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Sawsan Abdulrahim (PhD, MPH) is Professor of Public Health in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, and a Visiting Fellow at the Harvard FXB Center for Health and Human Rights (AY 2023-2024). In her research, she utilizes mixed methods to illuminate social inequities in health across the life course, with a focus on the wellbeing of refugees and labor migrants in the Arab region. Most recently, she served as PI of community-engaged studies on the wellbeing of Syrian refugee adolescent girls and migrant women care workers in Lebanon. Her research interests include (forced) migration and health; aging and care; and the impact of structural violence on the health of refugees. She teaches courses on research methods, health promotion theory, social epidemiology, and forced migration.



Diego Acosta

Dr Diego Acosta is a leading international expert on International, European and comparative Migration law and a Professor of European and Migration Law at the University of Bristol in the UK. He is also the International Strategic Lead at the Migration Mobilities Research Centre at the same University and the Director of the Nebrija-Santander Global Chair on Migration and Human Rights at Nebrija University in Madrid. His work discusses Migration law as a central aspect of globalisation and analyses various processes of inclusion and exclusion and their profound implications for the rule of law in Europe, South America and other regions. He is the author of more than 60 publications, and his latest monograph is *The National versus the Foreigner in South America. 200 Years of Migration and Citizenship Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2018). His new project analyses free movement of people regimes and has obtained external funding to map these regimes globally. Dr Acosta is regularly invited to present his work at some of the most prestigious universities around the globe and has been visiting fellow at several institutions, including the University of New York (NYU), the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna, the Centre for Migration Studies at Toronto Metropolitan University, or the Centre for Fundamental Rights at Hertie School in Berlin. He has testified on migration law reform before Parliaments in Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. He has provided consultancy for various governments, international organisations, law firms, political parties and NGOs in the USA, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa.



Stratis Aggelis

Stratis Aggelis was born in Mytilene, Greece, in 1966. He studied Sociology and has been working as a professional journalist for over 30 years covering international news and crises for newspapers, radio and television stations. He has covered conflicts in the Middle East and the Balkans. He is currently chief editor of world news in Mega Channel, and contributes as op-editor to Avgi newspaper.



Jacqueline Bhabha

Jacqueline Bhabha is a Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights at the Harvard T.H.Chan School of Public Health, the Jeremiah Smith Jr. Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School, and an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. She is also the Director of Research at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University. She received a first class honors degree and an M.Sc. from Oxford University, and a J.D. from the College of Law in London. From 1997 to 2001, Bhabha directed the Human Rights Program at the University of Chicago. Prior to 1997, she was a practicing human rights lawyer in London and at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. She has published extensively on issues of transnational child migration, refugee protection, children's rights and citizenship. She is the author of [*Child Migration and Human Rights in a Global Age*](#) (2014) and *Can We Solve the Migration Crisis?*(2018). She has edited or co-edited many books, including *Children Without A State* (2011), *Human Rights and Adolescence* (2014), *Research Handbook on Child Migration* (2018), *A Better Future: The Role of Education for Displaced and Marginalized People* (2020), and *A Time for Reparation: Addressing State Responsibility for Collective Injustice* (2021).



Giorgos Christides

I am a seasoned journalist with over 20 years of experience working for print, broadcast, and online media, ranging from local radio stations and newspapers to global outlets such as Der Spiegel and the BBC. My work includes producing articles, covering stories including breaking news, writing features, analyses and op-eds, producing multimedia content, taking part in cross-border, award-winning investigative reporting (IJ4EU Impact Award 2022, 2023, De Tegel award 2022, European Parliament journalism award for 2009). In the past 8 years I have focused on investigative and human rights reporting with a focus on migration. I have intimate knowledge of policies, policy making and decision makers at a local (Greek) and EU level, have taken part in numerous conventions, seminars, and workshops (both as an attendant and as a speaker), closed briefings and field visits. I have extensive experience in public speaking and presentations on human and civil rights issues. I have addressed large and small, selected audiences in multiple countries (i.a. in Greece, Germany, Bosnia, Turkey), have taught at colleges and Universities (most recently at the University of Athens's MSc program in Media & Refugee /Migration Flows), and have briefed numerous international and local officials and policymakers. I am member of the board of the Foreign Press Association of Greece.



Amal De Chickera

Amal is a co-founder and one of the Co-Directors of the Institute. He is a Sri Lankan human rights lawyer, advocate and activist, with expertise in the right to nationality, statelessness and discrimination. Amal has researched, advocated, written, spoken, delivered training and served as an expert on statelessness and related issues for the UN, NGOs and academia, since 2008. Based out of ISI's London office, Amal has particularly focused on developing ISI's movement building, discrimination and advocacy work. Amal believes in the power of the arts to shape and inform our understanding and response to issues of social justice. He spearheads ISI's engagement with the arts and has (co) authored children's books and graphic novels to bring the challenge of statelessness to new audiences. Before co-founding the Institute, Amal led the statelessness work of the Equal Rights Trust. He was also a co-founder of the European Network on Statelessness, and a founding member of Stages - a Sri Lankan theatre group. A member of the Sri Lankan Bar, Amal holds an LLM (Distinction) from University College London and an LLB (Hons.) from the University of Colombo.



Vasileia Digidiki

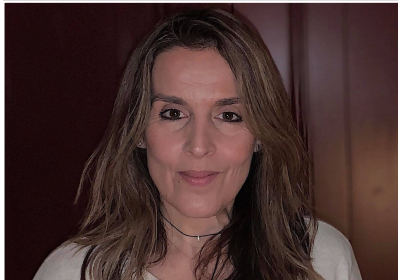
Dr Vasileia Digidiki is a Harvard Instructor, the Director of the Harvard FXB Summer Program on Migration and Refugee Studies, and a Health and Human Rights Fellow. She is a psychologist by training with more than 14 years of experience working on issues of distress migration, human trafficking, victim blaming and child protection and serves as a Senior Associate Editor for the Behavioral Medicine, a Taylor and Francis Publications journal with an impact factor of 2.4. Since 2017, Dr. Digidiki has led the Harvard FXB Center's research agenda on distress migration. She has conducted research in Greece, Bangladesh, West and Central Africa, Sudan and Mexico focusing on child protection, access to education, access to antenatal care, and the nexus between human trafficking and distress migration. Dr. Digidiki has been funded by a number of international organizations, including IOM, BRAC and UNICEF, to analyze datasets and conduct research in the field of migration, child protection and human trafficking. In 2021, she was commissioned by IOM to produce the first worldwide report on child trafficking, analyzing the largest worldwide dataset on child trafficking victims.

