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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**I. Personal details**

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**II. Education, academic and other qualifications**

2004-2009: PhD, London Metropolitan University (UK). The research involved a critical evaluation of “*The relationship between the domestic implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and the ongoing reforms of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)*”.

2004: Advocate, admitted to the Cyprus Bar Association.

2002-2003: LLM in European and International Law, London Metropolitan University (UK). *Dissertation topic: “The effectiveness and the accessibility of the European Court of Human Rights”.*

1997-2001: LLB, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece).

**III. Professional activities**

**(a) Present positions**

2013 - Present: Lecturer in Public Law, Faculty of law, University of Cyprus (Teaching subjects: European Convention on Human Rights, Fundamental Rights and Liberties, Administrative Law).

2011 - Present: Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture of the Council of Europe (CPT). Recently re-elected

by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for another four-year term as the current member for Cyprus on the CPT until 2019.

2010 - Present: Practising as a Sole Practitioner.

### **Previous positions**

- 2010-2013: Assistant Professor in Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, University of Nicosia (Teaching subjects: European Convention on Human Rights, Constitutional Law, Fundamental Rights and Liberties).
- 2008 - 2010: Cyprus based representative for The European Criminal Justice Project.
- 2008-2010: Practising at Lellos Demetriades Law Firm.
- 2007-2008: Research Assistant at Human Rights & Social Justice Research Institute of London Metropolitan University.
- 2007: Study visitor at the Secretariat of the Legal Affairs and Human Rights Committee (AS/Jur) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

### **(b) Work at national level**

Costas Paraskeva has taught courses on ECHR at London Metropolitan University (2007-2008) and since 2010 he has been lecturing on the ECHR system of protection of human rights in Cypriot Universities in both undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses. His areas of research are the European system of protection of human rights, the effective enforcement and implementation of human rights norms, and the right of access to justice and redress.

With reference to the domestic legal system, his research focuses on Part II of the Constitution, "Fundamental Rights and Freedoms", which incorporates the human rights and freedoms secured by ECHR and Protocol No. 1. He has recently published a textbook on Part II of the Cyprus Constitution, "Cyprus Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights and Liberties" (712 pages-in Greek), published by Nomiki Vivliothiki the leading publisher of legal texts in Greece. The book is a detailed study of Part II of the Cyprus Constitution (Articles 6-35) Fundamental Rights and Liberties, an analytical review of all the relevant

jurisprudence of the Supreme Court of Cyprus and the ECtHR. It is a work that primarily concerns the protection of human rights and the relationship between those rights and the constitutional functions of the Republic of Cyprus.

2014- Present: Member of the technical committee on Citizenship- Asylum- Aliens to advise the government of the Republic of Cyprus in the context of the current negotiations.

2008- Present: Member of the Human Rights Committee of the Cyprus Bar Association.

2008- Present: Member of "Truth Now" (Non-Governmental Organization), which seeks to ascertain in every way the fate of missing persons in Cyprus during the period of inter-communal troubles (1963-1964) and during the Turkish invasion of 1974.

### **(c) International work**

*European Convention on Human Rights:* Costas Paraskeva as an expert on ECHR theory and practice was involved in all submissions to the Court and appeared as counsel for applicants in two Grand Chamber cases, *Varnava v Turkey*<sup>1</sup> and *Demopoulos and Others v Turkey*.<sup>2</sup> With reference to the latter, he has been particularly recognized for his contributions on the pilot judgment procedure.

In his own practice he represents clients in applications at the European Court of Human Rights raising amongst others issues under Articles 6, 8, and Article 1 of Protocol No.1 to the ECHR. He regularly provides legal consultation on different aspects of ECHR litigation and potential violations of human rights.

*European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment:* As an elected member of the European Committee of the Prevention on Torture (December 2011, re-elected July 2015), Costas Paraskeva participates in CPT delegations visiting places of detention in European member states, in order to assess how persons deprived of their liberty are treated and to ensure that inmates are not subjected to inhuman or degrading treatment. The CPT as a non-judicial preventive mechanism protects persons deprived of their liberty against torture and other forms of ill-treatment. It thus complements the judicial work of the European Court of Human Rights.

