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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Athens Public International Law Center – Athens PIL was founded in July 2015, as a research institution within the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The Center serves as a focal point committed to the study and research of international law. Its main objectives are: to contribute to the advancement of international law through teaching, research, scholarship and practice; to provide an environment that brings together academics, researchers and students interested in international law within the Law School and from all over the world; to engage in cooperation and partnerships with other academic institutions, international organizations and scientific and social institutions.

The Center focuses on many substantive areas of public international law. Throughout the first year since its foundation, Athens PIL has established the annual “Nicolas Politis” lecture series, named after the famous Greek international jurist and has organized an array of conferences, lectures, research projects and other events, bringing together academics, students and practitioners.

As we move forward, we look to consolidate and advance our work and look ahead to another exciting and fruitful year, inviting you to follow our activities.

Professor Photini Pazartzis

# I. PEOPLE

## 1. FACULTY



[Linos-Alexander Sicilianos](#)

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[Photini Pazartzis](#)

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Assistant Professor of International Law, Faculty of  
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### Georgios Kyriakopoulos

Lecturer in International Law, Faculty of Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens



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### Anastasios Gourgourinis

Lecturer in International Law, Faculty of Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens



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### Eleni Micha

Teaching Fellow, Faculty of Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

## 2. EMERITUS FACULTY



**Emmanuel Roucounas**

Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Member and Former President, Academy of Athens



**Antonis Bredimas**

Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens



**Angelos Yokaris**

Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens



### 3. FELLOWS

#### Markos Karavias



Assistant Professor of International Law at the Amsterdam Center for International Law

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#### Panos Merkouris



Assistant Professor of International Law at the University of Groningen

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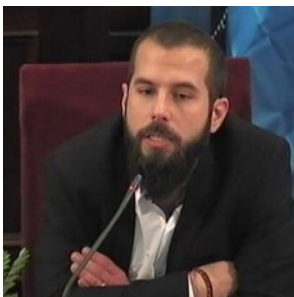
#### Ilias Plakokefalos



Assistant Professor at the Utrecht University School of Law

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Associate Professor of Public International Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford and Fellow in Law at St Anne's College



### [Anthi Koskina](#)

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Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg



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**Isavella Vasilogeorgi**

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## 5. RESEARCH TRAINEES

**E**rasmus+ Student Mobility for Placements Program offers the ability to European Universities students to work as interns for 2 to 12 months during their studies or as recent graduates. Internship can be hosted in training centers, universities, companies or organizations in the European countries participating in the program, outside the European Union's institutions.

Participants as future professionals gain work experience relevant to their educational field. The practical experience obtained through the program help young practitioners easily adapt to the requirements of the EU labour market and become more entrepreneurial. Erasmus Placement program promotes the cooperation between European institutions and enterprises, and students can develop their communication, social and language skills and interact with other European students and cultures.

Athens PIL accepts Research Trainees in the context of the Erasmus+ Program.

### Research Trainees for the Academic Year 2015-2016

[Marina Charalampous](#)



Law Student, School of Law, University of Cyprus

## II. LECTURES

### 1. "NICOLAS POLITIS" ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

The "Nicolas Politis" annual lecture series are given in Athens in memory of Nicolas Politis, a prominent Greek international lawyer and diplomat. Politis started his career as an academic at the Universities of Paris and Aix.

Furthermore, as from 1912 he started representing Greece in various diplomatic conferences, as ambassador to foreign capitals and the League of Nations. He also served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens, as Secretary General and as Minister.

He was also a Member and Vice-President of the Institute de droit international public and of the *Curatorium* of The Hague Academy of International Law. Moreover, he was a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.



He has left behind significant scientific work, comprising numerous articles, monographs and books on public and private international law.





## Inaugural Nicolas Politis Lecture (2015)

The Inaugural "Nicolas Politis" Lecture, was delivered on 23 November 2015 by *Professor Emeritus Emmanuel Roucounas*. The subject of his lecture was: *"A Landscape of the Contemporary Theory of International Law"*.

Welcome remarks were given by Professor Dionysia Kallinikou, Dean of the Athens Law School, Professor Charalambos Pamboukis, Chair of the Department of International Studies of the Athens Law School and Professor Photini Pazartis, Director of Athens PIL.







