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PERSONAL

Current position: Associate Professor in EU Law
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EDUCATION

2009 Ph.D. in Law, European University Institute.
2006 M.Res. in Law, European University Institute.
2004 LL.M. in International and European Law, Maastricht University.
2003 LL.B. (Honours), University of Aberdeen.
Awards: Full scholarship award by IKY (State Scholarship Foundation) 2005-2009 for the funding of Ph.D. degree studies in EU; LLM *cum laude* Maastricht University, 2004.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2019-2021 Adviser to the Scottish Government for Brexit-related issues.
2017-2021 Adviser to the Scottish Parliament for Brexit-related issues.
2017-2021 Adviser to the GUE/NGL parliamentary group of the European Parliament for Brexit-related issues.
2013-present Assistant Professor in Law, then Associate Professor in Law (from 2018), UEA Law School, UEA.
2012-2013 Senior Research Fellow, European Institute, London School of Economics.
2010-12 Assistant Professor, Int'l and European Law Department, Maastricht University.
2009-10 Resident Post-doctoral Fellow, Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University.

VISITING POSITIONS

2020 Visiting Fellow, Generalitat de Catalunya, Institut d' Estudis de l' Autogovern [Government of Catalonia, Institute of Self-Government Studies], January-September.
2013-15 Visiting Senior Fellow, European Institute, London School of Economics.
2012 Visiting Scholar, EU Centre of Excellence of York University (Toronto, Canada), March-April.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Brexit Law: The Changing Role of EU law in the UK; Constitutional and Administrative law; EU law; EU Constitutional law; Public International law.
Postgraduate Constitutional Accommodation of Ethno-territorial Conflicts in Europe; EU Constitutional law; EU Trade Law; Introduction to the EU Internal Market; The EU and the World: Trade, Regionalism and Development; EU External Relations Law.

Mentoring Experience

2020 PhD External Examiner of Dr Richard Brant's PhD thesis: 'Secession of (a) part(s) of a territory of a Member State and how to address it in EU Law'; The University of Manchester; PhD successfully defended on 6 May 2020.
2018 PhD External Examiner of Dr Alastair Mclver's PhD thesis: 'The Changing Boundaries of the EU Member State Polity: The What, Who and How of Late Sovereign Contestation'; EUI; PhD successfully defended on 2 October 2018.
2016 PhD Internal Examiner of Dr Katherine Boone's PhD thesis: 'Negotiating "Turkishness" in North Cyprus'; UEA; PhD successfully defended on 11 November 2016.

Administrative Experience

2021-present Postgraduate Research (PGR) Director.
2017-present Impact Coordinator, UEA Law School.

2017-present Research Projects Funding Officer, UEA Law School.
 2014-present Member of the Economic and Social Research Council Internal Review panel, Faculty of Social Sciences, UEA.
 2014-present Member of the Research Committee, UEA Law School.
 2014-17 Deputy Plagiarism Officer, UEA Law School.
 2012-17 Academic Co-director of the Summer school on *Nationalism, Religion and Violence* (organised by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece) and the Charles University (Prague), and supported by LSE and the Peace Research Institute Oslo.

Peer Reviewer

Journal Review *Ethnopolitics; European Constitutional Law Review; European Law Journal; International Journal of Constitutional Law; International Journal of Transitional Justice; Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law; Nationalism and Ethnic Politics; Nations and Nationalism.*

Manuscript Review Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; Palgrave Macmillan; Pearson Publishing.

Grant Review Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships; Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Doctoral Networks); Flanders Research Foundation (FWO).

Organisation of Scientific Events

November 2018 Co-Organiser of the Conference on 'Brexit and its Implications for Cyprus' organised by the Peace Research Institute Oslo (Cyprus Centre), the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the UEA Law School (Goethe Institut, Nicosia).

July 2018 Co-organiser of the workshop on 'Brexit: Recap, Rethink, Recalculate' organised by the UEA Law School (UEA, Norwich).

July 2018 Organiser of the panel on 'Secessionism within liberal democracies' (ICON-S, Hong Kong).

January 2018 Organiser of the conference on 'The 'De-Europeanisation' of Border Conflicts: The Brexit Effect on the UK Territorial Borders' (British Academy, London).

July 2017 Co-organiser of the workshop on 'The Future of International Courts: Evolution and Challenges Ahead' organised by the UEA Law School (UEA, Norwich).

November 2012 Co-organiser of the workshop on 'The accession of the European Union to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms' (Maastricht University, Brussels campus).

