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WORK EXPERIENCE

- August 2022 – onwards: **Scientific Advisor, Scientific Council, Hellenic Parliament**
- November 2021 – onwards: **Assistant Professor in Public International Law, Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**
- September 2022 – onwards: **Consultant, Maritime Crime Programme, UNODC**
- June 2022 – December 2022: **Academic Consultant, NATO MARSEC CEO**
- January 2021 – September 2021: **Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Bristol Law School**
- August 2015 – December 2020: **Lecturer in Law, University of Bristol Law School**
- September 2014 – June 2015: **Teaching Assistant in Law, University of Bristol Law School**
- September 2012 – August 2014: **Assistant Teacher, University of Bristol Law School**

TEACHING

Panteion University, October 2021 – onwards:

- UG Teaching: International Law of the Sea, General Principles of International Law, Theory & Law of International Organizations, International Human Rights Law, International Law of Air and Space
- PG Teaching: International Law & Security, The Law of Use of Force

School of National Defence, Greece, October 2021 – onwards: Course: International Law & Security (PG Programme)

Open Hellenic University, October 2022 – June 2023: Course: Policies on the Protection of Human Rights (UG programme)

University of Piraeus, February 2023 – October 2023: Course: Marine Governance (MSc Programme)

University of Bristol, October 2012 – September 2021: I taught across several units at the undergraduate level (Law and Policy of the EU I, General Principles of International Law, Constitutional Rights, Introduction to Law and Trusts) and postgraduate level (Maritime Security and International Law and Human Rights).

VISITING TEACHING – SUMMER COURSES

- **Olympia Summer Academy in Politics and International Studies**: ‘Terrorism and Human Rights’ – Lecture at the Summer Programme (July 2023).
- **University of Nottingham**: ‘Human Rights at Sea’ – Seminar at the PG Programme (April 2022).
- **Faculty of Law, Waseda University**: ‘The Human Rights of Seafarers’ – Lecture at the PG Programme (April 2021).

- **University of Leipzig:** ‘Terrorism and Human Rights’ – Lecture at the Human Rights Summer Programme (September 2019).
- **University of Freiburg:** ‘Human Security’ – Lecture at the PG programme (January 2016).

TRAINING COURSES

I have lectured on Human Security and Maritime Security as part of at the Maritime Security Course II of the **Atlantic Centre, Ministry of Defence, Portugal** (June 2022), on the Legal Aspects of Maritime Unmanned Systems (December 2021) and on Piracy and Armed Robbery (September 2023) at the **NATO Maritime Security Centre of Excellence (NATO MARSEC COE)**.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **PhD**, University of Bristol Law School – Title: ‘Hostages and Human Rights: Towards a Victim-Centred Approach?’, supervised by Professor Sir Malcolm Evans, KCMG, OBE & Professor Rachel Murray (2011-2016)
- **LLM**, Public Law, University of Bristol Law School (2010-2011)
- **LLB** Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2005-2010)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

My research expertise lies in maritime security, the international law of the sea, international human rights law, and terrorism studies.

BOOKS

1. *Human Rights and the Law of the Sea* (co-authored with Malcolm D Evans and Reece Lewis), Edward Elgar, forthcoming.
2. *Hostages and Human Rights: Towards a Victim-Centred Approach*, Cambridge University Press, 2021.

Reviews and Endorsements:

‘This important book draws much-needed attention to the neglected human rights of hostages in international legal responses to hostage taking, particularly in countering terrorism and piracy. It deftly shows how the dominant framework of criminal suppression has paradoxically recognised the rights of perpetrators but not necessarily of victims, while state responsibility has focused largely on states' not victims' rights. It calls for victims to be protected through a human rights-centred approach, including by careful attention to its extraterritorial application. The book provides a rich account of doctrine, state practice, and policy, and stands out as the leading work in this area.’ **Professor Ben Saul, University of Sydney**

