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I. Biographical note

Vassilios (Vasileios) Kourtis is an Associate Professor of Private International Law at the Faculty of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He earned his bachelor's and master's degree as well his doctorate at the Faculty of Law, Aristotle University. He attended courses on U.S. Law in the Netherlands and also the courses of the Academy of European Law at the EUI in Florence, Italy. From 2007 to 2010 he worked as a part-time lecturer at the School of Law of Aristotle University and during the previous years he had worked as a teaching assistant at the same School of Law. He worked as scientific collaborator on a great number of research and teaching projects elaborated at the Law School of the Aristotle University as well as abroad.

He teaches *Private International Law* on the undergraduate and postgraduate level and *Immigration Law* and *Law of International Transactions* on the undergraduate level. He also teaches in the English-speaking course *Private International Law addressed to* students of the ERASMUS/SOCRATES program. During the period 2011-2013, he also taught *Immigration Law* to students of the French-Greek postgraduate programme on European Social Law. His scientific interests include Private International Law in the strict and broad sense and certain areas of human rights.

During the academic year 2021-2022 he was director of the Department of International Studies, Faculty of Law, AUTH.

He is Attorney-at-Law, member of the Bar Association of Thessaloniki.

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II. Publications

1. Books

a. Monographs

1. «Products Liability in Private International Law. A Comparative Study», Sakkoulas Publications, 2006 (*in Greek*)
2. «International jurisdiction and applicable law to maintenance obligations under Regulation (EC) 4/2009», 2016 (*in Greek*)
3. Maintenance obligations in Private International Law, Sakkoulas Publications, Athens-Thessaloniki, 2022 (*in Greek*)

b. Collaboration to writing of books

4. Yota Kravaritou, George Koukoules, Nora Karasavidou, Angelos Stergiou and Vassilios Kourtis, Glossary of Industrial Relations: Greece, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, The Office for the Official Publications of EU, Papazissis, Brussels, Athens 1998 (*in Greek*).

5. Zoe Papassiopi-Passia with the collaboration of Vassilios Kourtis, *Alien's Law*, 3rd ed., Sakkoulas Publications, Thessaloniki, 2007 (*in Greek*).
6. Zoe Papassiopi-Passia with the collaboration of Vassilios Kourtis, *Basic Legislation of Aliens' Law*, 6th ed., Sakkoulas Publications, Thessaloniki, 2007 (*in Greek*).
7. Zoe Papassiopi-Passia with the collaboration of Vassilios Kourtis, *Alien's Law*, Sakkoulas Publications, Thessaloniki, 2015 (*in Greek*).

c. Co-editing of books

- 8-9. *The legal status of alien women-victims of exploitation and illegal international trafficking*, vols. I (: Legislation) and IV (: Case law), Zoe Papassiopi-Passia, Vassilios Kourtis (eds.), EPEAEK/Pythagoras II Project, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2008 (*in Greek*).
10. *Dedication to the memory of Yota Kravaritou*, Antonis Manitakis, Vassilis Kourtis (eds.), Sakkoulas Publications, Athens, Thessaloniki, 2011 (*in Greek*).

2. Articles and Studies to collective works

11. «The Vredeling Proposal: information and consultation of employees in European enterprises», in: Yota Kravaritou (ed.), *International and European Social Law (theory and materials)*, Thessaloniki, 1991, p. 59-71.
12. «Consular marriages of aliens in Greece», *Harmenopoulos* 1990, p. 616-628 (*in Greek*).
13. «Private International Law: Greek case-law of the years 1986-87», in collaboration with Prof. Anastasia Grammaticaki-Alexiou, *Revue Hellénique de Droit International* 1989-90, p. 377-390.
14. «Private International Law: Greek case-law of the years 1988-89», *Revue Hellénique de Droit International* 1991, p. 325-340.
15. «Private International Law: Greek case-law of the years 1992-93», *Revue Hellénique de droit international* 1993, p. 279-310.
16. «Tendencies in the European Law of Nationality: The Dutch Law. One more “prototype” for comparative study in Nationality law”», *Scientific Yearbook of Bar Association of Thessaloniki*, 15 (1994), p. 203-221.
17. (with Yota Kravaritou and Zinovia Kadiyannaki), «Equal Opportunities and Collective bargaining in the European Union. Selected agreements from Greece”, *WP/97/17/EN*, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, Dublin, 1997, p. 1-36.
18. «Double nationality – Developments in Europe and considerations», *Harmenopoulos* 1999, p. 1368-1370 (*in Greek*).