## 2nd Annual Nicolas Politis Lecture (2016)

On 8 November 2016, **Judge Christos Rozakis** delivered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Nicolas Politis” Lecture on the subject:

***“International Law and International Politics: An Interdependent Relation”.***



Professor Photini Pazartzis, Athens PIL Director, welcomed the speaker on behalf of Athens PIL and conveyed a message by Professor Dionysia Kallinikou, Dean of the School of Law, while Professor Charalambos Papmpoukis, Chair of the Department of International Studies of the School of Law, introduced the speaker.







## 2. LECTURE BY PROFESSOR YUJI IWASAWA

On 30 May 2016 Athens PIL hosted Professor Yuji Iwasawa, Vice-Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Professor Iwasawa delivered a lecture on “The Work of the UN Human Rights Committee: Recent Developments”.



Professor Iwasawa is a Professor of International Law at the University of Tokyo Faculty of Law in Japan. He was on sabbatical leave in Paris as a chercheur invité au Centre de recherche sur les droits de l'homme et le droit humanitaire de l'Université Panthéon Assas (2015-2016). Moreover, he is an Associé de l'Institut de droit international. Formerly, he was counsel for Japan in the Whaling in the Antarctic case before the International Court of Justice, Vice-President of the Asian Development Bank Administrative Tribunal (Manila), and member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

### III. CONFERENCES







## 1. ENERGY AT SEA: OLD PROBLEMS, NEW CHALLENGES

The Closing Conference of the “Energy at Sea” Research Project, under the title of **“Energy at Sea: Old Problems, New Challenges”**, took place on Thursday, 22 October 2015 and Friday, 23 October 2015.

The Keynote address of the Conference was delivered by Professor Catherine Redgwell, Chichele Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford and Fellow, All Souls College.



During the five panel sessions and the closing roundtable discussion, speakers representing various universities, public authorities, international investors as well as practitioners from around the world presented on various aspects of the Conference topic. Each panel session featured a presentation by the members of the Research Team, showcasing the research conducted under the “Energy at Sea” Research Project.

The full programme of the Conference, as well as the Conference materials, photos and videos can be accessed at the Project’s [website](http://www.athenspil.law.uoa.gr) and at [delos.uoa.gr](http://delos.uoa.gr).



## 2. INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION'S STUDY GROUP ON THE CONTENT AND EVOLUTION OF THE RULES OF INTERPRETATION

On 13-14 May 2016, Athens PIL hosted the inaugural meeting of the ILA Study Group on 'The Content and Evolution of the Rules of Interpretation' in Athens. During the meeting, a Road Map prepared by the Officers of the ILA Study Group was discussed. A time-line of the Study Group's research and deliverables was also agreed on, in preparation for the second meeting during the 77<sup>th</sup> ILA Conference in Johannesburg.

The Study Group, which was established in April 2015 aims at examining the gaps in our understanding of the rules of interpretation as they stand now, as they have evolved through time and irrespective of the source of the rule being interpreted. The Study Groups work will consist of a preliminary examination of the most critical issues and gaps in the context of the process of interpretation, offer insights and guidelines, and identify key-point areas in need of further elaboration by a future ILA Committee to be established after the completion of the Study Groups work.

More information on the ILA Study Group on the Content and Evolution of the Rules of Interpretation can be found [here](#).



### 3. THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ARBITRATION: CONCLUSIONS AND EFFECTS

On 7 October 2016 Athens PIL organized a panel of academics and practitioners to discuss the recent award of the arbitral tribunal instituted by the Philippines against China under the dispute settlement procedures of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.



The panel comprised Professor Photini Pazartzis, Associate Professor Petros Liacouras (*University of Piraeus*), Assistant Professor Maria Gavouneli, Dr. Efthymios Papastavridis and Dr. Maria Telalian (*Head, Special Legal Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*). Professor Emeritus Emmanuel Roucounas moderated the discussion.

The panel discussed all aspects of the award, including the jurisdiction of the tribunal, the legal status of maritime features, the environmental issues, as well as the issues concerning the EEZ and the continental shelf. Any possible effects of the award on issues of Greek interest were also discussed. The videos of the conference can be watched on demand at [delos.uoa.gr](http://delos.uoa.gr).





## 4. ELSA SUMMER SCHOOL

On 20-26 August 2016, Athens PIL and ELSA Athens hosted the ELSA Athens Summer Law School on International Investment Law, in Athens, Greece. The summer school brought together more than 40 students from 27 countries. Athens PIL faculty and fellows, along with practitioners from gave various lectures in subjects of international investment law in order to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the law, as well as of the approaches taken by arbitral tribunals with respect to the various aspects and controversies of the disciplines.





