



# EU Constitutional Law & Governance in populist times

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## Dates 2021

22 October | 15:00-21:00  
23 October | 10:00-17:00  
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## EU Constitutional Law & Governance in *populist times*

The School of Law of UCLan Cyprus is pleased to announce, for the second year, an LLM module on EU Constitutional Law and Governance in populist times. This module is supported by the Jean Monnet Module funded by the European Union (Jean Monnet key action) and running at the School of Law of UCLan Cyprus (2019-2022). This is an exciting and timely module as it investigates one of the primary threats to European stability, democracy, and the rule of law, namely the rise of populist parties across the EU. As such, it is an incredible opportunity for participants from all disciplines. Within this precarious environment of rising populism, this module seeks to evaluate the constitutional structures of the EU, its law-making processes and institutions, the ways in which decisions at the European level materialise at the national level, and the conflicts this reality causes at the national, supranational, and international level.

Delving into extreme phenomena, this module

- » Portrays the constitutional structure of the EU against which these threats rise
- » Analyses how populism proliferates at the local, national, and regional level and how populist parties have gained political power and influence across European states
- » Examines the specific activities undertaken by various populist parties
- » Explores ways in which the rise of populism deteriorates the rule of law and undermines democratic government
- » Evaluates the mechanisms available to the EU to stymie the growth of right-wing populism and the ways in which those avenues can or might be pursued



# Jean Monnet Module

The School of Law is hosting a Jean Monnet Module entitled 'European Union Law and Governance in Populist Times' EU-POP. EU-POP 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. For this project, we will host guest lectures by external experts, Seminars and yearly summer schools. For more details, visit <https://eupopulism.eu/>. See also the Interdisciplinary Journal of populism, at <https://www.lawpop.eu/>.

**This LLM module is relevant for** any advanced student or professional interested in the current state of the EU, the worldwide threat right-wing populism poses, and in the value of democracy and the rule of law in general.

The module will be delivered in in the English language at **an intermediate-to-advanced level**. It will be taking place **in person at UCLan Cyprus campus and online via MS Teams**. Note that sessions will be recorded and published on our website.

**Certificates of completion** will be issued to each attendee at the close of the course.

UCLan Cyprus, through its Law School, is an accredited provider of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programmes under the relevant Cyprus Bar Association scheme. **This Course is designed for the continuous professional development (CPD) of young and other professionals in Cyprus and internationally.**

With the generous support of EU-POP at UCLan Cyprus, a limited number of bursaries are available for professionals wishing to attend this module. For professionals interested, please send your CV together with a 1-page cover letter explaining your reasons for applying to Dr Andreas Marcou ([amarcou@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:amarcou@uclan.ac.uk)) by 16 October 2021.



# Module Tutors



## Dr Andreas Marcou

*Lecturer in  
EU Law & Theory.  
Module Leader*

Dr Andreas Marcou is a Lecturer in EU Law and Theory at the School of Law of UCLan University (Cyprus). Andreas completed his PhD in Law at Queen Mary, University of London, in 2020. His research interests include republican and liberal theories, law's authority, theories of democracy and legitimacy at the national and the European level, and the duties and responsibilities of citizens within a liberal democracy. In addition to his PhD from Queen Mary, University of London, Andreas holds an LLB from the same University and an MA in Legal and Political Theory from University College, London. He teaches various modules including 'EU Law', 'EU Single Market Law', 'Land Law', and 'Thinking and Arguing Law'. Andreas is also the Editor of the Interdisciplinary Journal of Populism and a Research Fellow for the JMM 'EU Law and Governance in Populist Times'. View his full academic profile at <https://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/academic/dr-andreas-marcou/>



## Prof. Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou

*Professor of European  
Law and Reform, Head  
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Prof. Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou has been researching, transmitting knowledge and running externally funded projects in the field of EU Law at several universities throughout Europe, including Cyprus and the UK for 20 years. She is currently Professor of European Law and Reform and Head of the School of Law of the University of Central Lancashire in Cyprus (UCLan Cyprus) as well as University Chair for Research and Innovation. In February 2021 she received from the European Parliament the European Citizen 2020 Prize on behalf of the non-profit organisation which she founded in 2017, ICLAIM, for its Social Mediation in Practice project (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaXmKmSLI2Q&t=2s>). In 2021 she was also appointed (i) Member of the Independent Scientific Anti-Corruption Council of the Republic of Cyprus by the President of the Republic of Cyprus; and (ii) Member of the Cyprus Programme Committee for the European Union's scientific programme Horizon Europe, Pillar II, Cluster 2 "Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society", by the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy of the Republic of Cyprus and the European Commission. She is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. She supervises LLM dissertations, PhDs and/or post-docs in fields related to her own research including on the EU financial crisis, migration crisis, EU Citizenship, Rule of Law, socio-economic rights in times of crisis, Brexit, effective judicial protection, privacy, AI technologies and other current issues in EU law. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, she is the co-initiator of the Rule of Law Monitoring Mechanism <https://ruleoflawmonitoringmechanism.eu/>. She is the Jean Monnet Module Leader and Academic Coordinator

of EU-POP (2020-22), in the field of the Rule of Law and populism in the EU (<https://eupopulism.eu/>). She was also the Jean Monnet Module Leader and Academic Coordinator of FEcoGov (2014-17), in the field of the EU financial crisis, securing the European Commission's label 'success story' and 'good practice' upon completion of the project (<https://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/research-jean-monnet-module/>). She is a registered certified Mediator and Data Protection Officer and is very active in the organisation and delivery of CPD courses at the School of Law (<https://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/s-hort-course/law-academy/>). For the past 24 years she has acted as legal expert in Cyprus and/or abroad in her respective fields of expertise in EU law including for the Legal Services of the Republic of Cyprus on EU law matters (2018-19; 2020). She belongs to boards and/or networks of academic or professional experts at the national and EU level, is a Research Fellow at prestigious institutions throughout Europe including the European Union Institute, Florence, in 2021, regularly participates to public consultation exercises in Cyprus, the UK and at the EU level, is the UN SDG Lead for her Institution, and is an Expert of the European Commission and its Agencies. She currently participates to the Horizon 2020 Sherpa project looking at smart information systems and human rights (<https://www.project-sherpa.eu/>) which she presented among the 100 projects selected worldwide at the 2020 international Paris Peace Forum

(focus on COVID-19). She also participates to the DG Justice project EU-EN4s on the diversity of enforcement titles in the EU (<https://www.pf.um.si/en/acj/projects/pr09-eu-en4s/>). She is the Founding Member and Director of the non-profit organisation ICLAIM (Interdisciplinary Centre for Law, Alternative and Innovative Methods) which is used as a social enterprise vehicle for social and community projects having an impact on the wider community and society (see [www.iclaimcentre.org](http://www.iclaimcentre.org)).