19. «Legislative evolution of European Community anti-discrimination law», in: P. Perraki (ed.), *The evolution of Community Law and EU in the globalised context*, Ant. N. Sakkoulas Publishers, Athens, 2005, p. 251-266 (*in Greek*).
20. «Residence permits for victims of trafficking in human beings», in: Z. Papassiopi-Passia (ed.), *The new Law 3386/2005 on aliens. Considerations and issues*, Ant. N. Sakkoulas Publishers, Athens-Komotini, 2006, p. 95-115.
21. «Consumer protection and product liability», in: N. Economou, J. Dimovska & D. Adamceski (eds.), *Approximation of Trade Legislation. Prevailing situation and the challenges*. EU funded project managed by the European Agency for Reconstruction, Skopje, 2006, p. 107-110.
22. «Death penalty and executions during the years of formation of the Greek State. Legal-literature approach», *Scientific Yearbook of Bar Association of Thessaloniki*, 2006, p. 313-323 (*in Greek*).
23. (with Prof. Evangelos Vassilakakis), «The Impact and application of the Brussels II bis Regulation in Greece», in: K. Boele-Woelki, C. Gonzalez Bilfuss (eds.), *Brussels II bis: Its Impact and Application in the Member States*, Intersentia, Antwerpen, Oxford, 2007, p. 133-143.
24. «Council of Europe Convention on action against trafficking in human beings», in: Z. Papassiopi-Passia (ed.), *The legal status of alien women-victims of exploitation and illegal international trafficking*, vol. III: International and European efforts, EPEAEK/Pythagoras II Project, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2008, p. 75-116 (*in Greek*).
25. «Law measures and policies on combating trafficking in persons in the European Union», in: Z. Papassiopi-Passia (ed.), *The legal status of alien women-victims of exploitation and illegal international trafficking*, vol. III: International and European efforts, EPEAEK/Pythagoras II Project, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2008, p. 167-227 (*in Greek*).
26. «The Netherlands», in: Z. Papassiopi-Passia (ed.), *The legal status of alien women-victims of exploitation and illegal international trafficking*, vol. II: Foreign Law, EPEAEK/Pythagoras II Project, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2008, p. 289-320 (*in Greek*).
27. «Prerequisites for granting residence permits to victims of human trafficking», *Applications of Public Law 2008*, p. 127-157 and a broader version thereof in: Z. Papassiopi-Passia (ed.), *The legal status of alien women-victims of exploitation and illegal international trafficking*, vol. V: Greek Law, EPEAEK/Pythagoras II Project, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2008, p. 55-93 (*in Greek*).
28. (with Prof. Evangelos Vassilakakis), «Application of Foreign Law by Judicial and Non-Judicial Authorities: Greece», in: C. Esplugues, J.-L. Iglesias, G. Palao (eds.), *Application of Foreign Law*, Sellier, München, 2010, p. 201-211