## IV. RESEARCH PROJECTS

**A**thens PIL is engaged in the development and execution of Research Projects relating to the study and promotion of various aspects of public international law, at the national, European and international level.

Our projects include:

- Research programmes, including privately-funded programmes;
- Organisation and hosting of scientific events, lectures, seminars and conferences;
- Specialized research-oriented summer courses;
- Research conducted for the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens;
- Any other activity relating to the study of public international law.

The outcomes of the Athens PIL Research Projects are publishable, in accordance with its statute. For more information, consult our Research Paper Series and our Publications section.



## 1. "ENERGY AT SEA" RESEARCH PROJECT

**T**he area of international energy law remains fairly unexplored. Although there is extensive research on law of-the-sea issues and environmental law concerns, their interrelation with the offshore energy production and transport requirements is sorely lacking, a gap that becomes evident in the present circumstances when increased attention is being paid to offshore energy projects.

The conducted research built on the accumulated experience of the research team members in order to deliver a state-of-the-art final product, which may well serve as a reference work in the field.

The objective of this research was to clarify, explain and put together in a comprehensive regime a wide variety of diverse rules of parallel and occasionally conflicting scope for immediate practical use in an area of absolute priority in the international and domestic scene. The final product can serve as an analytical tool in designing and executing policy decisions for the future.

This research is a major innovation in the field, contributing to the development of an emerging area with increased practical importance. The highly complex, specialized and fragmented nature of the applicable regimes requires meticulous planning, which was allocated in 6 interrelated and interacting work packages, running in parallel.

The work packages were structured by taking into account the relevant expertise required but also the team complimentary skills in order to optimize the final objective of the project. In addition, the team members engaged in dissemination exercises, presenting initial findings in international conferences with a view to acquire feedback from colleagues.

The Project was officially concluded with the Closing Conference “Energy at Sea: Old Problems, New Challenges”, which took place in 22-23 October 2015, Athens, Greece.

The Research Project “Energy at Sea” was implemented within the framework of the Operational Programme “Education and Lifelong Learning” (Action “ARISTEIA II”) and co-funded by the European Social Fund and National Resources.

## Project Factsheet

<b>Website</b>	: <a href="http://www.energyatsea.law.uoa.gr">www.energyatsea.law.uoa.gr</a>
<b>Coordinator</b>	: Assistant Professor Maria Gavouneli
<b>Post-Doctoral</b>	: Dr. Anthi Koskina
<b>Researchers</b>	Dr. Dimitra Papageorgiou Dr. Efthymios Papastavridis Dr. Ilias Plakokefalos
<b>Doctoral</b>	: Nikolaos Giannopoulos; Sotirios-Ioannis Lekkas;
<b>Researchers</b>	Stavros-Evdokimos Pantazopoulos; Matina Papadaki; Eva Tzavala
<b>Duration</b>	: 2014-2015
<b>Funding</b>	General Secretariat for Research & Development



## 2. MIGRATION FLOWS: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES UNDER INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW

### JEAN MONNET MODULE

**G**reece is at the forefront of an unprecedented refugee crisis in Europe: in 2015 more than 900,000 persons entered the country. Greece is called upon to face this mass influx of migrants in full compliance with the Common European Asylum System and the relevant EU legislation as well as international law, including human rights law and law of the sea.

Training for the practitioners involved in the everyday management of migratory flows and courses providing an advanced understanding of the relevant theoretical and policy debates becomes imperative. Athens PIL offers the perfect academic environment for this module, as it brings together experienced professionals specialized in international and EU law. Besides, the proposed Action is a follow-up of two research projects already carried out by Athens PIL members on irregular migration.

The Action comprises two components, which are:

a) An annual Summer Course, delivered by leading academic experts in English, on the legal treatment of refugees and migrants and the management of migratory flows under international and EU law; and

b) A Short Intensive Course on “Migration Flows: Challenges and Perspectives under International and EU Law”, delivered in Greek. Run on an annual basis, it is aimed exclusively at lawyers, policy-makers, NGO workers, international agency staff working in the field of international and EU migration and refugee law. The first annual Course was delivered in the Fall Semester of the 2016-2017 academic year.

Both actions aim to:

- Provide an academically challenging training in a research-active environment to practitioners;
- Provide post-graduate level education and training in the field of migration and refugee law to the highest academic standards;
- Facilitate collaboration among international and EU law scholars and practitioners.