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<sup>1</sup> *Varnava and Others v. Turkey*, nos. 16064/90, 16065/90, 16066/90, 16068/90, 16069/90, 16071/90, 16072/90 and 16073/90, 18.09.2009.

<sup>2</sup> *Demopoulos and Others v. Turkey*, nos. 46113/99, 3843/02, 13751/02, 13466/03, 10200/04, 14163/04, 19993/04, 21819/04, 01.03.2010.

He was the Cyprus based representative for The European Criminal Justice Project, which was carried out by the Advice on Individual Rights in Europe (AIRE) Centre.<sup>3</sup> He worked as the research assistant on a project conducted within the Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute entitled “International human rights and fact-finding: An analysis of fact-finding hearings and missions of the European Court (and Commission) of Human Rights”.<sup>4</sup> During 2007, he was a study visitor at the Secretariat of the Legal Affairs and Human Rights Committee (AS/Jur) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.<sup>5</sup>

Costas Paraskeva has participated as an expert on ECHR in the 11th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, on “*National and Regional Human Rights Mechanisms*”.<sup>6</sup> He has completed the course Training for Trainers: Legal Aspects of Enforced Disappearances<sup>7</sup> and attended the course on “The European System of Human Rights Protection”.<sup>8</sup>

Costas Paraskeva has participated in numerous national and international academic conferences, expert seminars and workshops on the European Convention on Human Rights.<sup>9</sup> His particular interest in the ongoing reforms of

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<sup>3</sup> The project was carried out by the Centre's team of expert multinational, multilingual lawyers and involved cross-border exchanges and dialogue on the application of EU and ECHR standards to arrest, detention, prosecution, trial and criminal sanctions in cross border situations in the context of judicial cooperation in fighting transnational crime.

<sup>4</sup> The project was funded by the Nuffield Foundation. The project report has been published and is available on the Institute's website. Findings of the research were presented at a specially convened seminar in Strasbourg for the ECtHR on 27 March 2009. This was attended by more than 80 people (Judges, Registrars and Registry lawyers).

<sup>5</sup> The aim was to assist the AS/Jur secretariat in the preparation of a report. The report was on “a comparative assessment of the extent to which in practice States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights effectively implement Committee of Ministers Recommendations (2000)2, (2004)5 & (2004)6” otherwise known as the “2004 reform package”. Costas Paraskeva produced a draft text that the Committee's Rapporteur presented in her report to the AS/Jur in April 2007 (in both English and in French).

<sup>6</sup> The seminar was held in Prague, The Czech Republic from 23 - 25 November 2011. The main objective of the seminar was to facilitate a dialogue on regional and national mechanism-building on human rights protection.

<sup>7</sup> Training Course organised by the Aim for Human Rights, at European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation at the Monastery of San Nicolò in Venice-Lido (Italy, January 2010) and was funded by the European Union. The aim of the training was to prepare a pool of trainers from all over the world who are willing and able to train others on legal protection from enforced disappearances.

<sup>8</sup> Organised by the The Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Germany (11-22 September 2006). The Summer Course dealt specifically with the European System for protection of human rights. The subject matter included human rights protection under the regimes of the Council of Europe (the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter), the European Union and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Accords), as well as that on the universal level of public international law.

<sup>9</sup> See e.g. Support to the implementation of the judicial reform in Ukraine, Round table, “National mechanisms for enforcement of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in Ukraine: the role of the judiciary”, “The developing role of the European Court of Human Rights in the execution of its judgments”, 22 November 2016, Kyiv, “The issues of human rights protection of internally displaced persons, and interests of citizens or state on the temporarily occupied territories and in the area of Anti-Terrorist Operation”, “*The Council of Europe standards regarding protection of internally displaced persons*”, 27 of October 2016, National Academy of Prosecution of Ukraine, Kyiv, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv in Cooperation and with the Support of the OSCE project Co-ordinator in Ukraine,

the ECtHR is illustrated by his participation in the following:

4th Warsaw Seminar: Concepts of General Domestic Remedy and Simplified Procedure for Amending the Convention in the post-Interlaken Process (9-10 September 2010).<sup>10</sup>

High Level Conference on the “Future of the European Court of Human Rights” at the initiative of the Swiss Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. He participated as an ad-hoc advisor of the Republic of Cyprus, Interlaken, Switzerland, 18-19 February 2010.<sup>11</sup>

Third Informal Seminar for Government Agents and Other Institutions on Pilot Judgment Procedure in the European Court of Human Rights and the Future Development of Human Rights’ Standards and Procedures, where he presented the paper on “The Application of the “Pilot Judgments Procedure” to the Post-Loizidou Cases – the Case of *Xenides-Arestis*”, Warsaw, Poland, 14–15 May 2009.

