

CV

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Practising Lawyer/Deputy Coordinator of the Legal Unit –
Greek Council for Refugees,
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1. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2007-2009 **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Law (Greece).**
LL.M., “Sociology of Law”.
- 2005-2006 **University Robert Schuman- Strasbourg 3, Institut des Hautes Etudes Européennes (France).**
Master 2 Recherche, “Droit et études européennes, Droits de l’Homme”.
- 2000-2005 **Democritus University of Thrace, Faculty of Law (Greece).**
National Degree of Law (LL.B.).

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES

- 2016 **Training for Lawyers on the relevant European Legal standards and case law related to the implementation of the EU-Turkey plan.**
UNHCR Representation in Greece, Athens, 23 March 2016.
- 2013 **Legal Training on Identification and Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture.**
Danish Institute Against Torture (Dignity)/ Prometheus, Program for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture, Athens, 23-27 September 2013.
- 2012 **The protection of refugees in Greece.**
UNHCR Office in Greece, Athens, 19 December 2012.

2. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2015 - today **Attorney at law, Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) - Legal Unit.**

Legal assistance and representation of persons in need of international protection before national asylum authorities, domestic courts and international bodies. Visits to places of immigration detention for legal assistance and monitoring purposes. Coordination (since 2016) of the GCR-Legal Unit, Detention Team. Legal representation in criminal cases associated with the legal status of refugees. Advocacy, trainings, drafting of reports and submissions to monitoring bodies. National Expert of the Asylum Information Database (AIDA)/ECRE.

- 2015 **Legal Advisor, Office of the Secretary General for Population and Social Cohesion (Secretary General for Migration), Ministry of Interior.**
Preparation of draft legislation regarding migration and asylum.
- 2015 **Legal/Researcher Officer, Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR).**
Drafting of reports/public statements/submissions on the implementation of human rights law and human rights practices in Greece. Support of the Sub-Commission for the Application of Human Rights to Aliens.
- 2011-2015 **Attorney at law, Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) - Legal Unit.**
As above.
- 2007-2010 **Legal/Researcher Officer, Municipality of Athens ('Anoithi Poli' municipal party).**
Legal support and documentation.
- 2007 **Junior Lawyer, L. Fragos and partners Law Firm (Athens).**
- 2006 **Stage, European Parliament (Strasbourg)/ MEP office.**

3. PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2020 **"Border management at the external Schengen Borders: border control, return operations, and obstacles to effective remedies in Greece"**, co-author, in Carrera S. and Stefan M. (eds), 2020, *Fundamental Rights Challenges in Border Controls and Expulsion of Irregular Immigrants in the European Union Complaint Mechanisms and Access to Justice*, London and New York: Routledge (*in English*).
- 2019 **"The implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement as an example of lowering the guarantees for asylum seekers"** in

Marouda M. D. (eds), 2019, *Solidarity in the EU Developments in the field of refugee protection and challenges in the EU and in Greece*, Athens: Nomiki Bibliothiki (in Greek).

- 2015 **“Judicial Review of third country nationals’ detention in Greece”** in Papageorgiou, J., (eds), 2015, *Administrative Detention of Aliens*. Athens: Nomiki Bibliothiki (in Greek).

ARTICLES

- 2016 **“The Detention of Asylum Seekers under Law 4375/2016”**, *Immigration Law Review*, 1/2016. Athens: Nomiki Bibliothiki (in Greek).
- 2014 **“Observations on Immigration Detention in Greece”**, *Immigration Law Review*, 2-3/2014, Athens: Nomiki Bibliothiki, Athens (in Greek).

REPORTS AND POLICY PAPERS

- 2016-2020 European Council on Refugees and Exiles, *Asylum Information Database (AIDA), National Country Report: Greece. 2016-2019 update* (in English).
Co-author of the Report.
- 2020 Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR), Reviewing asylum and immigration policies and safeguarding human rights at the EU borders. Adopted by the GNCHR Plenary, available at:
http://www.nchr.gr/images/English_Site/PROSFYGES/GNCHR_STATEMENT_Borders.pdf (in Greek and in English).
Written contribution.
- 2019 Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR), GNCHR’s Recommendations on Refugee Protection. Adopted by the GNCHR Plenary, available at:
http://www.nchr.gr/images/pdf/apofaseis/prosfuges_metanastes/Ekthesi%20Anaforas%20gia%20to%20Prosfygiko.pdf (in Greek).
Written contribution.
- 2017 Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR), *Report on the condition of the reception and asylum system in Greece*. Adopted by the GNCHR Plenary, available at:
http://www.nchr.gr/images/pdf/apofaseis/prosfuges_metanastes/Dilosi_EEDA_Asylo.pdf, (in Greek).
Co-author of the Report

- 2016 Greek Council for Refugees, *Mapping the special needs of migrants' communities in Greece*.
Available at:
<https://www.gcr.gr/el/ekdoseis-media/ektheseis/reports/item/569-2406201601> (in Greek).
Co-author of the Report.
- 2016 European Council on Refugees and Exiles, *The implementation of hotspots in Italy and Greece - A study*. Available at:
<https://www.ecre.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/HOTSPOTS-Report-5.12.2016..pdf>, (in English).
Review in part of the draft.
- 2015 Greek Council for Refugees/EPIM, Policy Paper: *The implementation of the Alternatives to Detention in Greece*.
Available at:
https://www.gcr.gr/media/k2/attachments/ALTERNATIVES_TO_DETENTION.pdf (in Greek).
Author of the Report.

