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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Athens Public International Law Center – Athens PIL was founded in July 2015 as a leading research institution committed to the study and promotion of international law. Its main objectives are: to contribute to the promotion of international law through teaching, research and other scientific pursuits; to provide an environment that brings together students, researchers and academics interested in international law from all over the world; to play a pivotal role in the development of international law through strong cooperation and partnership with other academic institutions or research centres, international organizations and other scientific and social organizations.

During 2016-2017, the Center continued consolidating its presence and activities, through the organisation of conferences, guest lectures, summer schools and other events, which are summarized in this report and are also available on our website. I highlight the *Colloquium on International Investment Law and the Law of Armed Conflict*, an event held in October 2017, jointly organized by the Athens Public International Law Center, the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), the Research Centre on Procurement Law and International Investment (CREDIMI) of the University of Burgundy (France) and the Faculty of Law of the University of Zaragoza (Spain). These academic and research institutions joined forces and established the Investment Law Initiative, an international collaboration aimed at strengthening research and systemic analysis of international investment law. The *Colloquium* was coordinated by Dr. Katia Fach Gómez (University of Zaragoza, Faculty of Law), Dr. Catharine Titi (CNRS and CREDIMI, University of Burgundy) and Dr. Anastasios Gourgourinis (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Law; Athens PIL) and was supported by the ESIL Interest Group on International Economic Law. *More than 40 speakers* amongst international investment law's and armed conflict law's most prominent academics, policymakers and practitioners engaged with a large audience in very vivid discussions. In view

Finally, -last but not least-, the Athens Public International Law Center is particularly pleased to announce that it will be hosting the 15th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law, in September 2019, with the topic: *Sovereignty: A Concept in a State of Flux?*, to be held at the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. Preparations are already underway and will be announced at the forthcoming ESIL Conference in Manchester in September 2018. We are looking forward to meeting colleagues in Athens in 2019!

Professor Photini Pazartzis

I. PEOPLE

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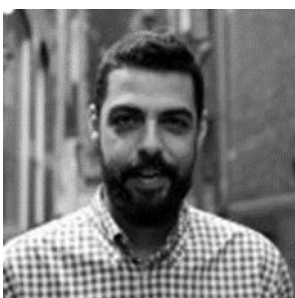
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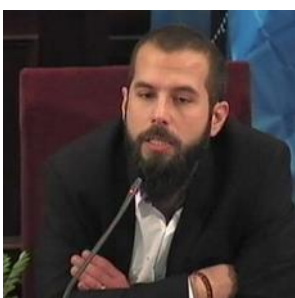
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5. RESEARCH TRAINEES

Erasmus+ 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.

Past Trainees



[Marina Charalampous \(2015-2016\)](#)

Law Student, School of Law, University of Cyprus

II. LECTURES

1. "NICOLAS POLITIS" ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

The "Nicolas Politis" annual lecture series are delivered each year in Athens by a person of eminence in the field of international law 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. As of 1912, he began his diplomatic career by serving as a Greek ambassador to foreign capitals and the League of Nations and representing Greece in various diplomatic conferences. He also held leading positions in the Greek executive branch, serving first as Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1914-1916) and subsequently as Minister of Foreign Affairs (1916-1920, 1922). He



was also a Member and Vice-President of the Institut de droit international, a Member and Vice-President of the Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law, as well as a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

Nicolas Politis left behind a scientific work of significant magnitude, comprising of numerous articles, monographs and books on public and private international law.

A. Nicolas Politis Lectures (2017)

The 2017 “Nicolas Politis” lecture series hosted the lectures of two distinguished scholars and practitioners in the field of international law.

The first lecture was delivered on the 5th of October 2017 by Professor **Christof Schreuer** on the topic ***“War and Peace in Investment Law”***.

The second lecture was delivered on the 6th of October 2017 by Professor **Alain Pellet** on the subject ***“The Paradox of the Prohibition of Use of Force in Contemporary International Law”***.



Professor Christof Schreuer



Professor Alain Pellet



2. LECTURES BY PROFESSOR STEVEN FREELAND

On 22 and 23 March 2017, Athens PIL, in collaboration with the Department of International Studies of the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, hosted two lectures by Professor **Steven Freeland**, Dean of the School of Law and Professor of International Law at Western Sydney University. On 22 March, Professor Freeland delivered a lecture on the topic *"Is the International Criminal Court Really a Good Idea?"*, while his second lecture on 23 March was dedicated to *"Technology and Politics - Addressing the Challenges for Space Law Over the Next Decade"*.



The lectures were largely attended by undergraduate and graduate law students and practitioners, who engaged in vivid discussions with the speaker. Professor Freeland also accepted the invitation by Lecturer G. Kyriakopoulos to participate in the course Public International Law on 20 March, and also contributed in an open event on *Introduction to Space Law*, with Lecturer G. Kyriakopoulos and Dr. Michael Chatzipanagiotis.

