

Department of Law, Goldsmiths University of
London Summer School in Athens

Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice: Britain, Greece and the EU



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Panteion
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Course

Description

Living in a transition era of crisis and transformation, we are forced to reflect upon social and political phenomena which impact our social and private life. Human rights protection is a subject of utmost importance within this rapidly changing geo-political landscape.

The Department of Law at Goldsmiths University of London, in collaboration with academics from Greek universities –University of Macedonia, Harokopio University, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences and Athens University of Economics and Business – and Study in Greece are offering the intensive summer school on **Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice: Britain, Greece and the EU**. The course is designed around an interdisciplinary curriculum that combines legal, international relations and social science approaches to some of the most crucial issues of our times related to human rights, such as the migration/refugee crisis, viewed from a humanitarian, human rights and national security perspective, the rule of law crisis in Europe, the impact of populism on liberal democratic values (analyzed from the angle of the threat of Grexit, which did not materialize, and the reality of Brexit that will dominate EU-UK relations for many years to come) or the impact of austerity on human rights.

The course provides an intercultural academic framework which facilitates exchange and knowledge sharing between academics and students from the UK and Greece. Participants will have the opportunity to attend lectures and seminars offered by expert tutors of diverse scientific backgrounds.

Key areas examined:

- Human rights law and policy
- Refugee law and migration policies
- EU Law and Politics
- Law, technology and human rights
- Human rights, financial crisis and populism
- European Convention on Human Rights

Faculty:

- **Prof Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos** (Head of Department of Law, Goldsmiths University of London)
- **Dr George Mavrommatis**, Assistant Professor (Department of Geography, Harokopio University)
- **Prof Dimitrios Skiadas** (Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia)
- **Zacharoula Tsirigoti**, (former) Police Lt General/Police Inspector General for Aliens and Border Protection

Academic Highlights:

Visit to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the British Ambassador's residence in Athens

Visit to the Greek Ambassador's residence in London (prior to departing for Athens) (TBC)

Workshops at the [Athens University of Economic and Business](#), and [Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences](#)

Outings:

In reflecting the Law department's strongly cosmopolitan character, and Goldsmiths University's historic strengths in the arts, the annual summer school aims as much to expose participants to a foreign legal system, and its interactions with the transnational (EU) and international (ECHR) legal order, as to immerse them in the life and culture and people of its capital city, through its history, and through its modern transformations too.

Students will stay in the heart of Athens and will have time to explore the historic and vibrant capital of Greece.

The program includes visits to

- world heritage sites like the Acropolis of Athens, the [Acropolis museum](#) and the [Pnyx](#), where the brilliant orations associated with Athenian democracy were delivered (students will attempt such orations there themselves!)

- the new [National Gallery](#),

- the [Collection of the Basil and Elise Goulandris Foundation](#), which focuses on modern and contemporary art by world-renowned artists such as Cézanne, van

Gogh, Gauguin, Monet, Picasso, Kandinsky, Miró, Pollock, Lichtenstein as well as acclaimed modern and contemporary Greek artists;

- the Greek Parliament;

- walking tours in Athens and Piraeus;

- the picturesque [Mikrolimano harbor](#) and the [Alimos coastline](#) or [Vouliagmeni beach](#) (where everyone will be able to go for a swim).



July 2022 summer school participants at the Acropolis

Course Information

Location, dates and application deadline:

- Greece: Athens.
- Sunday, June 25, 2023 to Saturday, July 1, 2023.
- Deadline for application: March 24th

Cost:

- 632€, including tuition fees, accommodation, scheduled activities (flights not covered; typical return ticket will cost approximately 250-300 €) (cost calculated on the basis of 16 students attending – it may be slightly lower or higher depending on the final number of participants).
- Goldsmiths Law students and students in School of Culture & Society (Goldsmiths).
- Students (by invitation) in collaborating programmes in the UK and Greece.

Scholarships:

- 250-350€ scholarships available to Goldsmiths Law students. Upon application. Scholarships will cover a range of circumstances including student engagement, academic achievement, relevant socio-economic conditions, career aspirations and interest in the summer school.