In 2022, Dr. Digidiki and Prof. Jacqueline Bhabha, developed the first international, interdisciplinary summer program on migration and refugee studies in collaboration with the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Dr. Digidiki also teaches in the FXB Center's Executive Education program for child protection professionals, as well as the Center's Child Protection Certificate Program for students, and has taught for Harvard University's Harvard X online training on Child Protection. Dr. Digidiki holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, two master's degrees on Forensic and Social Psychology and a PhD in Social and Clinical Psychology. During her PhD studies, she was awarded the Greek State Scholarship, and in 2019 she was awarded the Health and Human rights Fellowship. She is a native of the Greek island of Lesvos where she offered her services as a first responder during the massive influx of distress migrants in 2015 and 2016.



Angeliki Dimitriadi

Angeliki Dimitriadi is a political scientist working on irregular migration and asylum. Her research focuses on migration management policies at external borders, migration governance in the EU and European foreign policy on migration. She is Head of the Migration Programme and Senior Research Fellow at ELIAMEP in Athens and non-resident fellow at the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) in Berlin. She is a member of the editorial board of the Migration Studies journal, and a member of the Progressive Migration Group established by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies. She is professor of political sciences at College Year in Athens, teaching courses on European foreign policy and migration policy. Angeliki holds a BSc in International Relations & History (LSE), an MA in War Studies (KCL), and a PhD with a focus on migration (Democritus University). Her academic publications can be found via <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-6937-3011>.



Emmanuella Doussis

Emmanuella Doussis is a professor of international institutions at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, director of the Institute of European Integration and Policy and UNESCO Chairholder on Climate Diplomacy. She lectures on international institutions, international and European environmental law and policies, the role of international law in addressing several crises, including the climate crisis, climate diplomacy & climate policies with a focus on Southeast Europe. She has studied political science and law at the University of Athens and at the Sorbonne in Paris (Paris I). Her interest in environmental issues goes back to when she was a student in Paris. After a first Master in International Law, she completed a second one in Environmental Law. Since then, environmental issues have been at the center of her research interests.

She has been a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at UC Berkeley, visiting professor at the Universities of Grenoble-Alpes, Bourgogne, Aix-Marseille and a visiting fellow at the European University Institute (EUI). Her most recent book concerns the role of international law in effectively managing climate change (*International Law and Climate Change Diplomacy*, Nomiki Vivliothiki, Athens, 2020). She has coordinated European educational and research projects (Jean Monnet module on *Moving the EU forward* 2015-2018, Jean Monnet module on *European Climate Diplomacy* 2019-2022). She is a member of the IUCN World Environmental Law Committee, of the Scientific Council of the Centre for Mediterranean Integration, the scientific committee of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Greek National Committee for Adaptation on Climate Change.

She has published alone or in collaboration with other authors ten books, and many articles in peer-review international journals. For her educational and research activities she has been awarded the 2021 Natural Resources International Legal Specialist Award from the Centre of International Sustainable Development Law.



Maria Gavouneli

Maria Gavouneli is a Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law and Athens Public International Law Center – Athens PIL, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. She also serves as Director, Refugee & Migration Studies Hub – RMS Hub, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and presides at the Greek National Commission of Human Rights (2019-2022). Professor Gavouneli has also coordinated and taken part in major research teams funded by European and Greek resources, having received multiple research grants. She has also been a Fulbright Visiting Scholar 2018-2019 at the University of California Berkeley and a Visiting professor and lecturer in several universities and research institutions in Greece and abroad, including the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), Tulane University (USA), the University of Edinburgh (Brodies Lecture), the University of Oxford, the University of Glasgow, the University of Manchester, Utrecht University.



Tareq Hadhad

Tareq Hadhad is telling his story. He was a Syrian refugee and now living his new life with his entrepreneurial family in Canada's east coast. He is the founder and CEO of Peace by Chocolate. Passionate about peace and entrepreneurship, his family relaunched the family business to recreate the chocolates they exported across the Middle East and their story turned into an international inspiring phenomenon. Tareq has done over 500 interviews with news teams across the globe and is a keynote speaker who talks about his family's compelling story, the positive impact of Syrian newcomers and the spirit of entrepreneurship.

Most recently, he awarded Atlantic Business Magazine's 30 under 30 Innovators.



Kleio Hatzidaniil

Bachelor: University of Thessaloniki, Faculty of Philosophy, Dept., of **History and Archaeology** .

- **MA**, Historical Anthropology, University of the Aegean, Dept., of Social Anthropology and History
- **Post –Graduate Seminar (two year programme) European citizenship and Human rights**, University of the Aegean, Dept., of Sociology
- **PhD student (2018-2024)**, University of the Aegean, Dept., of Sociology: “The European Unification Idea in Interwar Greece – The cases of Alexander Papanastasiou and Eleftherios Venizelos”

Since 2018, Kleio co-teaches courses on i. *European Institutions* and ii. *Political Ideologies and European Unification at the Dept. of Sociology*, University of the Aegean. She also teaches the Jean Monnet module *EU Enlargement in Western Balkans and the new Institutional Culture*, at the Dept of Sociology, University of the Aegean (2022-2025). She is a researcher at the Laboratory of Political and Social Institutions at the Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean and she is a Special Consultant of the North Aegean Region on EU and international issues since 2019.