29. «American judicial decisions *in rhyme*», in Y. Kravaritou (ed.), *Law and Literature*, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Sakkoulas Publications, Thessaloniki, 2008, p. 325-334 (in Greek).
30. «Specimens of cultural diversity in the EU Law», in: A. Manitakis, V. Kourtis (eds.), *Dedication to the memory of Yota Kravaritou*, Sakkoulas Publications, Thessaloniki, 2011 (in Greek).
31. «Greece» in: C. Esplugues, J. L. Iglesias & G. Palao (eds.), *Civil and Commercial Mediation in Europe*, Intersentia, Cambridge et al., 2013, p. 193-216.
32. (with Prof. Evangelos Vassilakakis) «Marine insurance contracts under the Rome I and Brussels I Regulations: Conflict of laws and jurisdiction issues», in: E. Vassilakakis, N. Natov & R. Balzan (eds.), *Regulations Rome I and Rome II and Maritime Law*, EUROME, G. Giappichelli ed., Torino, 2013, p. 31-80.
33. «Greece» in: C. Esplugues (ed.), *Civil and Commercial Mediation in Europe. Cross-Border Mediation*, vol. II, Intersentia, Cambridge-Anwerp-Portland, 2014, p. 181-199.
34. «Transborder effects of insolvency proceedings on an international arbitration». Review of Civil Procedure 2014.395-405.
35. «International jurisdiction and applicable law to divorce under Regulations Brussels IIa and Rome III», in: *Divorce and its effects on family law relationships. Issues of Substantive law and Private International law*, G.-A. Georgiadis (ed.), Northern Greece Law Society / Sakkoulas Publications, Athens-Thessaloniki, 2016, pp. 7-60 (in Greek).
36. Comments on Articles 53-64 (pp. 399-496), in: P. Arvanitakis & E. Vassilakakis (eds.), *Article-by-article Commentary on Regulation 2201/2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility ("Brussels IIa Regulation")*, Sakkoulas Publications, Athens - Thessaloniki, 2016.
37. «Transborder foster care of minors. Issues of application of the Hague Convention of 1996 and the Regulation Brussels IIa», in: *Studies in honour of Z. Papassiopi-Passia*, Sakkoulas Publications, 2020, p. 173-202 = Harmenopoulos 2020.198-206.
38. «Data protection in the internet: Greece», in: D. Moura Vincente & S. de Vasconelos Casimiro (eds.), *Data protection in the internet*, Springer International Publishing, 2020, pp. 211-241.
39. «International Jurisdiction in consumer contracts – comments on the Arts. 17-19 Regulation Brussels Ia», in: P. Arvanitakis & E. Vassilakakis (eds.), *Article-by-article Commentary on Regulation 1215/2012 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (recast)*, Sakkoulas Publications, Athens - Thessaloniki, 2020, pp. 352-398.
40. «Relationship of Regulation 1215/2012 with other instruments – comments on Arts. 67-73», in: P. Arvanitakis & E. Vassilakakis (eds.), *Article-by-article Commentary on Regulation*

1215/2012 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (recast), Sakkoulas Publications, Athens - Thessaloniki, 2020, pp. 829-881.

41. «Special rules on the appointment and powers of an administrator of the estate in certain situations – comments on Art. 29 of Regulation 650/2012», in: P. Arvanitakis & E. Vassilakakis (eds.), *Article-by-article Commentary on Regulation 650/2012 concerning jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and acceptance and enforcement of authentic instruments in matters of succession and on the creation of a European Certificate of Succession*, Sakkoulas Publications (under publication)

42. «Special rules imposing restrictions concerning or affecting the succession in respect of certain assets – comments on Art. 30 of Regulation 650/2012», in: P. Arvanitakis & E. Vassilakakis (eds.), *Article-by-article Commentary on Regulation 650/2012 concerning jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and acceptance and enforcement of authentic instruments in matters of succession and on the creation of a European Certificate of Succession*, Sakkoulas Publications (under publication)

3. Comments of judicial decisions

43. Comments on the following judicial decisions: Court of Appeals of Thessaloniki No. 689/2005, Areios Pagos No. 1666/2006 and First Instance Court of Chania No. 39/2006, published in the volume: E. Vassilakakis (ed.), *Procedural International Law. Annotated Case-Law*, ed. Nomiki Vivliothiki, Athens, 2008, p. 72-80, 128-133 και 243-254, respectively.

4. Reports-Book Reviews-Translations-Others

a. Reports

44-45. National reports for Greece and Cyprus on the subject: Comparative study on access to justice in gender equality and anti-discrimination law, in collaboration with Prof. P. Stangos, Commission of the E.U., Milieu Ltd. (Belgium), 2011.

b. Book Reviews

46. «The broadening of EU anti-discrimination law»: book review of Mark Bell's, «Anti-discrimination Law and the European Union», Oxford University Press, 2002, *Review of Labour Law 63 (2004)*, p. 253-255 (in Greek).

47. «Borders of Procedural and Substantive Law in Arbitral Proceedings (Civil versus Common Law Perspectives)», *Czech (and Central) European Yearbook of Arbitration (CYArb)*, vol. III, 2013, A. Bělohávek, F. Černý & N. Rozehnalová (eds.), Juris. Book Review (under publication in *Review of Civil Procedure*, Sakkoulas Publications).

c. Translations

48. «European labour law and the E.U. Charter of the fundamental rights (brief edition)», Brian Bercusson (ed.), translated from English to Greek by V. Kourtis, ed. ETUI, Brussels, 2003, p. 1-110.

d. Others

49. Text materials of Comparative Law, in collaboration with Prof. Yota Kravaritou, translation into the Greek language of articles on theory of Comparative Law, photocopied student's materials, Thessaloniki, 1991 (*in Greek*).