Course certification: Participants will be awarded a certificate of attendance. Last year they were awarded certificates by the British Ambassador in his residence in Athens

Draft timetable of academic sessions

Monday 26.6

@Harokopio University

Course 1: Human Rights in Greece and the EU

10.00: Course 1.a.: Human Rights in Greece: key legal frameworks and institutions

11.00: Course 1.b: Human Rights in the EU: key legal frameworks and institutions

12.00-12.30 Coffee/quick bite break (outside, under the olive trees)

12.30-13.30: Course 1.c: Human Rights and the financial crisis in Greece

Instructor: Prof. Dimitrios Skiadas (Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia).

13.30-14.00: Concluding observations for day 1 (with Prof Dimitrios Giannoulopoulos and Dr Jinal Dadiya)

13.45 Lunch at University canteen

14.30 Return to hostel and rest/free time

Evening activity

17.00: Visit to [Pnyx](#)

18.00: Visit to the Acropolis

20.00: "Plaka" (area around the Acropolis) walking tour, a taste of "souvlaki" and Greek salad/"mezes" (for the vegetarians), and free time

22.00 Free time

Tuesday 27.6

Course 2 @Athens University of Economics and Business

10.00-14.00

A day dedicated to exploring the interrelationship between economic crisis, austerity and human rights (and coming out of crisis, and looking into the future).

Taught by leading faculty at the leading University specialising in economic sciences and business studies in Athens.

Detail TBC

Evening activity

17.00-20.00

Swim in [Alimos coastline](#) or [Vouliagmeni beach](#).

21.00 Free time

Wednesday 28/6

10.00-14.00

Parliament visit and/or visit to UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Visit to the new [National Gallery](#) and/or the [Collection of the Basil and Elise Goulandris Foundation](#).

Evening activity: course 3/research roundtable @Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

18.00-20.30: Keynote presentations by Prof. Ilias Angnostopoulos (Department of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) and Prof. Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos, (Department of Law, Goldsmiths University of London)
Chaired by Prof Olga Tsolka (Panteion University)

Roundtable discussion with Goldsmiths Law undergraduate students and students of the M.A. Programme in European Criminal Law and Policy (Panteion University)

20.30-22.30: Goldsmiths and "Panteion" students and faculty get together for drinks/pizza

Thursday 29/6

@Harokopio University

Course 4: Migration studies

10.00-12.00: A brief history of migration to Greece

12.00-12.45 Coffee/lunch break (outside, under the olive trees)

Instructor: Dr. George Mavrommatis, Assistant Professor (Department of Geography, Harokopio University of Athens)

Course 5: The Refugee Crisis and deportation/return policies

12.45-14.15 The 2015 Refugee Crisis

14.15-14.30 Quick break

14.30-16.00 Deportation and return policies: the Greek experience (and questions for UK practice in the Channel)

Instructor: Zacharoula Tsirigoti, (former) Police Lt General/Police Inspector General for Aliens and Border Protection.

Evening activity

Visit to the Acropolis Museum, followed by free time or open air cinema

Friday 30/6

Venue TBC

10.00-13.00: Concluding observations for days 2-4 (with Prof Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos and Dr Jinal Dadiya), and drafting of presentations for closing ceremony

16.00-17.30: Closing ceremony and award of certificates (venue TBC)

Evening activity

Dinner and drinks in [Mikrolimano harbor](#)

Saturday 1/7

Departure



The UK Home Secretary, Suella Braverman, and Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, are introducing legislation that will ban refugees arriving through the Channel on small boats from applying for asylum in the UK.

How can this legislation be compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights, and what does it mean for future adherence to the ECHR that the UK has intimated it might be prepared to proceed regardless, by contemplating non-implementation of future ECtHR jurisprudence against the UK in this area?

How has Greece tackled the similar issue of small boats arriving in Greek islands from the Turkish coast? Has its practice pushed the boundaries of international human rights law in similar ways?

And does the fact that the UK is no longer a member of the EU account for adopting an approach that challenges international law at its very core (in ways that Greece may, for example, be prevented from doing so)?

Just some of the timely and poignant questions we will be asking in our Athens human rights summer school, adopting a legal cosmopolitan perspective that prioritises the international rule of law.

Email **Law@gold.ac.uk** with any queries about the programme.

“A refugee is not a crime, it is not an identity or a social status, it is when you are forced to leave and find yourself in a place and in a moment you don’t choose.”

Anonymous refugee from Sudan