Vassilis Hatzopoulos

Vassilis Hatzopoulos is full Professor of EU Law and Policies at the Panteion University, Athens. Previously he was Professor at the Democritus University of Thrace, where he also served as Chair of his Department, then Dean of his School. He is a visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges. His research interests cover EU institutional law and governance, the EU internal market, state aid and public procurement, as well as EU asylum and immigration law. He has published five monographs, on the principle of mutual recognition in the internal market (in French, Bruylant/Sakkoulas, 1999), on domain names (in Greek, Nomiki Vivliothiki, 2001, with V. Tountopoulos), on the doctrine of essential facilities under EU competition law (in Greek, Sakkoulas, 2002), on the regulation of services in the EU (in English, OUP, 2012) and on the collaborative economy and EU law (in English, Hart, 2018). He has also published over a hundred articles and case notes, in English, French and Greek. He has a longstanding experience as a lawyer, practicing before the highest national courts and the Court of Justice of the EU.



Evika Karamagioli

Evika Karamagioli is a jurist and is currently serving as Scientific Associate at the MSc “Global Health - Disaster Medicine”, Medical School and at the MSc “Master of Science in Digital Communication Media and Interaction Environments” Faculty of Communication and Media Studies (NKUA). She also serves as visiting Assistant Professor (Hon) in humanitarian crisis management, communication and technology, Medical School, University of Bern, Switzerland. Her academic background includes a Ph.D. degree in Social Sciences from the University of Paris 8, a MSc in Global Health and Disaster Medicine, NKUA, Greece, a MSc in Global Security and Defense and Bachelor’s degree in European and International Law from the University Grenoble II, France. She holds professional certifications as an adult trainer and professional program instructor in leadership. She has 15 years of global experience both in the academia and non for-profit sector, having worked in the Europe, Middle East and Asian Countries in the area of humanitarian technologies and emergency response. Her fields of expertise include democratic innovation through participatory design methods and tools, humanitarian technologies, disaster management and emergency risk communication. She has several years of experience in working with WHO in the field of migrants and refugee’s health and most recently, with the WHO academy as expert for mass casualties training. She is the author of numerous papers on those themes and regularly delivers relevant presentations at international conferences. She is the recipient of several international awards emergency risk communication teaching.



Zoi Livaditou

Born on Lesbos to parents who both came to the island as refugees fleeing Turkey after the Greeks lost the Greco-Turkish War in 1922, Zoi went on to specialize in emergency medicine and to work around the world with Doctors Without Borders and the Hellenic Rescue Team, which she founded in 1998.

On Lesbos, she works for the International Organization on Migration, offers medical support to the Greek Coast Guard and helps the local community through the Medical Association of Lesbos and a Greek NGO called The Smile of the Child.



Noora Lori

Noora Lori is an Assistant Professor of International Relations at the Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University. Her research focuses on citizenship, migration and racial politics in the Middle East and in comparative perspective. Her book, *Offshore Citizens: Permanent “Temporary” Status in the Gulf* (Cambridge University Press 2019) received the best book prize from the Migration and Citizenship section of the American Political Science Association (2020), the Distinguished Book Award from the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Studies section of the International Studies Association (2021), the Best Book in from the Middle East and North Africa politics section of the American Political Science Association. She has published in the *International Migration Review*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* and *Journal of Global Security Studies*, among other journals and edited volumes. Her work has been funded by the ACLS/Mellon foundation, Ziet-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerus, the Hariri Institute for Computing and Computer Engineering (BU), the Initiative on Cities (BU) (2016; 2019), as well as other grants. She is the co-director (with Kaija Schilde) of the Pardee School Initiative on [Forced Migration and Human Trafficking](#). She was previously an Academy Scholar at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, a fellow at the International Security Program of the Harvard Kennedy School, and a visiting scholar at the Dubai School of Government. She received her PhD in Political Science from Johns Hopkins University’s 2013 (nlori@bu.edu).



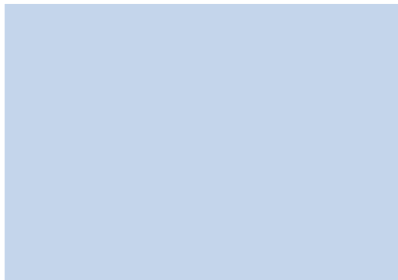
Maria -Daniella Marouda

Professor Maria Daniella Marouda is an Independent member in respect of Greece and Chair of the European Committee against Racism and Intolerance (1st term as of January 2020, 2nd term as of 2022). She is an Assistant Professor in International Law, Panteion University of Athens and Jean Monnet Chair Holder on EU Solidarity in Civil Protection and Humanitarian Action (emphasis on Migration and the Covid19 pandemic). UNESCO Chairholder on Peace, Human Rights and Democracy - Head of EU and UNHCR Research projects on mapping integration indicators for the inclusion of refugee and migrant children through education, as well as on homeless unaccompanied children. 20 years of experience in humanitarian fieldwork, through OSCE, UNHCR and then International Committee of the Red Cross, in armed conflicts (1996 Bosnia Herzegovina, 1997 Albania, 1999 Kosovo, 1998-99 Sri Lanka), and then onwards based in Greece with short missions in areas in crisis or conflict.



Nuala Mole

Nuala Mole has a law degree from the University of Oxford, a degree in European Law from The College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium and an honorary doctorate from the University of Essex. She has been a guest lecturer at universities across the USA and Europe as well as providing expertise and training to judges, public officials, legal practitioners, IOM, UNHCR, the European Commission, the Council of Europe and the Academy of European Law in Trier. In 1993 she set up the AIRE Centre to provide information, advice and direct legal representation in the European Court of Human Rights where she has been involved in the litigation of over 150 cases as well as in several cases before the Court of Justice of the European Union and at the UNCRC Committee. The focus of her work for 30 years has been on migration, asylum, international child abduction and other aspects of children's rights and she has written and published widely on these themes having been involved in policy development as well as in litigation. She has worked extensively in the Western Balkans and lived in the UK, the USA and in Belgium and Greece. She works in several European languages.



