspace- *publications reviewed;*
- Self- defence, self- determination- *MPhil thesis, PhD thesis, publications approved and reviewed;*

Social Activities:

- 2017 January: Member of a Greek lawyers' delegation; fact-finding mission in Damascus, Syria
- 2016 February-March: Volunteer in Eidomeni Camp, Greece
- 2015 November: International observer in the parliamentary elections in Turkey, invited by HDP
- 2013 June: Member of Greek fact-finding mission during the events in Gezi Park, Istanbul
- 2013 April, Delegate in the International Conference for Palestinian Political prisoners (Ramallah)
- 2010- present: columnist in several prominent Greek newspapers, journals and websites
- 2009, January, Member of Grek Parliamentary Parties' fact finding mission in the Gaza strip
- 2006 August, Member of fact finding mission in Israel and Palestine, (West Bank) of the Hellenic Youth Forum
- 2004 May, Member of fact finding mission in Israel and Palestine, (West Bank) of the Hellenic Youth Forum
- 2003-2004, President of the Hellenic Youth Council, member of the European Youth Forum- Head of the delegation to the European Youth Forum;
- 1999-2003, Member of the Board of the students' union of the School of Law of Aristotle University

Communication skills:

Excellent communication skills, acquired because of my active participation in the administrative life of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, my presidency at the Hellenic Youth Council, my social and political activities as well as on the basis of my occupation both as a self- employed lawyer and at refugee camps.

Organisational / managerial skills:

Excellent managerial skills on the basis of the fore- mentioned activities as well as of my political activities domestically and internationally. In addition out of my participation in the management of the work of Terre Des Hommes in Greece.

Fundraising:

I have been contributing into the fundraising strategy of ILABSEM of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki by establishing contacts with the International Organization for Migration- IOM- for its project which aims at training refugees and asylum- seekers in the social economy sector. I have also secured the support of several municipalities and of the Hellenic Secretariat of Youth.

Referees

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