The organization of both a Summer School and the Short Intensive Course on an annual basis purports to address a wider range of audience (student level for the first, early professional and practitioner for the second) than otherwise possible. The thrust of the proposed action will concentrate on merging the application of international and EU rules on the subject and bring a much-needed EU perspective in a traditional area of international law. The expected result will be a boost to the high level of EU studies at the Faculty of Law of the University of Athens and nationally. Such a multi-level teaching and research module is both academically innovative and urgently needed.

### Project Factsheet

<b>Website</b>	: <a href="http://www.athenspil.law.uoa.gr/jean-monnet-module.html">http://www.athenspil.law.uoa.gr/jean-monnet-module.html</a>
<b>Coordinator</b>	: Assistant Professor Maria Gavouneli
<b>Faculty</b>	: Professor Photini Pazartzis Assistant Professor Rebecca-Emmanouela Papadopoulou
<b>Instructors</b>	: Dr. Dimitra Papageorgiou Dr. Efthymios Papastavridis Eva Tzavala
<b>Duration</b>	: 2016-2019
<b>Funding</b>	: Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union



### 3. UNCTAD UNIVERSITY IIA MAPPING PROJECT

The [UNCTAD University IIA Mapping Project](#) is an ongoing collaborative initiative between UNCTAD and universities worldwide to comprehensively map the contents of all international investment agreements (IIAs) for which texts are available, i.e. the about 3,000 Bilateral Investment Treaties and investment chapters of Free Trade Agreements, and record these mappings in a searchable [database](#). This database serves as a tool for policymakers, researchers and other investment and development stakeholders to understand trends in IIA drafting, assess the prevalence of different policy approaches and identify treaty examples.

The mapping of IIAs is completed by students at different universities throughout the world. During the UNCTAD University IIA Mapping Project students have the opportunity to collaborate with mapping partners, other students from various universities, to complete the IIA mappings. You can see a complete list of the Project's university partners [here](#). Students are also able to directly apply their knowledge from coursework into analyzing and categorizing IIAs. For more information on the project, see the [Mapping Project Description & Methodology](#). The Project is coordinated and overseen by a team supervised by Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Chief of the IIA Section at UNCTAD.

The UNCTAD University IIA Mapping Project has been running for four years now and has been able to map over 2000 IIAs over the course of five mapping segments. The first segment was held from January through May 2013. The sixth segment started in September 2016 and concluded in December 2016, wherein 150 students from 30 universities participated. During this sixth segment, approximately 644 BITs were mapped by students in the following languages: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Arabic, Chinese, Italian and Russian.



The Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens participated in the sixth segment of the UNCTAD University IIA Mapping Project in 2016, and the students who contributed to the Project, under the academic supervision of Lecturer Anastasios Gourgourinis, are: Maria-Eleni Chrysanthakopoulou, Vasileios Katsampas, Athina Kotsia, Georgios Kouvaras, Antigoni Matthaïou, Lamprini Mavromatidi, Varvara Metallinou, Alikì-Athina Papanastasiou, Styliani Perantakou, Panagiota Skiathiti, Evgenia Stavropoulou, Marios Tokas and Charalampia Tzimi. [Their contribution](#) will be mentioned on the Investment Policy Hub page.

### Project Factsheet

<b>Website</b>	: <a href="http://www.athenspil.law.uoa.gr/research-projects/unctad-university-iaa-mapping-project-2016.html">http://www.athenspil.law.uoa.gr/research-projects/unctad-university-iaa-mapping-project-2016.html</a>
<b>Coordinator</b>	: Lecturer Anastasios Gourgourinis
<b>Researchers</b>	: Maria – Eleni Chrysanthakopoulou, Vasileios Katsampas, Athina Kotsia, Georgios Kouvaras, Antigoni Matthaïou, Lamprini Mavromatidi, Varvara Metallinou, Alikì-Athina Papanastasiou, Styliani Perantakou, Panagiota Skiathiti, Evgenia Stavropoulou, Marios Tokas, Charalampia Tzimi
<b>Duration</b>	: 9/2016 - 12/2016

## V. TRADE LAW CLINIC

**T**rade Law Clinic is a project organized under the auspices of the AthensPIL and in the context of the undergraduate course "International Economic Law" at the Law Faculty of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Trade Law Clinic offers students a unique opportunity delve into international trade and investment law by preparing legal reports (informative, advisory or ad hoc) on specified subjects of interest to participating project partners, i.e. governmental and non-governmental organizations and civil society institutions. Students work in groups and each group is coordinated by a mentor/coordinator, under academic supervision and oversight. The purpose of the Trade Law Clinic is to enable participating students to put international economic law theory into practice, so that the research generated takes into due account the actual needs and concerns of business and society stakeholders.