2. LECTURE BY TONY OPOSA

On 17 October 2017, Athens PIL hosted a talk by Tony Oposa on the topic "***Climate Justice for Future Generations***". Mr. Oposa gave a highly visual and engaging talk about the importance of conservation, protection and restoration of the environment. He also introduced his new book "*Shooting Stars and Dancing Fish: A Walk to the World We Want*".



Tony Opposa, is one of Asia's leading voices in the global arena of Environmental Law. His work is internationally known for the case where children, acting on behalf of future generations, took the Philippine Government to court to preserve the country's remaining old-growth forests (1993). The case enforces the principle of inter-generational responsibility -- that the present generation has a responsibility to future generations. In 2008, after a ten-year legal battle, he won another case where the Supreme Court ordered the Philippine Government to clean up Manila Bay.



III. CONFERENCES





1. Colloquium on “International Investment Law & the Law of Armed Conflict”

On 5 and 6 October 2017, Athens PIL, in a joint organization with the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), the Research Centre on Procurement Law and International Investment (CREDIMI) of the University of Burgundy (France) and the Faculty of Law of the University of Zaragoza (Spain), hosted at the premises of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens the first *Colloquium on International Investment Law & the Law of Armed Conflict*. The *Colloquium* was coordinated by Dr. Katia Fach Gómez (University of Zaragoza, Faculty of Law), Dr. Catharine Titi (CNRS and CREDIMI, University of Burgundy) and Dr. Anastasios Gourgourinis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Law; Athens PIL) and took place with the support of the ESIL Interest Group on International Economic Law.

The *Colloquium* comprised an opening *Keynote* by **Professor Christoph Schreuer** and a closing *Keynote* by **Professor Alain Pellet**. More than 60 speakers amongst international investment law's and armed conflict law's most prominent academics, policymakers and practitioners participated in the event.



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

The Study Group, 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 Group's work consists 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 Group's work.

Professor **Photini Pazartzis**, Director of Athens PIL, and Professor **Panos Merkouris** (University of Groningen), Athens PIL Fellow, participate in the Study Group as Co-Chair and Co-Rapporteur respectively.

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

3. ELSA SUMMER SCHOOL ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW 2017

Between 19-26 August 2017, Athens PIL and ELSA Athens successfully hosted, for a second consecutive year, the Athens Summer Law School on International Investment Law, in Athens, Greece. The summer school brought together 65 students from 30 different countries and provided participants an intensive, one-week, academic program with lectures and tutorial classes by scholars and practitioners, including AthensPIL Faculty and Fellows. The aim of the summer school was to introduce students to the main areas of international investment law and examine important issues regarding one of the fastest growing fields of international law practice. The detailed programme can be found [here](#).



IV. RESEARCH PROJECTS

Athens 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.



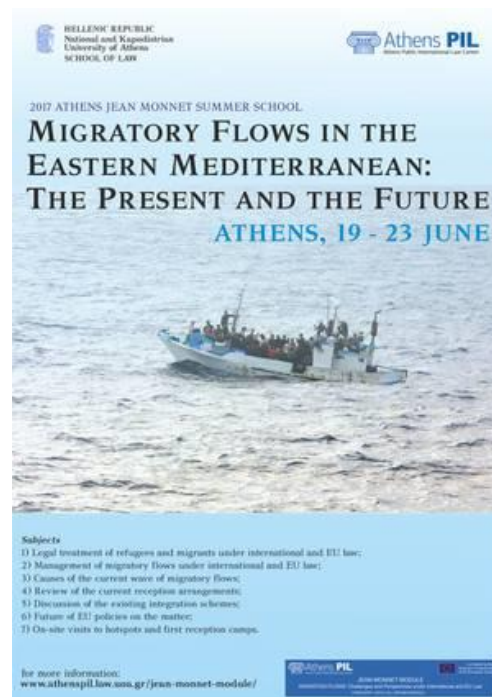
1. MIGRATION FLOWS: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES UNDER INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW



Since 2016, Athens PIL has been engaging in the research and academic activities of the Jean Monnet Module: *"Migration Flows: Challenges and Perspectives under International and EU Law"*, co-funded by the ERASMUS + programme.

In June 2017, the first cycle of the summer courses on *"Migration Flows: Challenges and Perspectives under International and EU Law"*, core project of the relating Jean Monnet Module, was concluded successfully under the auspices of the Athens PIL Center.

The Summer School ***"Migratory flows in the Eastern Mediterranean: The present and the future"*** was held from 19 to 23 June 2017 at the premises of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (main building, "Ioannis Drakopoulos" Amphitheater), comprising an intensive interdisciplinary 5-days programme of seminars and lectures, targeted tutorials and simulation exercises and guided on-site visits to two first reception camps of Attica region, in Elaionas and Schisto respectively.



The lectures were delivered in English, by leading academic experts, including AthensPIL Faculty and Fellows, as well as experienced practitioners in refugee and migration law.

The detailed programme of the courses can be found at www.athenspil.law.uoa.gr/jean-monnet-module/summer-school/2017-migratory-flows-in-the-eastern-mediterranean-the-present-and-the-future/programme.html.