Nasruddin Nizami

Nasruddin Nizami comes from Afghanistan. I arrived in Greece in 2010. I attended educational courses at Deree college. I was a volunteer for the initiative "Refugees Welcome". I have worked as an interpreter, cultural mediator, and case worker at the International Organization of Migration and at the Greek Council for Refugees, where I'm currently a coordinator in the Reception and Interpretation Unit. I'm also a board member and Community Relations Officer of the non-profit organization "Solomon <https://wearesolomon.com/>". I speak Pashto Dari/Farsi, Urdu, English and Greek.



Hadi Mohebi

Hadi Mohebi is a mentor at the Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors within the Ministry of Migration and Asylum in Greece. Originally from Afghanistan, he arrived in Greece seven years ago as an unaccompanied minor seeking asylum. With his own firsthand experience, he is now supporting other unaccompanied minors, empowering them to become self-reliant. He gives the children advice on education, integration, and their daily lives. Hadi is currently pursuing his studies at the Athens Economic University, specializing in International and European Economic Studies.



Irini Papanicolopulu

Professor Irini Papanicolopulu (PhD, University of Milan) is associate professor of international law at the University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy). She has previously held academic positions at the University of Glasgow (UK) and the University of Oxford (UK). Prof. Papanicolopulu conducts research and has published widely in international law, including among others law of the sea, delimitation of maritime boundaries, environmental law, international humanitarian law and human rights law. She has been invited to academic and research institutions around the world, including the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (Germany) and the International Maritime Law Institute (Malta) among others. She is the author or two monographs, including “International Law and the Protection of People at Sea” (OUP 2018).



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Dr Emmanouil Pikoulis is the Dean of School of Health Sciences of NKUA and Professor of Surgery. He is an Adj. Professor of Surgery of the USUHS, Bethesda in Maryland, USA, and Adj. Professor in Humanitarian and Catastrophe Emergency Medicine of the University of Bern, Switzerland. Since 2016 he is the Director of MSc “Global Health – Disaster Medicine” School of Medicine - NKUA, and the Supervisor of Attikon Medical Center (A.K.I.S.A). He also holds a Jean Monnet Chair in “Humanitarian Medicine and Response in action”. He is a board-certified general surgeon, who has combined his background in emergency surgery and trauma surgical management with a special interest in global health, humanitarian aid and disaster medicine in working on educational programs development, disaster preparedness and training around the world. He has an extensive experience in the designing, implementing, and evaluating disaster drills, in the field of humanitarian medicine with third countries with emphasis in the African Continent (Tanzania), as well as in public health emergency response leadership training. He has several years of experience in working with WHO in the field of refugee’s health and most recently, with the WHO academy as expert for mass casualties training. He is an award-winning scientist for his contribution in humanitarian medicine education.



George Pleios

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Areti Sianni

Areti Sianni (Greece) has worked for thirty years on refugee protection at country, regional and headquarters levels in Europe, Middle East and North Africa and Asia-Pacific regions including in emergency operations. Prior to taking her assignment in India, she served as Assistant Representative (Protection) with UNHCR Yemen and as Assistant Chief of Mission (Protection) with UNHCR Libya.

Areti has also served as Senior Protection Adviser with UNHCR's Regional Bureau for the Middle East and North Africa and in a policy advisory capacity on responses to mixed population flows in various countries. From 2012-2014, she was seconded to the Bali Process Regional Support Office where she advised on protection sensitive responses to mixed movements of refugees and migrants including by sea. Before joining UNHCR in 2008, Areti worked as an independent consultant as well as with foundations and international NGOs including the European Council on Refugees and Exiles, Amnesty International- International Secretariat and the Barrow Cadbury Trust.

Areti Sianni holds degrees in Development Studies (MSc, London School of Economics, London, UK), Politics (MA, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia) and Political Science and Public Administration (University of Athens, Greece). She speaks Greek, English, French and Spanish."



Dalton Sirmans

Dalton T. Sirmans is a Co-Founder and Senior Partner at Amplio Ventures, focusing on growth capital for businesses restoring refugee stability. He is also Co-Founder of MainStreet Technologies, a financial technology company acquired in 2018. With a background in entrepreneurship, marketing, and business coaching, Dalton utilizes his experience to evaluate investment opportunities with a multiple bottom-line approach. Currently pursuing a Master of Liberal Arts in International Relations at Harvard University, Dalton's dedication to educating the marketplace and advocating for refugee-owned business is evident in his forthcoming book, "The Refugee Advantage."



Apostolos Staikos

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Agis Terzidis

Agis Terzidis is a pediatrician, specialized in public health and holds a PhD in preventive medicine - epidemiology. He is the academic supervisor of the MSC “Global Health - Disaster Medicine” of the School of Medicine, of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Mr Terzidis is among the first active members of Médecins du Monde Greece, participating in their missions in Greece and abroad. During this career he has also participated in missions of Doctors Without Borders, being also a member of the board of directors. Today he is the General Secretary of the board of directors of MDM Greece. Mr Terzidis has been a member of many editorial teams for the national strategy against social exclusion, as well as coordinator of European programs to combat poverty and upgrade the living conditions of socially vulnerable groups. He has a special scientific interest in improving access to the healthcare system for socially excluded groups, as well as for the health of ‘People on the move’. He is a certified expert for the identification of victims of torture, and since 2013 a member of the scientific team for the certification of victims of torture in METADRASI.