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Annual Inter-University School on Topical Issues in Theory and Practice of Human Rights Law “Positive Dimensions of the Right to Human Integrity and Well-being in International and Domestic Law”, 11-13 July 2016 (Kyiv) – 14-15 July 2016 (Lviv), 9th International Colloquium on Human Rights in Athens, International Center on Human Rights 14-16 June 2016, He presented paper on “The developing role of the European Court of Human Rights in the execution of its judgments: From declaratory judgments to indication of specific measures?”, Seminar for Judges-developers of educational courses on application of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, 27 – 29 August 2015, Truskavets city, Lviv region, Ukraine (OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine with the National School of Judges of Ukraine, the Supreme Court of Ukraine and the High Administrative Court of Ukraine and financial support of the Government of Canada within the “Safeguarding Human Rights through Courts” Project). He presented papers on “Case-law hierarchy and the pilot judgments of the European Court of Human Rights. Practical issues in application of the pilot judgments of the European Court of Human Rights” and “Jurisdiction and the admissibility requirements in the practice of the European Court of Human Rights”; Conference on “The Consequences of Crisis on the Operation of the European Union and on the Constitutional Orders of the Member States”, Faculty of Law, University of Cyprus, Nicosia, 30 October 2013. He presented a paper on “European Convention on Human Rights and Economic Crisis: The Obligations of the Member States”; Conference of Chairpersons of Human Rights Committees, Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union. He presented a paper on “Protecting Human Rights in Times of Crisis - Economic Crisis or Threats to Security”, Filoxenia Conference Centre, Cypress Media Centre, Nicosia, Cyprus, 3 December 2012; Workshop II, “The Interaction Between Mass Claims Processes and Cases in Domestic Courts”, Impact of International Courts on Domestic Criminal Procedures in Mass Atrocity Cases (DOMAC), Work package 7 on Reparations. He presented a paper on “Impact of the European Court of Human Rights Decisions- Reparation Mechanisms in Cyprus and Turkey”, *Amsterdam Centre for International Law*, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, 18 June 2010; Conference on “The Cyprus Problem in Development, International Dimension, Issues of Governance, Human Rights”, University of Cyprus, 23-24 April 2010. He presented a paper on “The Execution of the Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights regarding the Greek Cypriot Property Cases”; Symposium on “Violations of Property Rights in the European Court of Human Rights Decisions: Problems and Solutions”. He presented a paper on “Cypriot Cases Raising issues Under Article 1 of Protocol No.1 to the European Convention on Human Rights”, Okan University, Istanbul, Turkey, 7 May 2010; Seminar on “Scrutinising the Practice of the European Court of Human Rights: Fact-Finding Missions and the Nomination & Election of Judges”; He presented the findings of a research on the fact-finding missions of the European Court of Human Rights, The Nuffield Foundation, London, United Kingdom, 10 June 2009.

<sup>10</sup> It was organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Council of Europe and the National School of Public Administration. The seminar participants discussed the process of reforming the Convention system in the context of the 2010 Interlaken Declaration.

<sup>11</sup> The aim of the conference was to find a solution for the chronic overload of the Court in Strasbourg, despite the entry into force of Protocol No. 14. A joint declaration, including a plan of action, was adopted.

Colloquy organised under the Swedish chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. "Applying and Supervising the ECHR- Towards stronger implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights at national level", Stockholm, Sweden, 9-10 June 2008.

2010 – Present: Cyprus Contact Point for European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN). "ECLAN" is funded by the European Commission (AGIS Programme) and both the Ministries of Justice in Luxembourg and Belgium. The network's aim is to facilitate and strengthen research and academic education in the field of European criminal law.

#### **IV. Publications and other works**

##### **Books**

Paraskeva, C., "Protecting internally displaced persons under the European Convention on Human Rights and other Council of Europe standards", Council of Europe, Strasbourg, forthcoming in 2017.

