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Professor Dr. Giannis Mpekas is Member of the Teaching Staff of the Law School in NEAPOLIS University Pafos, (Visiting Professor – Criminal Law) since September 2020.

For the academic year 2020-2021 he is teaching the following subjects: General Criminal Law I-Gr, General Criminal Law II-Gr, Special Criminal Law I-Gr, Special Criminal Law II-Gr, Criminal Procedure I-Gr, Criminal Procedure II-Gr, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Practical Issues-Gr, Penology-Gr and Anti-Corruption in Criminal Law, Global Taxation Standards and Financial Crime for the *M.A in Economic Crime and Criminal Justice*.

In the year 1974 Prof Dr. Giannis Bekas was admitted to the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, from where he graduated in 1979 with the degree "very good" (8.25), while also being a fellow of the I.K.Y.-Scholarship during the last three years of his studies.

He was unanimously elected and appointed as a Research Fellow of the Seminary for Criminal Law of the Department of Law of the Democritus University of Thrace in 1982, and he was permanently appointed there by a unanimous decision of the General Assembly of the Department of Law in the year 1993.

He received his doctorate-title in the year 1992 by the Department of Law of the Democritus University of Thrace with the grade «very good». The title of his doctoral thesis is «The extension of the temporal validity of substantive criminal legislation».

In 1993 he was unanimously elected as a permanent lecturer in the field of Substantive Criminal Law at the Department of Law of the Democritus University of Thrace. In 1998 he became a permanent Assistant Professor, in 2004 he became an Associate Professor and in 2019 he became a Professor, holding this position to the present day.

He furthermore teaches at the School of Police Officers in Amygdaleza, Xanthi and Komotini. He also teaches at the departments of Border Guards, Special Guards and Guards of the Parliament.

In 2002, he was appointed as a member of the special legislative committee created by the Greek Ministry for Public Order for the drafting a law on the possession and use of firearms by police officers, which himself initially suggested.

In 2011, he was appointed as a member of the Legislative Committee created by the Greek Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights for the drafting of a law regarding the reform of the Law on Drugs.

In the years 2008-2010, he was the Head of the Secretariat of the Special Account of the Research Committee of the Democritus University Thrace. Since then he has been providing consulting services to the M.O.D.Y. of the above university.

In 2011, he evaluated funded-research-proposals under the NSRF (HERAKLION II) Program for the issuing of doctoral-dissertations in criminal law.

From 2011 to 2019, he has been a Regular Member of the Board of Directors (2011-2017) as well as a Vice President of the Board of Directors (2017-2019) at K.E.T.H.E.A.

In 2016, he was an External Assessor for the establishment of postgraduate programs at Open University of Cyprus and University of Nicosia.

Since May 2017 he has been appointed by the Senate of the Democritus University of Thrace as Legal Adviser of the Institution and as a Chairman of its Legal Committee.

In 2019, he was appointed by the Senate of the Democritus University of Thrace as President of the non-independent Department of Political Science of the same university, mand holds the position to this day.

In addition to the above, he has participated as a member of three-member and seven-member examination-committees of doctoral dissertations which were presented to the Department of Law of the Democritus University of Thrace, as well as the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He moreover participates either as a supervisor or as a member of the advisory committee on many dissertations being issued at the Democritus University of Thrace.

Furthermore he has supervised the issuing of many postgraduate-thesis at the Postgraduate Program of the Democritus University of Thrace, and has participated as a member in most examination-committees for postgraduate-thesis in the discipline of Criminal Law at the above mentioned Postgraduate Program.

He has also participated as a member of three-member-committees for the election or development of members of the Sector for Criminal Law and Criminology of the department of Law of the Democritus University Thrace, as well as in several electoral bodies for the election, development or permanent membership of faculty members of other Departments of the same University. He has also participated in electoral bodies for the election, development or permanent membership of faculty members in the field of Criminal Law of other Universities, such as the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Panteion University.

From 2008 and up to the present, he is supervising (with regular six-month progress reports) PhD scholars of the I.K.Y.-Scholarships Foundation who are currently residing abroad.