May 2012 Co-organiser of the workshop on 'Political and constitutional accommodation of ethno-linguistic conflicts in Southern Europe' organised by the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (EUI, Robert Schumann Centre of Advanced Studies, Florence).

Membership of Scientific Societies

2017-present Higher Education Academy Fellow.

2017-present Member of the ICON-S.

2016-present Member of the Scottish Universities Legal Network on Europe (SULNE).

2014-present Member of the British Institute of Comparative and International Law.

2013-present Member of the Society of Legal Scholars.

2009-present Member of UACES.

2009-present Member of the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER).

RESEARCH FUNDING

2020 'The Right of Self-Determination in the EU Constitutional Order', Generalitat de Catalunya, Institut d' Estudis de l' Autogovern [Government of Catalonia, Institute of Self-Government Studies], Visiting Research Grant, €11,230. Role: *Principal Investigator*.

2019 2017 'The 'De-Europeanisation' of Border Conflicts: The Brexit Effect on the UK Territorial Borders', UEA Higher Education Impact Fund, £10,000 + University Association for Contemporary European Studies Small Event Grants, £1,000. Role: *Principal Investigator*.

2017 'A Special Designated Status for Northern Ireland', European Parliament, GUE/NGL Parliamentary Group, €5,000. Role: *Principal Investigator*.

- 2016 'The Future of International Courts: Evolution and Challenges Ahead', Society of Legal Scholars Small Project and Events Fund, £2,490. Role: *Co-Investigator*.
- 2012 'The Accession of the European Union to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms', British Academy Small Research Grant £9,330. Role: *Principal Investigator*.
- 2012 'Constitutional Accommodation of Ethno-territorial Conflicts in Europe', AN Hadjiyiannis Senior Research Fellowship, £49,092. Role: *Principal Investigator*.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS (sole authorship/editorship except as indicated)

Monographs

1. *Territorial Pluralism in Europe: Vertical separation of powers in the EU and its Member States* (Oxford, Bloomsbury (Hart Publishing), forthcoming in 2022).
2. *The Cyprus Issue: The Four Freedoms in a (Member-) State under Siege*. (Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2011).

Edited volumes

1. *The Future of International Courts and Tribunals: Regional, Institutional and Procedural Challenges* (editorship with A Kent and J Trinidad) (Abingdon, Oxford, Routledge, 2019).
2. *The Accession of the EU to the ECHR* (editorship with V Kosta and VP Tzevelekos) (Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2014).

Special issue

1. *The Accession of the EU to the ECHR* (editorship with V Kosta and VP Tzevelekos) | *European Journal of Human Rights* (2013).

Articles in international peer-reviewed journals

1. 'Accommodating Secession Within the EU Constitutional Order of States' (revise and resubmit) *European Law Open*.
2. 'Territorial Differentiation in EU law: Can Scotland and Northern Ireland Remain in the EU and/or the Single Market?', 19 *Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies* (2017) 287-310.
3. 'The Paradox of the Europeanisation of Intra-State Conflicts', 59 *German Yearbook of International Law* (2016) 223-253.
4. 'The Birth of a Republic, but not of a Nation: The case of state-building in Cyprus', (with N Kyriacou) 22 *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* (2016) 456-477.
5. 'Comparing the Subnational Constitutional Space of the European Sub-State Entities in the Area of Foreign Affairs' 4 *Perspectives on Federalism* (2012) E-239-268.
6. 'Building Transitional Justice Mechanisms without a Peace Settlement. A Critical Appraisal of the Recent Jurisprudence of the Strasbourg Court on the Cyprus issue' 35 *European Law Review* (2010) 720-733.
7. 'Speaking of the De...rogations: Accommodating a Solution of the Cyprus Problem within the Union Legal Order' (with M Cremona), 11 *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* (2009) 381-395.
8. 'The Application of the *Acquis Communautaire* in the Areas not under the Effective Control of the Republic of Cyprus: The Green Line Regulation', 45 *Common Market Law Review* (2008) 727-755.

