



The **Department of Law** at the **University of Cyprus** kindly invite you to a research seminar on

**Externalising the EU acquis in the field of energy: the case of EU network codes**

**Wednesday, 4 November 2020 at 16:00-18:00**

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**Abstract**

As part of its energy policy, the European Union is developing its external relations with a view to expand its regulatory reach to third states through the externalization of the relevant acquis. Among such rules, network codes and guidelines -that constitute the technical backbone of the internal energy market- will serve as a case study for our presentation. “Exporting” these sets of rules raises important legal challenges both from a substantive and from an institutional perspective. From a substantive perspective, one can observe different models leading to different speeds of transposition: the generalistic model of the European Economic Area (EEA) -that has only recently allowed for the transposition of the third energy package- the sector-specific one of the Energy Community -in whose context network codes and guidelines have indeed been transposed even though actual implementation is lagging behind- and the unique “Swiss way” of an agreement on the transit of electricity that has been the object of negotiations for several years. From an institutional point of view, the externalization of such rules goes hand in hand with new tasks for the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), whose constitutional dimension needs to be assessed: ACER has, for example, obtained the controversial power of actually drafting decisions that are formally adopted by the EFTA Surveillance Authority in the context of the EEA legal order while similar proposals have arisen in the context of the Energy Community. The preliminary results of our research indicate that - notwithstanding the severe arrhythmia and the challenges that arise in ensuring a seamless governance- the European Union is successfully advocating the externalization of its own conception of the technical underpinnings of the energy market.

**Speaker Bio**

Charikleia Vlachou is a Lecturer in Energy Law at the University of Cyprus after having held the position of an Assistant Professor in Public Law at the University of Orléans, France. She has written her PhD thesis on the cooperation of regulatory authorities in Europe in the fields of energy and electronic communications at the Paris II University. She holds a Master 2 recherche in public law (Paris II University), a Postgraduate Diploma in EU competition law (King’s College University of London) and the Diploma of the Academy of European Public Law. Charikleia Vlachou has been a guest lecturer in prominent European Universities and her research interests lie in the fields of energy law, electronic communications and EU administrative law.

**Practical Details**

**Language:** The seminar will be conducted in English.

**Format:** Online Webinar

**Registration:** Participation is open, but you must register [here](#) to receive an individual access to the Zoom meeting.