Since his inclusion as a faculty member of the Democritus University of Thrace and up to the present day, Dr. Giannis Bekas co-teaches at the undergraduate level the subjects of "Criminal Law I" and "Criminal Law II" (General Part) and furthermore co-teaches in the context of the subject of Special Criminal Legislation the criminal provisions regarding the offences with weapons and explosives. Up to 2002, he also taught in the context of the subject of Special Criminal Law, the criminal provisions regarding the offences against personal honor. Up to 2001 he also taught in the context of the Subject of "Criminal Law III" the provisions for the crimes against capital. From 2001 to 2008, he co-taught in the context of the subject of "Criminal Law III" the provisions for the crimes against life and health. From 2008 and up to the present day, he co-teaches anew in the context of the subject of "Criminal Law III" the provisions for the crimes against capital. During the spring semester of 1995, he co-taught the subject of "Special Criminology". All the above activity took place at the Department of law of the Democritus University of Thrace.

Since the introduction of the Postgraduate Program of the Democritus University of Thrace and up to the present day, Dr. Giannis Bekas co-teaches the subjects of "Criminal Law" and "Special Criminal Legislation" of the 1st cycle of the Postgraduate Programme.

In addition, from the year 1998 and up to the present day, he periodically teaches the subject of the "General Part of Criminal Law" to the students of the School for Police Officers in Amygdaleza, Xanthi and Komotini, as well as to the students of the School of border-guards, special guards and guards of the Parliament.

Professor Dr. Bekas has been invited as a visitor and has taught postgraduate programs at the Department of Law of Panteion University (Criminal Law and Philosophy) and the Medical School of the Democritus University of Thrace (Bioethics and Law).

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

The research interests of Prof. Dr. Giannis Mpekas extend to the General and Special Parts of the Criminal Code, with an emphasis on the time limits for the application of substantive criminal laws, on crimes against personal honour, property, life and health. They also extend to Special Criminal Legislation and in particular to the crimes related with weapons, explosives and drugs. His interests also extend to Criminal Procedure Law, Special Criminology, Illegal Immigration Legislation, Philosophy of law and Bioethics.

## PUBLICATIONS (2011-2020)

### *Monographs*

1. The protection of property from manipulation acts that lead to self-harm by means of the criminal law (awaiting publication).
2. Practical teaching of criminal law, Athens, 2005, Sakkoulas Law and Economics (p. XVI and 365).
3. The protection of life and health in the Criminal Code, Athens 2004, Sakkoulas Law and Economics (p. XX and 598).
4. Weapon-carrying and use of firearms by police officers. Commentary of Law Nr. 3169/2003, Athens 2003, Sakkoulas Law and Economics (p. XXI and 265).
5. Crimes against life and health. University Lectures. Athens 2002, Sakkoulas Law and Economics (p. XX and 344).
6. Practical cases of the Special Part of the Criminal Code. Crimes against personal legal goods. Athens 1999, Sakkoulas Law and Economics (p. XIII and 190).
7. Weapons-Ammunitions-Explosives, Athens 1995, Brothers P. Sakkoula (227 p.).
8. Resignation from a charge – Articles 117-120 of the Criminal Code, in: Systematic Commentary of the Criminal Code, Athens 1994, Brothers P. Sakkoula (p. 110).
9. The Law Nr. 495/76, Athens 1993, Brothers P. Sakkoula (106 p.).
10. The extension of the temporal validity of substantive criminal legislation, Athens – Komotini, 1992, Ant. Sakkoulas (322 p.).

