

SUMMER SCHOOL 10 - 11th June 2022

*EU LAW AND GOVERNANCE
IN POPULIST TIMES (#EU-POP)*

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/ CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

The School of Law of UCLan Cyprus is pleased to announce its third annual EU-POP Summer School that will take place on the **10th and 11th of June 2022**, within the framework of the Jean Monnet Module 'European Union Law and Governance in Populist Times.'

This year's Summer School will focus on the ways in which populism poses a threat to the rule of law and other European values. Subject to COVID-19 related measures in force at the time, the Summer School will take place simultaneously **on site at the UCLan Cyprus campus and online via Microsoft Teams (10:00-16:00 Cyprus times).**

/ The Project

The European Union is faced with a threat to its very foundations through the rise of right-wing populist narratives and political parties. The current climate of uncertainty, migration flows without adequate integration policies in many European countries, including Cyprus, and the rise of fake news particularly online constitute a fertile setting for the rise of right-wing populists. The climate generated by such phenomena are damaging in themselves and also in their manifestation, such as in relation to the protection of the rule of law and human rights.

The proposed module is established on research informed teaching of the soft and hard tools available at an EU level to challenge the right-wing populist threat and its manifestation in the form of (i) deterioration of the rule of law or risk thereto (ii) hate speech including online hate speech (iii) hate crime (iv) aggressive Euroscepticism currently tainting Europe at a local, national and regional level. To this end, EU-POP was developed on the premise that there exists an urgent need to (i) develop research in the area which continues to remain under developed (ii) enhance teaching excellence in the field so as to ensure that young professionals and graduates are well equipped with the ability to understand the regulatory framework in the EU, (iii) foster coherent dialogue between stakeholders, civil society and academics on the chosen theme and (iv) offer a core output to the European Commission on guidelines for improvement of the current regulatory framework.

For more information on the project, visit <https://eupopulism.eu/>

/ The Summer School

This year's Summer School intends to build on materials discussed in previous years and throughout the EU-POP project in general. It will therefore focus on the state of the rule of law and other European values across the European Union and beyond within populist times. The rise of right-wing populism has drawn much attention to how actors may behave in ways that undermine the rule of law and other values associated with it, such as human rights, individual freedoms, and democracy. The Summer School will not only examine risks and threats to the rule of law and other European values, but also to investigate proposals about the ways in which the European Union or other bodies can act to safeguard these core elements of liberal democracy.

Materials for the Summer School will be available electronically. For more information, including a frequently updated bibliography on the topic and material collected from past Summer Schools, visit <https://eupopulism.eu/bibliography/> and <https://eupopulism.eu/summer-school/>

The Summer School will employ a melange of formal and non-formal educational methodology, placing the learner at the epicentre of the learning process. It will include a series of interactive workshops led by experts, providing learners with the opportunity to actively engage in discussion.

/ Target Group

PhD students, early career researchers, advanced students in fields such as law, European Studies, sociology, politics, policy makers, members of civil society, stakeholders, professionals.

/ Costs

There is no registration cost.

Flights and accommodation for international participants are not covered. Given the current pandemic, it is highly recommended that international participants attend virtually via MS Teams (the link will be provided following registration).

/ Contact and Application to Participate

If you wish to apply for a place, please send your CV and a 1-page cover letter explaining why you wish to participate in the summer school, what you can contribute to it and how you will use the learning outcomes in your academic/employment/social settings. Please indicate whether you intend to participate in person or online (via MS Teams).

You may send the above, or any other enquiries you have, to info@eupopulism.eu.

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