4. LECTURES, SPEECHES and TEACHING

CONFERENCES

- 2019 **"Immigration detention and human right's challenges in in Greece"**,
ESRC-IAA workshop Monitoring Human Rights in Immigration Detention, University of Oxford, Faculty of Law, Center for Criminology, Borders Criminologies, Athens (March 2019).
- 2017 **"The impact of the EU-Turkey Statement on the asylum law and the reception obligations of the Greek State"**.
International Conference of Jean Monnet Chair "Solidarity, civil protection and humanitarian action in the EU" of Panteion University, Athens (November 2017).
- 2016 **"Refugee issue and Human Rights"**.
1st Conference of the Greek Society for the Study of Crime and Social Control "Powers, Scientific Neutrality, Criminological discourse – 50 years Howard Becker: "Whose side are we on?", Athens (May 2016).
- 2014 **"Is there an effective legal remedy to challenge administrative detention in Greece?"**.
International Conference, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) "Administrative Detention.

International Law and National Practises”, Athens (September 2014).

PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIONS/HEARINGS

- 2017 **Hearing of Civil Society and other Key Stakeholders - Condition of Administrative Detention of Migrants** (1st Draft of the Codifying Instrument of European Rules on the Administrative Detention of Migrants).
Council of Europe, European Committee on Legal Co-Operation, Strasbourg (12 June 2017).
Oral observations.
- 2013 **Workshop with Stakeholders: Immigration Detention and the Rule of Law: Safeguarding Principles.**
British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, London (1 May 2013).
Oral observations.

LECTURES IN POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS/TRAININGS

Postgraduate Programs

- 2017 Panteion University, Department of International, European and Regional Studies. Master in International Law and Diplomatic Studies, Athens (May 2017).
Lecture: *The concept of Immigration Detention* (in English).
- 2016 Panteion University, Department of International, European and Regional Studies. Master in International Law and Diplomatic Studies, Athens (March 2016).
Lecture: *Alternatives to Detention* (in English).
- 2014 University of Athens, Department of Media. Master in Media and Communication, Athens (October 2014).
Lecture: *Legality and Illegality. The case of administrative detention of third country nationals* (in Greek).
- 2008 Democritus University of Thrace, Faculty of Law. Master in International Law, Komotini (January 2008).
Lecture: *The European Social Charter* (in Greek).

Training Courses

- 2019 Training for Legal Practitioners.

- Lecture: a. International standards in detention and protection of migrants' rights; b. Principles and fundamental documents; Practical Session (in English).
Co-organized by: **International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) - Legal and Policy Resource Centre of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan** (2-5 October 2019).
- 2018 Seminar for trainee Judges of the National School of Judges.
Lecture: a. *Administrative Detention/Legal Remedies. National and International framework*; b. *The impact of 2016 EU-Turkey Statement on the Greek legal order* (in Greek).
Co-organised by: **National School of Judges/Greek Council for Refugees, Thessaloniki** (16-19 July 2018).
- 2018 Training for Legal Practitioners.
Lecture: *Providing Legal Assistance to persons in need of international protection*" (in Greek).
Organised by: **Irakleio Bar Association, Crete** (25 June 2018).
- 2017 Training for Lawyers-NGO staff.
Lecture: *Proceedings before Greek national courts and challenges in view of possible references for preliminary ruling before the CJEU within the framework of detention cases* (in English).
Co-organised by: **UNHCR Representation in Greece/The AIRE Center, Athens** (20 November 2017).
- 2016, 2018 Training for lawyers, NGOs' staff and staff of the administration "Migration and Refugees Flows and the International European Law".
Lecture: *The Detention of Asylum Seekers and Migrants* (in Greek).
Organised by: **University of Athens/Law School, JEAN MONNET Short Course, Athens** (10 December 2016/9 May 2018).
- 2016 Training for Lawyers "Refugee and Migration Law".
Lecture: *Challenging detention of third country nationals. Legal Remedies. National and International case law* (in Greek).
Organised by: **Plenary of the Presidents of Bar Associations in Greece/Athens Bar Association, Athens** (13 September 2016)
- 2016 Seminar for trainee Judges of the National School of Judges.
Lecture: *Administrative Detention and the Implementation of Alternatives to Detention. National and International law* (in Greek).
National School of Judges/Greek Council for Refugees, Thessaloniki (24 February 2016).
- 2015 Training for police staff.
Lecture: *The treatment of newly arrived third country nationals on the basis of national and EU Law* (in Greek).

Directorate of the Greek Police/Police Academy, Athens (11 May 2015).

- 2015 Seminar for trainee Judges of the National School of Judges.
Lecture: *The effectiveness of national legal remedies for challenging detention* (in Greek).
National School of Judges/UNHCR Office in Greece, Athens (6 April 2015)
- 2015 “Made Real Project”, training on alternatives to detention.
Lecture: *Alternatives to detention with a particular focus on vulnerable asylum seekers* (in Greek).
Odysseus Academic Network (Université Libre de Bruxelles)/ Greek Council for Refugees, Athens (16-17 February 2015).
- 2014 UNHCR Annual Training for Lawyers and NGOs’ staff.
Lecture: *Detention in case of non-feasible return* (in Greek).
UNHCR Office in Greece, Athens (2 December 2014).
- 2012 IDC European Regional Workshop.
Lecture: *Aspects of Third Country Nationals’ Detention in Greece* (in English)
International Detention Coalition, Athens (22 November 2012).

5. LANGUAGES

Greek	Native speaker.
English	Fluent (Certificate of Proficiency, University of Cambridge).
French	Intermediate.
IT skills	MS Office, Internet.

6. OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2019 Candidate for the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT).
- 2019-today Member of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights
- 2017-2019 Alternate Member of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights
- 2017-2019 Member of the Board of the Greek Council for Refugees.
- 2012-today Member of the Group of Lawyers for the Rights of Refugees and Migrants.

2006-today Member of the Hellenic League for Human Rights.