Paraskeva, C., "Cyprus Administrative Law", Nomiki Vivliothiki, Athens, forthcoming in 2017 (in Greek).

Mooney, M., Gerasymenko, Y., Morkova, O., Zayets, S., Chráska, F., Giakoumopoulou, E., McCallin B., Paraskevas K., "Enhancing the Legal Framework of Ukraine on Protecting the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons", Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2016.

Paraskeva, C., "Cyprus Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights and Liberties», Nomiki Vivliothiki, Athens, 2015 (in Greek).

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Leach, P., & Paraskeva, C., & Uzelac, G., "International Human Rights & Fact-finding: An analysis of the fact-finding missions conducted by the European Commission and Court of Human Rights, Report by the Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute, London Metropolitan University, February 2009.

##### **Articles**

Paraskeva, C., "The developing role of the European Court of Human Rights in the execution of its judgments: From declaratory judgments to indication of specific measures?", forthcoming in *Annuaire International des Droits de l'Homme* (Vol. IX), 2017.

Παρασκευά, Κ., «Η υπόδειξη ειδικών μέτρων από το Ευρωπαϊκό Δικαστήριο Δικαιωμάτων του Ανθρώπου για την εκτέλεση των αποφάσεων του», *Δικαιώματα του Ανθρώπου*, ΔΤΑ, 2017.

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Paraskeva, C., "Protecting Human Rights in Times of Crisis - Economic Crisis or Threats to Security", *Annuaire International des Droits de l'Homme* (Vol. VII), 2012-2013, pp.751-757. (published in 2015).

Paraskeva, C., «The Protection of the Right to Petition the Authorities in the Cypriot Legal Order», *Yearbook of Cyprus and European Law*, 2013, pp. 197-210 (*In Greek*- Παρασκευά, Κ., «Η Προστασία του Δικαιώματος του «Αναφέρεσθαι Προς τα Αρχάς» στην Κυπριακή Έννομη Τάξη», *Επετηρίδα Κυπριακού & Ευρωπαϊκού Δικαίου*, 2013, σελ.197-210).

Paraskeva, C., «The Constitutional Protection of the Right to Privacy of Communication and Correspondence», *Cyprus Law Tribune*, Issue 1, 2013, pp.98-116 (*In Greek*- Παρασκευά, Κ. «Η Συνταγματική Κατοχύρωση του Δικαιώματος του Απορρήτου της Αλληλογραφίας και Επικοινωνίας», *Κυπριακό Νομικό Βήμα*, Τεύχος 1, 2013, σελ.98-116).

Paraskeva, C., «The Execution of the Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights for the Greek Cypriot Property Cases», «The Cyprus Problem in Development, International Dimension, Issues of Governance, Human Rights», Foundation of International Legal Research Professor Elias Krispi and Dr. A. Samara-Krispi, 2011, pp. 225-241 (*In Greek* -Παρασκευά, Κ., «Η Εκτέλεση των Αποφάσεων του Ευρωπαϊκού Δικαστηρίου Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων για τις Κυπριακές Υποθέσεις Περιουσιών», «ΤΟ ΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΟ ΠΡΟΒΛΗΜΑ ΣΕ ΕΞΕΛΙΞΗ,

Διεθνής Διάσταση, Ζητήματα Διακυβέρνησης, Ανθρώπινα Δικαιώματα, Πρακτικά Ημερίδας», *ΙΔΡΥΜΑ ΔΙΕΘΝΩΝ ΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ ΜΕΛΕΤΩΝ ΚΑΘΗΓΗΤΟΥ ΗΛΙΑ ΚΡΙΣΠΗ ΚΑΙ ΔΡ. Α. ΣΑΜΑΡΑ-ΚΡΙΣΠΗ*, 2011, σελ.225-241).

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Paraskeva, C., “Returning the Protection of Human Rights to Where They Belong, At Home”, *The International Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 12, No. 3, June 2008, pp.415-448.

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Paraskeva, C., “Specific orders given by the European Court of Human Rights to states on how to execute its judgments”, *EHRAC Bulletin*, Issue 7, Summer 2007, pp.5-6.

## **V. Language skills**

English, excellent; French, basic; Greek, native.