50. Methodological materials: I. Structure of the courts' system in England, France, Germany and the U.S.A., II. Finding of the law, in the: Student's File of the lesson "Introduction to Comparative Law", chapter VI, of Associate Professor Christina Deliyanni-Dimitrakou (*in Greek*).

51. Aliens' Law: Basic legislation, Oct. 2022.

III. Research and teaching projects

1994-1998: External collaborator of the research projects: «Diversités de cultures juridiques et application du droit communautaire», «Bibliographical research on Comparative Law», «Equal opportunities and collective bargaining in Europe», Department of Legal Studies of the European University Institute, Florence, under the supervision of Prof. Yota Kravaritou.

1997-2000: Scientific collaborator of the project: «Improvement of curriculum and introduction of new methods in legal teaching and evaluation», EPEAEK I, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, under the supervision of Prof. Anastassia Grammaticaki-Alexiou.

2002-2005: Collaborator of the project: «New perspectives of the postgraduate studies program – Single European Legal Area», EPEAEK II, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, directed by Prof. Peter Stangos. I have been assigned with research and teaching tasks in the Laboratory of Studies and Research «European Social Area», Department of International Studies, under the supervision of Prof. Yota Kravaritou.

9.11.2005-7.2.2006: Participation as an expert to the project «Approximation of Trade Legislation» of the European Agency for Reconstruction in FYROM.

March 2006: Participation as an expert in the project for training civil servants of the Ministry of Justice of Bosnia & Herzegovina on issues of judicial co-operation in the framework of the training program «Assistance to the Ministry of Justice in Bosnia & Herzegovina in internal organization and improvements of administrative capacity to undertake European Integration tasks» in Sarajevo.

2004-2007: Scientific collaborator of the research program «Cultural identities and conflicts in family law and gender mainstreaming. Comparative approach», EPEAEK/Pythagoras I project, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, under the supervision of Prof. Christina Deliyanni-Dimitrakou.

2005-2008: Scientific collaborator of the research program «The legal status of foreign women-victims of exploitation and trafficking», EPEAEK/Pythagoras II – Gender-Equality, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, under the supervision of Prof. Zoe Papasiopi-Passia.

2008-2010: Scientific collaborator of the research program «Application of foreign law by judicial and non judicial authorities», EU Civil Justice Programme 2007-2013 (JLS/CJ/2007-I/03), funded by the European Commission and run by the Schools of Law of Valencia, Spain and Genoa, Italy.

2009-2010: «Access to justice in gender equality and anti-discrimination law (Member States and EFTA/EEA countries)». Writing of the national reports for Greece and Cyprus, in collaboration with Prof. Petros Stangos. The program has been funded by the European Commission and run by Milieu Ltd. (Belgium).

2010: Participation, in collaboration with Prof. K. Papademetriou (National and Capodistrian University of Athens) in the research program: «Comparative analysis of the immigration management system in the new immigration countries», prepared by the University Comilla, Madrid, and funded by the Spanish Ministry of Labour and Migration.

2011-2013: Collaborator of the research and training program: “The application of Rome I and Rome II Regulations and Regulation 4/2009 by practitioners in Southern Europe”, funded by the European Commission. I gave lectures on special matters of the E.U. Regulations 4/2009 and Rome II to jurists originated from Turkey, Bulgaria and Malta in two circles of seminars held in Thessaloniki, in Sofia and in Valetta.

2010-2014: Collaboration to the project: «Removing obstacles to access to (e)Justice through mediation in Europe: ensuring enforcement and a smooth cooperation with judicial and non-judicial authorities» (EU Civil Justice Programme 2007-2013), funded by the European Commission and run by the School of Law of the University of Valencia, Spain.

July 2018: Participation to the 21th International Congress of International Academy of Comparative Law, Japan.

Dec. 2018: Participation to the action “Training for a European Area of Justice”.

Oct. 2021: Participation to the 2-days congress of Family Law, organised by ELSA Thessaloniki.