Overall, the courses provided an advanced understanding of the relevant theoretical and policy debates concerning the legal treatment of refugees and migrants under international and EU law, as well as a strong insight into the current management of migratory flows and the controversies surrounding the future of EU policies on the matter.

Participation in the summer school was limited to 25 attendees chosen -via a call for applications procedure - among post-graduate students and young researchers, practicing lawyers, policy-makers, NGO and international [agency](#) practitioners and other professionals with experience in the field of migration and refugee protection issues. Participants were given access to a complete folder of readings and materials on international and European migration and refugee law, as well as keynotes and presentations prepared by tutors/speakers.

All participants received Certificates of Attendance, while the Athens PIL Summer Course Diploma was granted to those participants successfully passing the optional written examination at the end of the summer school.

Project Factsheet

Website	: http://www.athenspil.law.uoa.gr/jean-monnet-module.html
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Instructors	: Dr. Dimitra Papageorgiou Dr. Efthymios Papastavridis Eva Tzavala
Duration	: 2016-2019
Funding	: Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union



2. THE EXECUTION OF JUDGMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE DOMESTIC GREEK LEGAL LEAL ORDER

This research pertains to the execution of judgments of the European Court for Human Rights by Greece and its competent authorities. The research spans the period from 1991, when the Court issued the first judgment against Greece in the *Philis* case, to the end of 2017. The research focuses on two periods: prior to the 2011 reform of the control mechanism provided by the ECHR and from 2011 onwards. The research will include all measures adopted by legislative, administrative and judicial national authorities in order to comply with the judgments of the European Court and the relevant decisions of the Committee of Ministers as of January 1992.

In a second phase, the research will expand to cover the judgments issued by the domestic courts in accordance with the Court's authoritative interpretation of the ECHR with a view to establishing the 'res interpretata' force of the Court's findings in identical or similar cases.

The area of research comprises both individual and general measures of compliance. Therefore, apart from just satisfaction awarded by the Court, ie. pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage for the finding of a violation, particular attention will be paid to other implementation measures of non-pecuniary nature, e.g. administrative measures. In this context, the adoption of a Pilot Judgment is particularly important, since in such cases it is the Court itself that provides for the general measures to be adopted in order to redress the systemic violation, including broad and comprehensive amendments of the respective legislation.

The purpose of the present research is to highlight the practice that Greece has followed with respect to its obligation to comply with the Court's judgments.

Emphasis will be given to the qualitative analysis of the available data, meaning not only the payment of just satisfaction but also the entire range of measures of general and individual nature adopted by Greece. The research will significantly rely, apart from a typical legal analysis of the subject-matter, on a quantitative statistical analysis of the data which will be visualized with pertinent graphs, charts, etc. In turn the classification of the collected data will take into account the number of measures of individual and/or general nature, the level of just satisfaction awarded, the monitoring process followed by the Committee of Ministers, as well as the time-limit within which a case was concluded.

The analysis specified above will focus on the Greek legal order. Subsequently, on the basis of data gathered from the database of the Committee of Ministers an analogous comparative statistical analysis will be conducted, of the Greek legal order with respect to the corresponding legal orders of other Council of Europe's member-states.

The research is conducted under the auspices of the Athens PIL Center of the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Dr. Eleni Micha, Teaching Fellow of the Faculty of Law, is responsible for the supervision of the research and for drafting the charts explaining and summarizing the results collected. Mrs. Stavroula Trekli, Athens PIL Researcher, is responsible for the collection of the necessary data and their classification according to the criteria of the research. A small number of students will join during the second phase of the research in order to assist with the collection of judgments by the Greek administrative courts, which implement the Court's findings.

This research project is running from October 2017 until the end of 2018, with the possibility of extension for one additional year. The findings will be published on the Athens PIL website; an edited volume is also envisaged. In addition, an international workshop will be organised during the fall of 2018.

V. TRADE LAW CLINIC

The Trade Law Clinic is a project organized under the auspices of the Athens Public International Law Center and in the context of the undergraduate course "International Economic Law" at the Law Faculty of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.



The Trade Law Clinic offers students a unique opportunity to 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.





During the academic year 2016-2017, the Trade Law Clinic project with the Small Enterprises' Institute of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants (IME GSEVEE), the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV), Greenpeace Greece and WWF Greece, involved as project partners, continued its research activities on the following main areas of concern: a) EU's Action Plan for Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade & WTO law, b) Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 of 29 September 2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing & international trade, c) Trade defence & Greek Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs), d) Compatibility of the Russian import ban on agricultural products with WTO law, e) Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) & Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), f) Capacity mechanisms for electricity & the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, g) Feed-in tariff schemes for renewable energy in the light of the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, h) Imposition of sanctions in antitrust cases & international economic law, i) EU 's Free Trade Agreements with Canada, Singapore and Japan, and j) Intellectual Property Protection in China.

The Trade Law Clinic's respective findings for the academic year 2016-2017 were consolidated in legal memos/reports which were presented at a special conference held on the 14th of June 2017 at the premises of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

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