In this context, each group of students, paired with a particular governmental/non-governmental organization or civil society institution, has a series of regular meetings with the latter's staff, in order to present and discuss the progress of the research and receive feedback and guidelines. The legal memo produced is then officially delivered to the project partner, and is also presented by the students themselves at the end of each academic year during a public event for the exposition of the research outcomes of the Trade Law Clinic, co-organized annually by AthensPIL and participating project partners.



### 1. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP): trade implications for Greece

Team Coordinator : Persefoni Vernadou

Team Members : Maria-Eleni Chrysanthakopoulou, Helena Dai, Ilias Patlakas,  
Eleftherios Patsis

For the group's legal memo, see [here](#).

### 2. EU Specific Commitments under the GATS and the Greek services market

Team Coordinator : Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

Team Members : Nikolaos Antoniadis, Iliana Nikolaidi, Christina Sideri, Lydia  
Veneri

For the group's legal memo, see [here](#).

### 3. Geographical Indications (GIs) in international trade: the case of Greece

Team Coordinator : Dr. Dimitra Papageorgiou

Team Members : Christina-Kalliopi Katsiapi, Georgios Louizos, Artemis Triki,  
Anthi Varvarigou

For the group's legal memo, see [here](#).

Participating Project Partner



#### 4. Wildlife Trade and WTO law

Team Coordinator : Faidon Varesis

Team Members : Vasiliki Gerou, Georgia-Maria Kalogirou, Olga Koutsika,  
Marianthi Koutri, Erasmia Paliatsea

For the group's legal memo, see [here](#).

#### Participating Project Partner



The Trade Law Clinic presented the 4 legal memos it prepared in a small conference on 1 June 2016 at the Conference Room of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen & Merchants.

## VI. PUBLICATIONS

### 1. RESEARCH PAPER SERIES

**A**s part of the Athens PIL research activity, Fellows and Junior Researchers are conducting research on current issues of international law. The outcomes of this effort are published in the Athens PIL Research Paper Series.

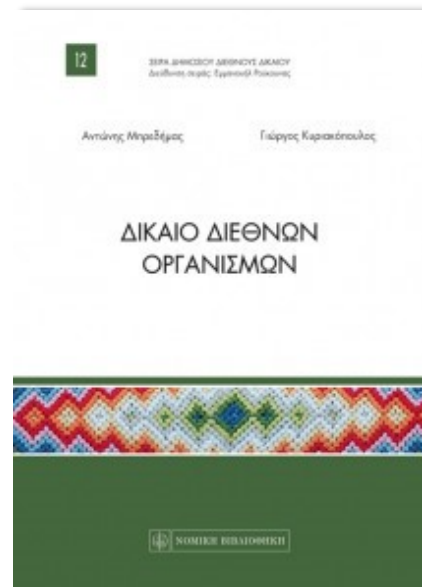
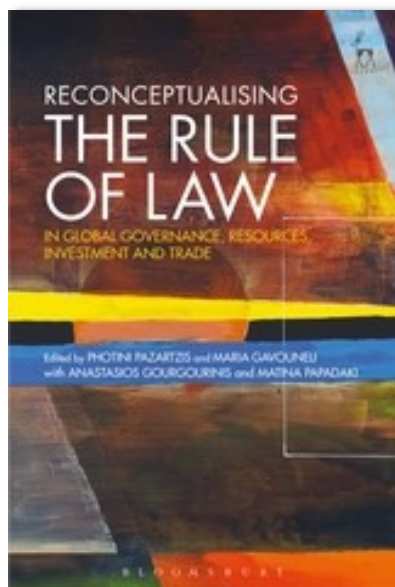
#### A. Materials on State Responsibility 2010-2015

The first Research Paper published by Athens PIL on "*Materials on State Responsibility 2010-2015*" was prepared by Dr. Nikolaos Voulgaris and Mr. Orfeas Chasapis-Tassinis, Research Fellow and Researcher of Athens PIL respectively.

#### B. Judicial Remedies for the Unassisted Migrants

The second Research Paper on "*When States fail to Rescue Persons in Distress in the Mediterranean: International Judicial Remedies for the Unassisted Migrants*" was authored by Ms. Maria Xernou as her dissertation for the LL.M. programme of the Department of International Studies of the Faculty of Law of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens.

## 2. OTHER PUBLICATIONS





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