“The book adds a new critical perspective to the field. Its analysis of the jurisprudence is clear and informative, the discussion of the responsibilities and positive obligations of state and non-state actors is full of important insights and the analysis concerning preventive measures and safeguards is fascinating. This book is an outstanding piece of work.” **Dr Silvia Casale, CMG, Former President of the CPT / Former Chairperson of the SPT**

BLIND DOUBLE PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

3. (co-authored with Lisa Mardikian), ‘Protecting the Arctic Indigenous Peoples’ Livelihoods in the Face of Climate Change: The Potential of Regional Human Rights Law and the Law of the Sea’ (2023) 23 (3) *Human Rights Law Review* pp.1-24 <https://doi.org/10.1093/hrlr/ngad020> [15,000 words] (Impact Factor 2023 - 1.5).

4. 'Tensions and Cooperation in Realizing Maritime Security in the Mediterranean Sea: The Examples of Maritime Terrorism and Irregular Migration' (2022) *Italian Yearbook of International Law* pp. 91-115 [10,000 words] doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/22116133-03101006>.
5. 'Port Closures and Persons at Sea in International Law' (2021) *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* pp.605-633 [14,000 words] doi:10.1017/S0020589321000233 (Impact Factor 2020 - 1.932).
6. 'Assessing Maritime Security and Human Rights: The Role of the EU and its MS in the Protection of Human Rights in the Maritime Domain' (2020) *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law* pp.325-347 [10,000 words] (2021 Impact Factor: 1.393) *Listed as the top impactful paper of the journal <https://oair.org/j.php?j=1571-8085>
7. 'Terrorist Hostage-Taking and Human Rights: Protecting the Human Rights of the Victims of Terrorism under the European Convention' (2019) *Human Rights Law Review* pp.149-171 <https://doi.org/10.1093/hrlr/ngz002> [12,500 words] (Impact Factor 2023 - 1.5).
8. 'The Human Rights and Maritime Law Implications of a Piracy Ransom Ban for International Shipping' (2017) *Maritime Safety and Security Journal* pp.22-46 [12,000 words].
9. 'Somali Piracy and the Human Rights of Seafarers' (2016) *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights* pp.71-98 [12,000 words].

BOOK CHAPTERS IN EDITED COLLECTIONS

10. 'The Right to Health at Sea' in I Papanicolopulu & A Petrig *Handbook on Human Rights at Sea* (eds) (Oxford University Press, forthcoming) [8,200 words].
11. 'Mass Migration as a 'Hybrid Threat' and Human Rights in the Mediterranean Sea' in A Lott (ed.) *Hybrid Naval Warfare through the Lens of Maritime Security Law* (Brill, forthcoming) [10,500 words].
12. 'Maritime Autonomous Vehicles in the Polar Waters: Opportunities, Risks and Governance' in N Klein, D Guilfoyle, S Karim, R McLaughlin (eds) *MAVs and International Maritime Security Law* (Routledge, forthcoming) [8,000 words].
13. (co-authored with M Sevel), 'The Rule of Law at Sea' in M Sevel (ed) *Routledge Handbook of the Rule of Law*, Routledge (forthcoming) [8,000 words].
14. 'Maritime Security in the Polar Regions' in Y Tanaka, R Johnstone & V Ulfbeck (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Polar Law*, Routledge, 2023, pp. 141-156 [10,000 words].
15. (co-authored with M Evans), 'The Interplay between Maritime Security and the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: Help or Hindrance?' in MD Evans and S Galani (eds) *Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea: Help or Hindrance?* Edward Elgar, 2020 pp. 1-24 [10,500 words].
16. 'Human Security versus National Security in Anti-Terrorist Operations: Whose Security Interests Does the Margin of Appreciation Serve?' in C Paulussen and M Scheinin (eds) *Human Dignity and Human Security in Times of Terrorism*, T.M.C. Asser Press/Springer Verlag, 2019 pp. 97-121 [9,800 words].
17. (co-authored with MD Evans), 'Piracy and the Development of International Law' in Panos Koutrakos & Achilles Skordas (eds) *The Law and Practice of Piracy*. Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2015 pp. 343-365 [10,000 words].

