



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

The Far Right and the Law

Wednesday, 14 September 2022 at 18:00-19:15

by Dr. Natalie Alkiviadou

Chair: Associate Professor Charalambos Papacharalambous

Abstract

Since the Second World War, the international community has sought to prevent the repetition of destructive far-right forces by establishing institutions such as the United Nations and by adopting documents such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Jurisprudence and conventions directly prohibit far-right speech and expression. Nevertheless, in the past decade, violent far-right entities, such as Golden Dawn of Greece, have received unprecedented electoral support, xenophobic parties continue to do spectacularly well in elections; and countries such as Hungary and Poland are being led by right-wing populists who are bringing constitutional upheaval and violating basic elements of doctrines such as the rule of law. In light of the current reality, this presentation will discuss the international and European tools available for States to regulate the far-right. After analysing the aims, objectives, scope and possibility of shortcomings in international and European law, the presentation will provide an overview of examples of state obligations that arise from these laws. It will then assess how freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of association and freedom of assembly are provided for in international and European law and explore what limitation grounds exist which are directly relevant to the regulation of the far-right. The issue of the far-right is a pressing one on the agenda of politicians, academics, civil society and other groups in Europe and beyond. As such, this presentation may appeal to those with an interest in International, European or Human rights Law and political science.

Speaker Bio

Natalie Alkiviadou is Senior Research Fellow at Justitia, working on the Future of Free Speech project. Her research interests lie in the freedom of expression, the far-right, hate speech, hate crime and non-discrimination. She holds a PhD (Law) from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. She has published three monographs, namely 'The Far-Right in International and European Law' (Routledge 2019), 'Legal Challenges to the Far-right: Lessons from England and Wales' (Routledge 2019) and 'The Far-Right in Greece and the Law' (Routledge 2022). She has published on hate speech, free speech and the far-right in a wide range of peer reviewed journals, has been reviewer for journals such as the International Journal of Human Rights, The Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights and guest editor for the International Journal of Semiotics and the Law. Natalie has over ten years' experience in working with civil society, educators and public servants on human rights education and has participated in European actions such as the High-Level Group on Combatting Racism, Xenophobia and Other Forms of Intolerance. Natalie has been the country researcher for the 2019 European Network against Racism report on Hate Crime and the 2022 report on structural racism. She has drafted handbooks, strategy papers and shadow reports for projects funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation, the European Commission and the European Youth Foundation, on themes such as hate speech. Natalie is an international Fellow (2022/23) of the ISLC – Information Society Law Centre of the Università degli Studi di Milano.

Practical Details

Language: The seminar will be conducted in English

Registration: Please register for the Zoom meeting following [this link](#).