Book Chapters

1. 'Article 50 TEU: "Seceding" From the EU' in A Pavkovic, P Radan and R Griffiths (eds) *The Routledge Handbook on Self-Determination and Secession* (Abingdon, Oxford, Routledge, forthcoming in 2022).
2. 'The Application of EU law in an Unrecognised Entity: *Apostolides v Orams*' in G Butler and RA Wessel (eds) *EU External Relations Law: The Cases in Context* (Oxford, Bloomsbury (Hart Publishing), 2022) 589-598.
3. 'Border Conflicts and Territorial Differentiation after Brexit: the cases of Northern Ireland, Gibraltar and the UK Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus' in B Leruth, S Gänzle and J Trondal (eds) *The Routledge Handbook of Differentiation in the European Union* (Abingdon, Oxford, Routledge, 2022) 680-695.
4. 'Subnational Constitutionalism in the United Kingdom: Constitutional Statutes Within the Context of an Uncodified Constitution' in N Aroney, D Delledonne and P Poppelier (eds) *Routledge Handbook of Subnational Constitutions and Constitutionalism* (Abingdon, Oxford, Routledge, 2021) 270-293.
5. 'Between Two Unions: Brexit and the Secessionist Challenges in the UK' in M Belov (ed), *Territorial Politics. Constitutional and International Law Dimensions* (London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2021) 165-190.
6. 'EMU Integration and the Cypriot Constitutional Order' in A Griller and E Lentsch (eds), *EMU Integration and Member States' Constitutions* (Oxford, Bloomsbury (Hart Publishing), 2021) 361-377.

7. 'The Paradox of Territorial Autonomy: How Subnational Representation Leads to Secessionist Preferences' (with E Dinas) in R Albert and Y Roznai (eds), *Constitutionalism Under Extreme Conditions: Law, Emergency, Exception* (Berlin, Springer, 2020) 267-290.
8. 'Brexit and Transitional Justice: Brexit as a Challenge to Peacebuilding' in T Ahmed and E Fahey (eds), *On Brexit: Law, Justices and Injustices* (Cheltenham, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2019) 205-220.
9. 'On Brexit and Secession(s)' in C Closa, C Margiotta and G Martinico (eds), *Between Democracy and Law: The Amoralism of Secession* (Abingdon, Oxford, Routledge, 2019) 195-212.
10. 'Taking Back Control? Brexit and the Court of Justice' in A Kent, N Skoutaris and J Trinidad (eds), *The Future of International Courts and Tribunals: Regional, Institutional and Procedural Challenges* (Abingdon, Oxford, Routledge, 2019) 93-106.
11. 'Reflecting and Building Asymmetries: The Role of (Sub-) Constitutional Statutes in Spain and the UK' in R Albert and J Colon-Rios (eds), *Quasi-Constitutionality and Constitutional Statutes: Forms, Functions, Applications* (New York and London, Routledge, 2019) 156-175.
12. 'The Irish Border Conundrum' in M Sacco (ed), *Brexit: A Way Forward* (Vernon Press, 2019) 119-133.
13. 'The Cyprus Conflict in Turkish-EU Relations: A Gordian Knot?' in F Cengiz and L Hoffmann (eds), *Turkey and the European Union: Facing New Challenges and Opportunities* (London, Routledge, 2013) 28-44.
14. 'The Role of Sub-State Entities in the EU Decision-Making Processes: A Comparative Constitutional Law Approach' in E Cloots, G De Baere and S Sottiaux (eds), *Federalism in the EU* (Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2012) 210-229.
15. 'Gestión de los Estados Plurinacionales Europeos: Consolidando el Consociacionismo a través de los Sistemas Electorales' [Managing the European Plurinational States: Consolidating Consociationalism through the Electoral Systems](with E Dinas) in Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación (ed.), *Sistemas Electorales y Principios Constitucionales. [Electoral Systems and Constitutional Principles]* (Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación, 2012) 132-165.
16. 'The Legal Dimensions of Cypriot Membership' in H Faustmann, J Ker-Lindsay and F Mullen (eds), *An Island in Europe: The EU and the Transformation of Cyprus* (London, IB Tauris, 2011) 42-64.
17. 'The Status of Northern Cyprus under EU law. A Comparative Approach to the Territorial Suspension of the *Acquis*' in D Kochenov (ed), *EU Law of the Overseas: Outermost Regions, Associated Overseas Countries and Territories, Territories Sui Generis* (The Hague, Kluwer Law International, 2011) 401-416
18. 'The European Courts as Political Actors in the Cyprus conflict' in F Snyder and I Maher (eds.) *The Evolution of the European Courts: Institutional Change and Continuity* (Brussels, Bruylant, 2009) 235-257.
19. 'Taking Cyprus' EU Membership into Account: Strict Compliance or Accommodation?' (with Marise Cremona) in A Auer & V Triga (eds), *A Constitutional Convention for Cyprus*, (Berlin, Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Berlin (wvb), 2009) 49-62.
20. 'Differentiation in EU Citizenship Law: The Cyprus Problem' in K Inglis and A Ott (eds), *The Constitution for Europe and an Enlarging Union: Unity in Diversity?* (Europa Law Publishing, 2005) 161-174.

