

School of Law, UCLan Cyprus

The School of Law of UCLan Cyprus is pleased to announce the EUPOP Guest Lecture for 2022 that will take place on **29 March 2022** from **17:00-19:00** (Cyprus time) within the framework of the Jean Monnet Module 'European Union Law and Governance in Populist Times'. The Guest Lecture entitled

"The Impact of Right-Wing Populism on the Family Rights of Sexual Minorities in Europe"

will be delivered by Professor Alina Tryfonidou, Professor of European Law, Neapolis University, Pafos and Visiting Professor of Law, University of Reading, UK.

In Europe, right-wing populism is on the rise. Right-wing populists tend to favour traditional forms of authority and patriarchal family structures and have rather conservative attitudes towards sexual relations. In particular, they tend to conceptualise homosexuality as an unnatural, corrupting, force on society and as a threat to the "traditional family". On this basis, they oppose the extension of basic family rights to sexual minorities: the right to marry and the right to become a parent are, still, in many European countries, the prerogative of persons who do not belong to a sexual minority. Family law remains an area of exclusive state power and, thus, in States where they are powerful, right-wing populist groups can have a direct impact on national family policies and legislation which regulates family rights and, thus, can negatively affect the family rights that sexual minorities enjoy at national level. However, the negative impact of right-wing populism on the family rights of sexual minorities is, also, felt - albeit more indirectly - at a supranational level, since the European Courts (the EU's ECJ and the Council of Europe's ECtHR) do not wish to deliver rulings regarding the family rights of sexual minorities, which will meet with the opposition of - and, thus, non-implementation by - (some) European states. The aim of this lecture, therefore, will be to examine the role that right-wing populism may have played in limiting the family rights of sexual minorities in Europe, at both the national and supranational levels.

Target audience

PhD students, early career researchers, undergraduate, postgraduate students and other advanced students in fields such as law, European studies, sociology and politics, policy makers, representatives of civil society, stakeholders, professionals.

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Registration

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Professor Alina Tryfonidou



Professor Alina Tryfonidou is Professor of European Law at Neapolis University Pafos. She is, also, a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Reading (UK). She began her academic career in 2007, as a Lecturer in Law at the University of Leicester (UK). She subsequently joined the University of Reading (UK) as a Lecturer in 2011 and was promoted to Associate Professor in EU Law in 2013 and to Professor of Law in 2018. She joined Neapolis University Pafos in April 2021. Professor Tryfonidou obtained her LLB (2001), LLM (2002) and PhD (2008) from King's College London, where she also taught European Law as a Visiting Tutor (2005-2007) and Visiting Lecturer (2010-2011). She is an Associate of King's College (AKC) since 2008, a non-practising member of the Cyprus Bar since 2003, a Fellow of the Centre of European Law at King's College London since 2007, and a Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy (now Advance HE) (FHEA) since 2016. In 2004, Professor Tryfonidou completed a Blue Book traineeship at the European Commission (DG MARKT - now DG GROW), and in 2010-2011 she was an IALS Visiting Fellow in London. Professor Tryfonidou is a member of the European Commission Expert Group on the Recognition of Parenthood between Member States, which aims to assist the European Commission in the preparation of a legislative proposal for a Regulation which will require the cross-border recognition of parenthood in the EU. She, also, sits on the Editorial Board of the Cyprus Review. Professor Tryfonidou's main research interests lie in European law, focusing on EU free movement law, family law, and the rights of sexual minorities.