Daphne Tolis

I am a producer/journalist, mostly working in broadcast, and a documentary filmmaker/photographer based in Athens. I have reported from Greece and many other countries, as far afield as Bangladesh and Lebanon. Beyond my own documentary projects, I frequently work as a freelance field producer and fixer in Greece for large European and American television networks, including the BBC, VICE News, ABC, PBS, SRF, NPR, Channel 4, Deutsche Welle, ZDF, VPRO. My work with these organisations involves setting up shoots, researching, using my contacts to gain access to key voices in Greece and around the Mediterranean, and field producing the shoots themselves. I also work as a field producer, researcher, journalist and translator assisting leading storytellers from around the world with feature stories and filming in Greece. I have visited many refugee camps and settlements across Greece. While following refugee flows, I travelled to camps in Turkey, North Macedonia, Serbia, Italy, Lebanon, Calais in France and Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. I have won two Migration Media Awards for my reporting in this area, for stories I produced as a freelancer with colleagues from the BBC and VICE, respectively.



Eva Tzavala

Eva Tzavala is a legal expert on migration and asylum law, working currently as the Head of the Scientific Unit at the Greek National Commission for Human Rights, the Greek NHRI. She has been chairing the Asylum and Migration Working Group of the European Network of NHRIs for the past 3 years. She has previously worked for the Greek Ministry for Migration and Asylum, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Office in Greece, the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs in the USA and the Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights. Besides her professional career, she is a member of the Athens Public International Law Center at the NKUA and has been collaborating with other research institutes on research projects on public international law and human rights. She has also extensive experience in teaching and training students and professionals from academia, the public sector, education and businesses. She has been the author of studies on international aspects of human rights protection, asylum law and the treatment of migrants.



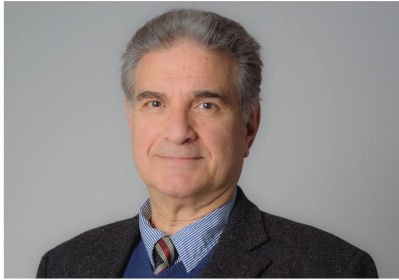
Negin Torfinezhadian

Negin Torfinezhadian was born in South Iran. She arrived in Lesvos, Greece 7 years ago on the day that she turned 18 years old, seeking asylum with well-founded fear of persecution being a victim of forced marriage. Her journey to Greece has been quite challenging as she had to walk during the biggest part of her journey. Mrs. Torfinezhadian experienced staying in the refugee camp of Moria in Lesvos and resided in Elaionas camp in Athens. Despite the significant challenges of being a young refugee and a single mother, Mrs. Torfinezhadian has been supporting other refugees either by working as a volunteer or as a paid interpreter since her arrival in Greece and onwards. This significant experience led her to her current role working as a mentor for UAMs in the Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors in the Ministry of Migration and Asylum providing guidance through her lived experience to unaccompanied children residing now in Greece.



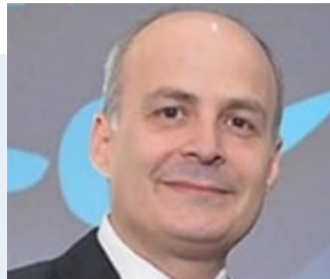
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The AIRE Centre Legal Support

The AIRE Centre (Advice on Individual Rights in Europe) is a specialist legal charity based in London but our mandate is pan European. The AIRE Centre litigates before the European Court of Human Rights and the **European Court Of Justice** and has been involved in [over 100 cases](#) since the organisation was founded in 1993. Our policy has always been to offer our litigation expertise in whatever form it is needed, which may mean acting as representatives on the record, sharing our expertise on procedural and substantive law, or intervening as an expert third party in cases which we are not assisting in the representation.

Mission

We use the power of European law to protect fundamental rights.

We do this by:

1. providing expert advice on European law,
2. conducting litigation in cases where fundamental European rights are at stake,
3. undertaking policy work, training and technical assistance to promote standard setting and the sound development of the law, and
4. operating a well-resourced and purposeful organisation for the benefit of those seeking to enjoy their fundamental European rights.

Impact

Where we identify critical human rights violations or gaps in policy or law which affect individuals in Europe, we step in and pursue cases with strategic potential. Such cases have had a wider impact on a national and international level, protecting the rights of vulnerable people including asylum-seekers, people who are homeless, victims of trafficking and survivors of domestic violence, to name a few. The AIRE Centre specialises in litigation before the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice. We act as representatives on the record, sharing our expertise on procedural and substantive law, or we intervene as an expert third party in cases which we are not assisting in the representation.



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GREEK NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

GNCHR

Human Rights

The Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR) is the independent advisory body to the Greek State (in accordance with the UN Paris Principles) and the national institution for the protection and promotion of human rights (NHRI) in Greece.

Mission

- The constant monitoring of developments regarding human rights protection, the continuous briefing and promotion of the relevant research.
- The maintenance of permanent contacts and co-operation with international organizations, such as the United Nations Organisation, the Council of Europe, the OSCE, with National Human Rights Institutions of other States, as well as with national or international non-governmental organisations.
- The formulation of policy advice of human rights issues.

Impact

The GNCHR plays an important and constructive role in the effective implementation of human rights protection, constantly monitoring developments related to the human rights situation in Greece and abroad and the implementation of human rights law, providing ongoing advisory to the competent bodies of the State. Its advisory role, however, is not limited to submitting opinions, recommendations, proposals or reports and participating in Parliamentary sessions but also extends to assisting the reports submitted by national competent authorities for their compliance with international, regional and / or and European human rights standards (reporting) as well as encouraging the ratification of international human rights treaties.



The Home Project Child Protection

Impact

THP currently operates 13 shelters in Athens, overseen by the Child Protection Unit. THP has supported over 1,000 children since 2016, successfully reuniting 225 of them with their families throughout Europe and has created 220 jobs. Notably, THP employs 25 individuals who were formerly beneficiaries of its shelters, serving as caregivers, interpreters, and cleaners.

Education holds a crucial position in THP's approach, as all children under their care attend Greek schools. The organization has formed partnerships with three renowned private educational institutions, which have played a vital role by offering scholarships enabling children to pursue higher education at the college and university level in Greece and in the US.