Working Papers

1. ['From Britain and Ireland to Cyprus: Accommodating 'Divided Islands in the EU Political and Legal Order'](#) EUI Working Paper AEL 2016/02.
2. 'EuroMed, ENP and UfM: Fostering Region-building and Promoting Interregionalism?' in G Fernandez Arribas and T Takács (eds), [The EU's relations with the Southern Mediterranean in the aftermath of the Arab Spring](#) (CLEER Working Papers 2013/3).

Other Publications

1. ['Problematising the Role of the EU in Territorial Sovereignty Conflicts'](#) Independent Report part of the project on 'A Code of Good Practice in Resolving Territorial Sovereignty Conflicts' funded by Eusko Ikaskuntza [Basque Studies Society] and the Institut d'Estudis Catalans [Institute of Catalan Studies] [forthcoming in 2021]
2. ['The Status of the Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus following Brexit'](#) (with N Hadjigeorgiou) PRIO Occasional Paper Series 2019/3.
3. [Report on a Special Designated Status for Northern Ireland Post-Brexit:](#) An Independent Opinion Commissioned by the European United Left / Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL) Group of the European Parliament, 13 April 2018.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS (selected-Last 5 years)

November 2020 Conference on 'A Code of Good Practice in Resolving Territorial Sovereignty Conflicts' organised by Eusko Ikaskuntza [Basque Studies Society] and the Institut d'Estudis Catalans [Institute of Catalan Studies] (Bilbao)

April 2019	<i>Paper Presentation: 'Problematising the Role of the EU in Territorial Sovereignty Conflicts'</i> ICON-S British-Irish Chapter Annual Conference (Strathclyde University)
June 2018	<i>Paper Presentation: 'Brexit as a Secession'</i> Conference on Brexit and EU Law: A Way Forward (University of Leeds)
June 2018	<i>Keynote Speech: 'The idea of differentiated Brexit'</i> Annual Conference of the International Society of Public Law (Hong Kong)
June 2018	<i>Paper presentation: 'Secession in the EU Constitutional Order'</i> 10 th World Congress of the International Association of Constitutional Law (Seoul, South Korea)
May 2018	<i>Paper presentation: 'Mapping Out the Notion of Shared Sovereignty in Post-Conflict Constitutional Arrangements'</i> 23 rd Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (Columbia University, New York, USA)
November 2017	<i>Presentation in a Roundtable: "'Catalunya, Nou Estat d' Europa?'" The effect of Europeanisation of the Catalan Constitutional Crisis'</i> Conference on 'Brexit and Northern Ireland' (European Parliament)
September 2017	<i>Keynote Speech: 'A Special Designated Status for Northern Ireland'</i> Conference on "'Brexit" 15 months on – Socio-legal Perspectives for the EU and Europe' (Queen's University Belfast)
January 2017	<i>Paper Presentation: 'The "De-Europeanisation" of Border Conflicts: The Brexit Effect on the UK Territorial Borders'</i> Conference on 'The Right to Decide' (European Parliament)
July 2016	<i>Keynote Speech: 'The Right to Decide and EU law'</i> Symposium on Constitutionalism under Extreme Conditions (University of Haifa, Israel)
	<i>Paper Presentation: 'The Paradox of Territorial Autonomy: How Subnational Representation Leads to Secessionist Preferences'</i>

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The findings of my research have been discussed in [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [The Scotsman](#), [The Guardian](#) and [The National](#) among else. One of my peer-reviewed articles has been presented in the front page of the most renowned political magazine in Germany: [Spiegel Online](#). I am an active commentator on the legal questions arising from Brexit and on the legal and political developments relating to the self-determination movements in Europe (Catalonia, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Cyprus). My website [On Secessions, Constitutions and EU law](#) is in the list of the top-30 EU law blogs offering scientifically accurate and accessible analysis on those issues. You can find a full list of my op-eds, articles and interviews [here](#). Because of the success of my research, I was appointed as one of the advisers to the GUE/NGL parliamentary Group of the European Parliament, the Scottish Government and the Scottish Parliament for Brexit-related issues. As a result of my multi-faceted engagement, I received the 2017 UEA Engagement Award for outstanding contribution to Public and Community and I was a finalist for the 2018 UEA Award for Outstanding Impact in Policy and Practice.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English, Greek: fluent (in speaking, reading and writing).
- French, Italian, Spanish, Catalan: passive knowledge (in speaking, reading and writing).