EDITED BOOK

18. (co-edited with MD Evans) (eds.) *Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea: Help or Hindrance?* Edward Elgar (2020).

Reviewed by Arron Honniball in *Ocean Yearbook* (2021), p. 231 and Tarique Faiyazand Balraj Kaur Sidhu in *The Journal of Territorial and Maritime Studies* Vol. 10, No. 1 (Winter/Spring 2023), pp. 94-97.

PUBLICATIONS IN GREECE:

19. (in Greek) ‘Climate Change, Changing Borders and Challenges in Maritime Security in the Arctic Ocean’ in S. Perrakis (ed.) *Borders* (I Sideris, 2023), pp. 183-209 [10,000 words].
20. (in Greek) ‘The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and Maritime Security: Basic Principles and Contemporary Challenges’ *Cahiers de Droit International et de Politique Internationale* (I. Sideris, 2023), pp. 126-147 [9,800 words].
21. (in Greek) ‘Is the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Fit For Purpose in the 21st century? A critical review of the House of Lords Inquiry’ *Cahiers de Droit International et de Politique Internationale* (I. Sideris, 2022) [2,500 words].
22. Human Rights Committee, ‘A.S., D.I., O.I. and G.D v Italy: A Sea Change in the Protection of the Right to Life at Sea?’ *Cahiers de Droit International et de Politique Internationale*, (I. Sideris, 2021) pp. 78-82.

UNODC, UN GLOBAL MARITIME CRIME PROGRAMME

23. Author of Smuggling of Migrants by Sea: The Interplay between Transnational Criminal Law, the International Law of the Sea and Human Rights (and Refugee Law) – Issue Paper (forthcoming).
24. Author of Marine Pollution (Chapter) in *UNODC Manual for Criminal Justice Practitioners* (4th ed, forthcoming).
25. Author of Human Rights in the Maritime Domain (Chapter) in *UNODC Manual for Criminal Justice Practitioners* (2019, 2nd edition).
26. Author of Kidnapping for Ransom (Chapter) in *UNODC Manual for Criminal Justice Practitioners* (2019, 2nd edition).
27. Contributor to the *UNODC Manual for Criminal Justice Practitioners* (3rd edition and 4th edition).

CASE COMMENTS

28. ECHR, *Lesław Wójcik v Poland* - Conjugal prison visits (2022) *European Human Rights Law Review* pp. 178-179.
29. ECHR, *Michnea v Romania* – Unilateral Removal of Children (2020) *European Human Rights Law Review* pp. 671-673.
30. ECHR, *A v Croatia* (7144/15) – “Child Sexual Abuse” (2019) *European Human Rights Law Review* pp. 555-557.
31. ECHR, *ES v Austria* (38450/12) – “Freedom of Expression and Feelings of Believers” (2019) *European Human Rights Law Review* pp. 93-94.
32. ECHR, *Alekhina v Russia* (38004/12) – “Pussy Riot” (2018) *European Human Rights Law Review* pp. 625-628.
33. ECHR, *Frolich v Germany* (16112/15) – Parenting Testing and Contract Rights European Human Rights Law Review pp. 633-635.

POLICY BRIEFS

34. ‘Maritime Law Enforcement and Human Security at Sea’ Atlantic Centre (July 2022) available at https://www.defesa.gov.pt/pt/pdefesa/ac/pub/acpubs/Documents/Atlantic-Centre_PB_12.pdf

INVITED REVIEWS OF SINGLE ACADEMIC BOOK

35. 'Review of Prosecuting Maritime Piracy: Domestic Solutions to International Crimes' edited by Michael P. Scharf, Michael A. Newton and Milena Sterio (CUP, 2015)' *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* (2017).
36. 'Review of Henrik Ringbom (ed), Jurisdiction over Ships: Post-UNCLOS Developments in the Law of the Sea (BRILL,2015)' *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law* (2017).