In Greece, care for unaccompanied refugee children remains scattered among NGOs and international bodies. Available European Union funds for accommodation and social welfare services remain under-utilized. The Greek state needs to develop the requisite capacity to properly protect and integrate refugee children who arrive alone. Chronic institutional incompetence contributes to social discontent and fatigue with refugee issues, giving ground to xenophobia and racism in public discourse and politics. There are 2,219 unaccompanied children in Greece today. A large number of them are excluded from institutional child protection services, without access to basic care, social welfare, or any information about their rights.

Mission

The HOME Project (THP) is a nonprofit organization created in 2016 to care for unaccompanied children whose families and lives are wrecked by war and persecution, empowering them to persevere and grow into active citizens.

What we do

We aim to improve the lives of unaccompanied minors by influencing child protection policy at a national and international level. Our goal is to influence society as a whole by guiding refugee children to become active citizens and encouraging local communities to welcome them.

At the heart of the organization is the THP child protection model, which provides:

1. A holistic network of child protection services guided by an Individual Development Plan addressing each child's particular needs over time, including physical and mental health, education, life skills, social and legal support
2. Employment for Greeks, migrants and refugees, including children reaching adulthood
3. A healing and inclusive environment, and active engagement of the local community in order to cultivate social inclusion



AMURTEL Greece

**Mother empowering,
Mother well-being**

AMURTEL (Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team, Ladies) is an international women's NGO founded in 1975 in India, initiating projects managed by women for women and children. AMURTEL Greece maintains safe women's spaces that focus on the period of pregnancy up to two years after birth.

We understand that for many women in times of crisis, their concerns focus around the well-being of their children and family. We are also aware that disasters can make women more susceptible to post-traumatic stress, depression, or lingering shock and grief. Pregnant and postpartum women are often especially vulnerable.

Mission

-Mitigate the effects of crises by supporting women to be the best possible mothers they can be and thus give their children the best possible start in life.

-Empower women through discussions about infant care with an emphasis on breastfeeding and infant nutrition, as well as sexual reproductive health and gender-based violence.

-Create community in order to overcome the often devastating effects of isolation due to lack of a supportive network of family and friends.

Impact

AMURTEL maintains a day center in Athens as well as providing services in refugee camps, shelters and local NGO venues.



INTERSOS HELLAS

Integration, well-being

Impact

INTERSOS HELLAS completes seven years of dynamic presence in Greece, sending the loudest message against all kinds of discrimination and in favor of the protection and respect of human life. During these seven years, INTERSOS HELLAS has offered comprehensive assistance to asylum seekers, recognized refugees and migrants in Macedonia, Epirus, Thessaly, Lesvos and Attica, while successfully implementing independent national programs, the "Vaccines for All", "Food for All" and "Protection for All Minors" which aim to meet the basic needs of particularly vulnerable social groups.

INTERSOS HELLAS is a non-governmental organization that operates in Greece with the aim to provide equal opportunities and long term, durable solutions to people in need. We are a member of the INTERSOS family which has been active since 1992 and is operating in more than 23 countries around the world.

Mission

INTERSOS HELLAS implements a series of supportive activities aimed at improving the wellbeing, providing meaningful access to information, services, rights and orientation, along with other auxiliary actions that will facilitate the movement towards the self-reliance of refugees and asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection in Greece. Moreover, INTERSOS HELLAS has focused since the outset on strengthening the community response, with an initial focus on promoting peaceful coexistence between host and hosted communities.

With professionalism, consistency, love, and solidarity, in these seven years, the staff of INTERSOS HELLAS were always next to the people in need, aiming at their safety and the improvement of their living conditions.

INTERSOS HELLAS was, is and will always be at the frontline of emergencies.

More information: www.intersos.gr



Prolepsis Institute

Medical research, advocacy

Impact

The Prolepsis institute aims to:

- be involved in the organization and implementation of Preventive Medicine and Public Health programs;
- design and implement educational actions for the general population and specific groups of the population;
- advocate and raise awareness on issues that threaten citizens' physical and mental health and perpetuate or exacerbate social inequalities;
- respond to the needs of the people that belong to each vulnerable group by alleviating human pain, and to provide support in cases of a crisis situation or a natural disaster;

Prolepsis Institute is a civil non for profit organization established in 1990 in Athens, Greece, comprising a multi-disciplinary experienced team of physicians, health promotion and communication specialists, nutritionists, statisticians, psychologists, sociologists and economists. With a strong belief in health being a fundamental right, Prolepsis Institute has a leading role in the field of public health, by designing and implementing initiatives on several health issues in various sectors, targeting a wide range of groups, such as children, adults, women, migrants, Roma people, the elderly, and different types of occupational groups, such as health professionals, teachers, and educators as well as policymakers, other NGOs and decision makers

As a coordinator or a partner, Prolepsis Institute has participated in multiple large scale EU co-funded and national projects implementing research, educational initiatives, aiming at health promotion and education of the public, policy change and tackling health inequalities. Moreover, the Institute encourages interdisciplinary and international co-operation, creating networks of collaboration not only in Greece but also in Europe, and the USA. Prolepsis Institute has recently implemented a number of humanitarian focused projects aiming to promote the health and well-being of the vulnerable population groups.

Impact (Continue)

- Undertake research covering all project stages, including study design, protocol development, questionnaire or other measurement tools development, data collection, development of statistical methodology, data analysis, drafting of deliverables and related scientific publications.;
- Assess the impact of applied programs and actions by using scientifically documented assessment tools.

Direct beneficiaries in the last decade (since 2012) reach over 270.000 people. These people include children/teachers from low socioeconomic backgrounds, elderly people, migrants/refugees with specific focus on women, Roma people, *health and other professionals, people suffering from natural disasters etc.*



Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) was founded in 1971 in France by a group of doctors and journalists in the wake of war and famine in Biafra, Nigeria. Their aim was to establish an independent organisation that focuses on delivering emergency medicine aid quickly, effectively and impartially.