### *Publications in Collective Volumes/ Chapters in national selective volumes:*

1. Criminal Law III. Crimes against Property, Capital & Life, St. Pavlou – G. Mpekas, Athens 2011, Sakkoulas Law and Economics (p. 241-961).
2. Articles 2-4 of the Criminal Code, in: Criminal Code – Commentary, supervision A. Charalampakis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Athens 2018, Nomiki Bibliothiki (p. 9-48).
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## *Papers in Peer Review Journals*

1. The criminal provisions of drug trafficking, *Poiniki Dikaioisyni* 2013, p. 784 ff.
2. The crimes regarding the illegal transportation of immigrants, in: Honorary Volume for A. Psarouda-Benaki, Athens, 2008, pp. 333-346.
3. Political choices and the law. Extradition, forced proceeding, the delivery of foreigners and european arrest warrant, *Poinikos Logos* 2007, pp. 549-557 and Honorary Volume for A. Karras, Athens, 2010, pp. 1035-1051.
4. The criminal provisions for the abuse of power as a felony, *Poinikos Logos* 2005, pp. 1117-1134 and Honorary volume for I. Manoledakis, Athens - Thessaloniki 2007, vol. II, pp. 395-418.
5. Abuse of the "Fourth Power" and the Rule of Law, *Poinikos Logos* 2004, pp. 2081-2085.
6. The "Molotov cocktail" as an explosive or incendiary device and the attempted explosion, *Poinikos Logos* 2004, pp. 513-517.
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8. The refuted reasons for wavering and unlawful act and article 23 par. a' elem. b' of the Criminal Code, *Poinikos Logos* 2003, p. 29 – 36.
9. The causality clause in the crimes of "common endangerment", honorary volume for D. Spinellis, Athens 2001, pp. 127 – 141.
10. Euthanasia: Crime or obligation?, *Poinikos Logos* 2001, pp. 734 - 737.
11. Subjective elements in necessity, honorary volume for G.A. Maggakis, Athens 1999, pp. 183 – 194.
12. International Criminal Law and the criminal charge, *Hyperaspise* 1998, pp. 951 – 957.
13. The new authentic definitions of the Criminal Code and their effects on the formulation of the criminal phenomenon, *Hyperaspise* 1998, pp. 267 – 285.
14. The provoking instigator, Statement at the 2nd cross-sectoral conference, Library *Hyperaspise* No. 12, Athens - Komotini 1998, pp. 107 – 134.
15. The literal construction as a tool for approaching art. 385 par. 1 elem. b' of the Criminal Code, *Hyperaspise* 1998, pp. 201 - 205.
16. Concurrency (totality principle) of embezzlement with act of the fraud, which was perpetrated to facilitate or to secure the act of embezzlement, *Hyperaspise* 1997, pp. 707 - 712.
17. The succession of reasoning for the admission of criminal liability regarding crimes against personal honour, *Hyperaspise* 1996, pp. 1253 - 1265.
18. The human body and the legal order of Special Criminal Legislation, *Poinika Chronika* 1995, pp. 1204 - 1232
19. The criminal assessment of the perpetrator's rescission at the stage of the attempt, depending on the time of the rescission's manifestation, Statement at the 1<sup>st</sup> Intersectoral Conference of the Sectors for Criminal Law of the Democritus University Thrace and of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, *Meletes* 3, Athens - Komotini 1995, p. 121 – 134.
20. The new law on weapons, *Hyperaspise* 1994, pp. 245 - 250.
21. The effect of the socio-ethical limitations of self-defence on the necessity principle and on the measure of the defense-act, *Hyperaspise* 1993, pp. 773 - 780.
22. Article 408 of the Criminal Code. The criminalization of a way of life, Armenopoulos 1991, p. 53 ff and p. 91.
23. The satisfaction of the victim of certain crimes by their perpetrator as a reason for lifting criminal punishment, written in collaboration with A. Sareli, *Helleniki Dikaioisyne* 1990, pp. 473 - 488.

## *Proceedings in Scientific Conferences*

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2. Conference of the Sector for Criminal Law and Criminology of the department of Law of the Democritus University Thrace, on the topic: «Foreigners in Greece: integration or marginalisation?» (2008). Speaker. Statement's title: "The criminal liability of the transporter of illegal immigrants".
3. Two-day conference of the Rhodes Bar Association on the topic: «Recklessness – Wantonness – third form of delictual fault?» (2006). Intervention.
4. 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Society for Criminal Law (2003). Intervention.
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Intersectoral Conference of the Sectors for Criminal Law of the Democritus University Thrace and of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1998). Speaker. Statement's title: "The provoking instigator".
6. Conference on the draft of the Code of Criminal Procedure / The draft of the new Code of Criminal Procedure and relevant remarks of the legal world of the country (1996). Intervention.
7. 1<sup>st</sup> Intersectoral Conference of the Sectors for Criminal Law of the Democritus University Thrace and of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1995). Speaker. Statement's title: "The criminal assessment of

- the perpetrator's rescission at the stage of the attempt, depending on the time of the rescission's manifestation".
8. Conference of the Laboratory of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law of the Democritus University Thrace on the topic: «Drugs, the path to the new regulation» (1994). Intervention.
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  10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Society for Criminal Law (1989). Intervention.