BLOGS

37. 'Humans as "Bargaining Chips"' *Verfassungsblog* (17 March 2022) <https://verfassungsblog.de/humans-as-bargaining-chips/>
38. (co-authored with K Judkins), 'Discriminating against Your Own Nationals: The Peculiar Case of New Zealand Seafarers' (23 November 2021) *EJIL:Talk!* <https://www.ejiltalk.org/discriminating-against-your-own-nationals-the-peculiar-case-of-new-zealand-seafarers/>
39. 'The First Parliamentary Debate on Human Rights at Sea: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?' (10 July 2021) *EJIL:Talk!* <https://www.ejiltalk.org/the-first-parliamentary-debate-on-human-rights-at-sea-one-step-forward-two-steps-back/>
40. (co-authored with MD Evans), 'The Views of the Human Rights Committee in A.S., D.I., O.I. and G.D. v Italy and the Right to Life at Sea' (31 May 2021) *University of Bristol Law School Blog* <https://legalresearch.blogs.bris.ac.uk/2021/05/the-views-of-the-human-rights-committee-in-a-s-d-i-o-i-and-g-d-v-italy-and-the-right-to-life-at-sea/>
41. 'Persons at Sea, International Law and Covid-19' (24 November 2020) *EJIL: Talk!* www.ejiltalk.org/persons-at-sea-international-law-and-covid-19/
42. 'Hostages and Human Rights at the European Court of Human Rights: The Tagayeva and Others v Russia Case' (8 May 2017) *University of Bristol Law School Blog* <https://legalresearch.blogs.bris.ac.uk/tag/tagayeva-and-others-v-russia/>
43. 'The forgotten victims of Somali piracy' (7 November 2016) *University of Bristol Law School Blog* <https://legalresearch.blogs.bris.ac.uk/2016/11/the-forgotten-victims-of-somali-piracy/comment-page-1/>

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

44. A Short Note on The Legal Aspects of The Protection of Critical Maritime Infrastructure And The Role of NATO, 3rd Maritime Security Conference Proceedings Maritime Security in the Scope of Nato's New Strategic Concept, NATO MARSEC CEO, 2023, <<https://www.marseccoe.org/publications/#single/0>>.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS:

45. Co-Author of the [Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea](#), Human Rights at Sea.

KEYNOTE SPEECHES/SEMINARS:

1. 'Multilateral and Minilateral Measures Perspectives to Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea: A Victim's Perspective', Rashtriya Raksha University (National Security University), February 2022.
2. 'Port Closures and Human Rights at Sea', Law School, University of Lincoln, April 2021.
3. 'Maritime Terrorism in International Law', Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions, University of Haifa, February 2019.

4. 'The Interplay between Maritime Security and the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: Help or Hindrance?', University of Oxford, February 2020.
5. 'Human Rights at Sea and Maritime Security: Friends or Foes?', Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, January 2018.
6. 'The Forgotten Victims of Piracy', University of Portsmouth, March 2017.

CONFERENCES:

1. The Red Sea Crisis: Assessing the International Legal and Maritime Security Implications – Roundtable Discussion, Asser Institute, March 2024 (upon invitation).
2. Jurisdiction and the Protection of People at Sea – Roundtable Discussion, University of Milano-Bicocca, March 2024 (upon invitation).
3. 'Legal Aspects of the Protection of Maritime Critical Infrastructure and the Role of NATO', NATO MARSEC CEO, June 2023 (upon invitation).
4. 'Migration as a Hybrid Threat and Human Rights at Sea: The Case of the Mediterranean', NCLOS, May 2023 (upon invitation).
5. 'Japan-Greece Cooperation for the Safety of Navigation from the Eastern Mediterranean Sea to the Indo-Pacific', Japan Embassy – ELIAMEP, March 2023 (upon invitation).
6. 'Human Rights Law at Sea' co-organizer with Professor Sir Malcolm Evans and Dr Reece Lewis, Wilton Park, December 2022.
7. 'Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea: Help or Hindrance?' NILOS and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, November 2022 (upon invitation).
8. 'Maritime Autonomous Vehicles in the Polar Waters: Opportunities and Governance', University of Sydney, November 2022 (upon invitation).
9. '40 Years of UNCLOS: Some Perspectives on Maritime Security', Nafplio International Law Conference, September 2022.
10. (in Greek) '40 Years of UNCLOS: Law of the Sea and Human Rights', 4th Symposium of International Law and International Relations for the Aegean and the East Mediterranean, HESILIR, September 2022.
11. 'Developing a Unified and Inter-State Approach to Mitigating the Threat of Maritime Terrorist Travel in Africa – Some Reflections', GCFT Good Practices for Interdicting Terrorist Travel: Maritime Security in Africa, September 2022 (upon invitation).
12. 'Surveying the Oceans with the Use of Maritime Unmanned Systems', NATO MARSEC CEO, September 2022 (upon invitation).
13. 'Migration in the Mediterranean Sea at the Time of the Pandemic', COVID-19, Borders, and the Law, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Hong Kong University, May 2022 (upon invitation).
14. 'P&O Ferries Sacking – A Law of the Sea Perspective', P&O Ferries: A Roundtable on Seafarers, Industrial Relations and the Law, University of Bristol, April 2022 (upon invitation).
15. 'Maritime Security in the South China Sea and the Role of China', Cooperation between Japan and Greece, Panteion University, March 2022 (upon invitation).
16. 'Legal Aspects of Maritime Unmanned Systems', MARSEC CEO, February 2022 (upon invitation).
17. (in Greek) 'Maritime Security and Human Rights: The Role of the EU in Protecting Human Rights at Sea' Kalliopi Koufa Foundation (upon invitation).
18. 'Human Security at Sea', Naval War College, October 2021 (upon invitation).
19. (in Greek) 'Climate Change, Emerging Frontiers and New Challenges in the Arctic Ocean' 3rd Symposium of International Law and International Relations for the Aegean and the East Mediterranean, HESILIR, September 2021.

20. ‘Arctic Governance and International Law’, Cabot Institute, University of Bristol, March 2020 (upon invitation).
21. ‘Maritime Security and Brexit’, IdeasLab Project in February, University of Bristol, February 2020 (upon invitation).
22. (in Greek) ‘Applying Human Rights within EU Waters’, Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations (December 2018).
23. ‘The Role of Humans in Maritime Activities’, University of Milano-Bicocca, November 2019 (upon invitation).
24. ‘Piracy and International Law’, London Conference on International Law, October 2019 (upon invitation).
25. ‘Maritime Security and Human Rights: The Role of the EU and its Member States in Protecting Human Rights in the Maritime Domain’, University of Leiden, October 2018.
26. ‘Human Security at Sea and the Maritime Silk Road’, Institute for International and Comparative Law and Confucius Institute, University of Central Lancashire, May 2018 (upon invitation).
27. ‘Victims of Terrorism and Human Rights: Why It Does (Not) Matter Who Violates Their Human Rights?’, University of Cambridge, April 2018.
28. (in Greek) ‘The Belt and Road Initiative and Maritime Security: Prospects and Challenges for the Aegean Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean’ Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations, September 2018.
29. Right to Life, Margin of Appreciation and Anti-Terrorist Operations in The European Court of Human Rights: Do Desperate Times Call for Desperate Solutions?’ Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions, University of Haifa, February 2018.
30. ‘Human Security versus National Security in Anti-Terrorist Operations: Whose Security Interests Does the ECtHR’s Margin of Appreciation Serve?’ T.M.C. Institute, The Hague, December 2017.
31. ‘Terrorist Hostage-Taking and Human Rights beyond and within a State’s Borders’, International Meeting on Law and Society, Mexico, June 2017.
32. ‘Moral Duties, Human Rights Obligations and Political Interests in Extraterritorial Rescue Operations’, University of Haifa, May 2017.
33. ‘Mass Surveillance in a Europe in Crisis: Striking the Right Balance between Privacy and International Security’, Legal Research Network, Ghent University, October 2016.
34. ‘The CJEU, the ECtHR and the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy: Towards a New Privacy Era in Europe?’, AHRI Human Rights Conference, University of Utrecht, September 2016.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

- Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy (since 2017).
- Member of the International Law Association (ILA) - Hellenic Branch (since 2021) and a Member of the ILA Committee on Persons at Sea (since 2024).
- Member of the Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations (since 2018).
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law (since 2022).
- Editor of the Case and Comment Section of the *European Human Rights Law Review* (2015-2023).
- I was invited to [give oral evidence](#) before the International Relations and Defence Committee of the UK Parliament on the inquiry UNCLOS: fit for purposes in the 21st century? (October 2021).

- I provided advice for the preparation of the revised UK National Security Strategy (2021).
- Member of the Non-Executive Board of the UK-based charity, Human Rights at Sea (from 2017-onwards).
- I have reviewed book proposals and articles for the Oxford University Press, Edward Elgar, Routledge, Springer, the University of Exeter Press, the *Marine Policy*, *Ocean Yearbook*, *the Journal of International Criminal Justice*, *the International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, *the Journal of African Law*, *the International Community Law Review*, *Liverpool Law Review*, *The Age of Human Rights Journal*, *Global Policy* and *the Utrecht Journal of International and European Law*.

RESEARCH FUNDING:

I have received the following **research grants/fellowships**:

1. Scholarship of Excellence, Chinese Programme IDIS, “‘From Bait to Plate’: Tackling Human Rights Abuses on the Chinese Distant Water Fleet” (with Daphne Guelker, University of Bristol Law School) (EUR 2,500).
2. Sponsorship from the Union of Greek Shipowners for the organisation of a conference on ‘Human Rights at Sea’ in cooperation with Wilton Park, UK (EUR 10,000) (Δεκέμβριος 2022).
3. Impact and Engagement Fund, University of Bristol Law School (GBP 300) (2019).
4. Research Fellowship, Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions, Faculty of Law and Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Haifa – Research Project: ‘Hostage-Taking and Counter-Terrorism Policies: Lessons Learnt from the Israeli Experience’ (EUR 2,000) (2019).
5. Research Visiting Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Tel Aviv University (2019).
6. ESRC Impact Travel Acceleration Award, Policy Bristol (GBP 500) (2018).
7. International Strategic Fund, University of Bristol (GBP 1,430) (2018).
8. Global Strategic Research Fund, University of Bristol (GBP 1,500) (2017).

ORGANISATION OF RESEARCH EVENTS:

I have co-organised with Professor Sir Malcolm Evans OBE the following events:

- IDIS roundtable discussion on Houthis and the Red Sea Crisis: Legal, Geopolitical and Commercial Implications (April 2024).
- Wilton Park event on Human Rights Law at Sea with the participation of 30 experts (judges, academics, practitioners, and representatives from UN bodies, the EUNAVFOR, the Royal Navy and the shipping industry (December 5-7, 2022). The Conference report can be found at <https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/app/uploads/2023/01/WP3112-Report-Human-Rights-Law-at-Sea.pdf>.
- A webinar on the “Decision & Views concerning Communication No. 3043/2017” with the participation of 8 experts on human rights, migration, and the law of the sea (May 2021).
- A webinar on “Torture Prevention at Sea” with the participation of experts from the Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture, the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture, National Human Rights Institutions, NGOs, and academic institutions (May 2020).
- A one-day event on “Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea: Help or Hindrance?” with academic experts as well as experts from the Foreign Office and the Royal Navy.