Mission

We provide medical assistance to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from healthcare. Our teams are made up of tens of thousands of health professionals, logistic and administrative staff - bound together by our charter. Our actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of impartiality, independence and neutrality. MSF was created in the belief that all people should have access to healthcare regardless of gender, race, religion, creed or political affiliation, and that people's medical needs outweigh respect for national boundaries.

Impact

MSF is currently active in several locations across Greece:

In **downtown Athens**, MSF runs an Urban Day Care Center and a Clinic to respond to the medical needs of asylum seekers/migrants residing all around the city.

The Victoria Square Clinic provides primary healthcare and mental healthcare during afternoon and evening hours. Moreover, at a third center MSF and partner organization provide medical and mental healthcare to **survivors of torture and violence**.

Impact (Continue)

In the **Elliniko** camps MSF teams provide sexual and reproductive healthcare, mental healthcare, distribute hygiene kits, and conduct health promotion activities.

In the camp of **Thermopyles** MSF provides mental healthcare and sexual and reproductive healthcare.

In **Lesvos**, MSF runs a Clinic in the town of Mytilini for all asylum seekers and migrants residing on the island.

In the camps of **Malakasa, Lavrio and Ritsona** MSF provides mental healthcare to migrants and asylum seekers



ELIL

Legal support

European Lawyers in Lesvos (ELIL) provides free, independent legal assistance to refugees in Greece and Poland

Mission

The asylum process is a legal one, yet in Greece there is no state-provided legal aid available for asylum seekers before their decisive first interview, meaning that most attend without having spoken to a lawyer. The only way an asylum seeker can receive legal assistance at this stage is through one of the NGOs in Greece.

We familiarise asylum seekers with the asylum process and criteria, help them understand their rights and obligations and be fully prepared for their interview. Our work contributes to upholding the rule of law, protecting human rights and ensuring the asylum procedure is fair, efficient and robust.

Impact

ELIL believes that every refugee should be able to receive assistance from an independent, experienced lawyer. Of those we have assisted in Greece, 70.8% have been granted asylum, compared to an average of 30% nationally.

25k+

People Assisted

10k+

Cases Assisted

400+

Volunteers

7

Years





STEPS

**Advocacy,
Street lawyering**

Through complete suggestions and targeted actions, we pursue to give answers to problems that our fellow citizens, that live as outsiders, have to deal with and that experience social exclusion, with the goal for them to become self-dependent and self-reliant. We become their voice, when it's needed, claiming rights that should be self-evident for every human being. We come across two types of people on the streets: Street Connected Adults (homeless, unemployed that live below the poverty line, people who use drugs, immigrants, refugees, human trafficking victims, sex workers). Street Connected Children (unaccompanied minors, working children, human trafficking victims).

Impact

227 Participants

78832 Hours of Street Embrace

130926 Portions of Food

20900 Syringes (22,000 syringes have been collected)

5000 Condoms

17000 Masks & Hygiene kits

Mission

Our mission is to approach street connected people, while at the same time giving them access to food, counseling, entertainment, first aid, clothing and personal hygiene. Our next goal is to provide space in apartments, in order for them to gain privacy. Our final goal is to provide them with the opportunity to develop their skills and/or to be trained in order for them to be autonomous.





Tastes of Damascus

Social restaurant

Refugee Entrepreneurship

Tastes of Damascus, Zaatar NGO's latest project, is an eco-friendly restaurant serving healthy vegetarian Middle Eastern cuisine and offering training and job opportunities to asylum-seekers and refugees.

Mission

Mutual integration: Integration works both ways.

Since Greece is not a very diverse country, we believe that our project has a great impact on breaking barriers.

A long-term goal of our project is therefore to open minds and widen horizons, making Greek people more curious of foreign cultures and others.

We aim at promoting the Syrian culture while changing locals' conceptions of refugees as a weight for society, demonstrating how they instead can bring new flavours and experiences to the city.

Impact

So far, Za'atar NGO has trained four groups of ten refugees and asylum-seekers (total of 40 students) in the basic skills required to work in the restaurant industry in Greece. The Restaurant Training Course took place at our day-center organization, the Orange House, and are taught in Greek, which greatly improves their chances of getting a job in after graduating from the training. The Restaurant Training Course is taught by a woman from Syria, who also is the full-time manager at Tastes of Damascus. Our students receive basic training in making all the most common dishes in both Greek and Middle Eastern cuisine.

After completing the Restaurant Training Course, students are given the opportunity to apply to work at Tastes of Damascus, where we support them with our team to complete the paperwork that is required to hire them. Employees receive a standard salary while being trained to improve their cooking skills and their knowledge of the Greek language. The goal is that after few months, employees/students will be able to go work in another restaurant and maintain their job, allowing us to welcome more students to be trained.



METAdrasi

Interpretation

Education

Integration

Protection

METAdrasi - Action for Migration and Development is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation. Its main principles and functions are consistency, transparency, and innovation. METAdrasi implements innovative actions that respond to critical and often long-term issues that are not adequately addressed by public or other civil society actors.

Its primary objective is to tackle and overcome the significant gaps in the management of migration and provide top-notch services for the reception and integration of refugees, migrants, and unaccompanied children in Greece.

Mission

Believing that migration leads to development, METAdrasi is determined to uphold and protect the fundamental human rights of all those displaced and persecuted. Through innovative interventions, METAdrasi fills crucial gaps in the reception and integration of refugees and migrants in Greece.

Impact

It is widely recognized for its exceptional efforts and contributions towards creating a more welcoming and inclusive society for individuals who are seeking refuge and a better life. Since its inception in 2010, it has been at the forefront of providing support and assistance to migrants and refugees, not only on the mainland but also in all entry points on the islands of the Aegean Sea, where it has made a significant impact.



This is our common ground

SolidarityNow

Solidarity services,
Education
Integration

Solidarity Now (SN) is a Greek non-profit, humanitarian organization, founded in 2013 to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups of our society, without discrimination. SN implements projects across thematic areas, aiming to bring together different groups of people to address common challenges.

We aspire to live in a world where there is solidarity among people, hope for the future and tolerance to difference, where each person can live in dignity and safety. Our programs aim to establish a pathway towards this world, equipping individuals with the tools, skills and information required to appreciate difference and support each other to overcome challenges, while also creating an enabling environment for the pursuit of this vision.

Mission

To improve people’s lives and empower them to create a just and inclusive society

SolidarityNow aims to support and enable individuals to take their lives into their own hands and become active members of society. To achieve this, SN implements an array of complementary programs throughout the country, supporting vulnerable and marginalized individuals to actively participate in the creation of an open and inclusive society, where difference and diversity are seen as positive elements, strengthening and enriching individual lives and experiences.

Impact

350000

beneficiaries

595000

free services provided

97000

beneficiaries of our Solidarity
Centers

20000

activities of non-formal
education





Odyssea

Employment and personal development

Odyssea is a non-profit organization that supports young vulnerable people to have access to employment opportunities in society. We provide tailored vocational and life-skills training combined with employability services that bridge young people with the world of work and empower them to realize their full potential.

Our vision is to build a world where all young people thrive by realizing their full potential.

Mission

Odyssea’s mission is to ensure that young people have equal opportunities in society by harnessing the power of knowledge for employment and personal development.

Impact





Mission ANTHROPOS

Hellenic medical and humanitarian support

Mission ANTHROPOS is a Greek non-profit, Non Governmental Organization (NGO) with independent medical and humanitarian action that was founded in 2010.

Mission

Mission “ANTHROPOS” responds to humanitarian needs by organizing Missions in the developing world, Programs in Greece for vulnerable groups, migrants and refugees and Initiatives that address specific rising needs of the Greek society.

Since 2010, we have successfully completed three missions in Ethiopia in 2010, 2011 and 2012 and one mission in Tanzania in 2019. In Greece we have completed the Programs «We Vaccinate – Children Without Insurance, Not Without Protection» (2012-2017), «We care – For the Elderly» (2018) and “We offer-Smiles to Children” (2019-2020), while two more Programs are currently running: “We Support – Medical Care for All” (2013- to date) and “WOMENTORS: Empowering Young Women” (2020-2022).

Impact

OUR RESULTS 2010-2023

105

Missions / Programs
/Initiatives

33,081

Beneficiaries

900

Volunteers

352

Partner Organizations

23,810

Medical Procedures

191,607

Donated Items



Melissa is a network for migrant and refugee women living in Greece. It aims to promote empowerment and active citizenship, to create and sustain bonds, and to build a bridge of communication with the host society.

The name 'Melissa' stems from the Greek word for honey-bee. It stands for the women who have come here from all over the world, bringing along skills and talents, dreams and ideas, unique stories and extraordinary strengths. They are agents of change for their own lives, their families, their societies, as well as for the society that hosts them.

Mission

Melissa's mission is to contribute to the empowerment of migrant and refugee woman, making their voices heard and supporting them in becoming agents of change. We do this by providing a safe space of sharing and learning, where they can access support, information and opportunities, pursue their own initiatives and build their life strategies.

Impact

Melissa's vision of society is not as a collection of isolated cells, but as a beehive of creativity, communication and exchange. Our aim is to motivate migrant and refugee women and engage them in the public sphere, in order to be the change they wish to see. Despite the adversities that they have faced and continue to face in the current crisis, migrant and refugee women are multipliers and integrators. They are capable of making something out of almost nothing, multiplying their scarce resources in order to feed, nurture and care. What they create with their work, their dedication, their talents, their efforts and ambitions, promotes social cohesion and contributes to the host society in countless visible and invisible ways.



Solomon

Investigative journalism

Solomon is a non-profit based in Greece that produces journalism that serves the interest of the public.

Mission

Our objective is to hold power to account, support domestic investigative journalism, as well as facilitate collaboration among journalists at a cross-border level.

Impact

In recent years, Solomon has become an influential outlet, publishing investigations in Greek and English that are often discussion starters.

We team up with experts from various fields – journalists, photo-journalists, developers, designers, OSINT and data experts – and devote our time and resources to delving into underreported issues. Our reporting is structured around four main areas: **accountability of those in power, refugees and migration, environment, and food systems.**

To support the journalistic community in a practical way, we have created the **Solomon media lab**, an innovative educational hub that provides training, tool-kits and good practice guides for journalists.

We are accountable to our community and believe that **full transparency** is the way to regain the public's lost trust in journalism.



Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (MFHR) stands for human rights and aims to research, study, defend, and protect internationally recognised human rights.

Mission

-Research, study, defend, protect and promote the generally recognized fundamental human rights and freedoms

- advance human rights education and training and the raising of public awareness in all matters affecting human rights, peace and the development of democratic institutions.

Impact

The Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights alleged that the Greek government was not in compliance with Greek, European, and international law owing to the nature of its oversight (and partial ownership of) several lignite coal mines and coal-fired power plants.



IASIS

**Psychosocial Support,
Mental Health**

At the center of IASIS NGO is the human. Our main goal is to provide therapeutic and counseling services as well as psychosocial support to people who are in need. Our Vision is to create a world with no discrimination and no injustice through education and support.

Mission

The main objectives of the organization are

- to provide psychosocial support,
- to combat the social exclusion of vulnerable groups of the population,
- to provide psychological and counseling services, to create equal opportunities and new perspectives for vulnerable groups of the population,
- to promote mental health, to provide psychiatric care in the Community based on the principles of Social Psychiatry and Psychosocial Rehabilitation, provision of specialized psychiatric services and psychoeducational interventions to the standards of Psychiatric Reform and the World Health Organization.

Impact

“The total number of beneficiaries of the institution is calculated from 2006 until today to 500,000+ people.”