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2. Remarks on Board of Misdemeanors of Rhodopi Nr. 121/90, Hyperaspise 1991, p. 496 ff.
3. Remarks on Board of Appeals of Crete Nr. 39/93, Hyperaspise 1994, p. 1405 ff.
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7. Remarks on Judicial Council of the Military Court of Xanthi Nr. 17/01, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 642 ff.
8. Remarks on the Plenary Session of the Supreme Court Nr. 12/01, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 827 ff.
9. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 783/01, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 971 ff.
10. Remarks on Five-Member Court of Appeals of Piraeus Nr. 9/2001, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 1471 ff.
11. Remarks on Board of Misdemeanors of Athens Nr. 92/01, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 1476 ff.
12. Remarks on Board of Misdemeanors of Athens Nr. 260/01, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 1481 ff.
13. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1290/01, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 1799 ff.
14. Remarks on Board of Misdemeanors of Athens Nr. 1575/01, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 2086 ff.
15. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1407/01, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 2246 ff.
16. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1465/01, Poinikos Logos 2001, p. 2259 ff.
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24. Remarks on Single-Member Court of Misdemeanors of Katerini Nr. 1916/02, Poinikos Logos 2002, p. 827 ff.
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26. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1874/02, Poinikos Logos 2002, p. 2068 ff.
27. Remarks on Court of Appeals of Thrace Nr. 964/02, Poinikos Logos 2002, p. 2106 ff.
28. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 2095/02, Poinikos Logos 2002, p. 2405 ff.
29. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1/03, Poinikos Logos 2003, p. 38 ff.
30. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 822/03, Poinikos Logos 2003, p. 933 ff.
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32. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 872/03, Poinikos Logos 2003, p. 976 ff.
33. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1296/03, Poinikos Logos 2003, p. 1459 ff.
34. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1304/03, Poinikos Logos 2003, p. 1485 ff. (in collaboration with St. Pavlou who was an Associate Professor at that time).
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38. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 182/04, Poinikos Logos 2004, p. 240 ff.
39. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 184/04, Poinikos Logos 2004, p. 244 ff.
40. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 237/04, Poinikos Logos 2004, p. 284 ff.
41. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 405/04, Poinikos Logos 2004, p. 536 ff.
42. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 804/04, Poinikos Logos 2004, p. 1031.
43. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1231/04, Poinikos Logos 2004, p. 1530 ff.
44. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1252/04, Poinikos Logos 2004, p. 1551 ff.
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61. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 2159/06, Poinikos Logos 2006, p. 2304.
62. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 217/07, Poinikos Logos 2007, p. 179.
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66. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1656/07, Poinikos Logos 2007, p. 1264 ff.
67. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1674/07, Poinikos Logos 2007, p. 1280 ff.
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69. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1703/07, Poinikos Logos 2007, p. 1315 ff.
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76. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1341/08, Poinikos Logos 2008, p. 842 ff.
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78. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1619/08, Poinikos Logos 2008, p. 1036 ff.
79. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1660/08, Poinikos Logos 2008, p. 1057.
80. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 1673/08, Poinikos Logos 2008, p. 1067 ff.
81. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 2059/08, Poinikos Logos 2008, p. 1305.
82. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 85/09, Poinikos Logos 2009, p. 44 ff.
83. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 123/09, Poinikos Logos 2009, p. 75 ff.
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87. Remarks on Supreme Court Nr. 2053/09, Poinikos Logos 2009, awaiting publication.
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### *Awards/honours*

1. I.K.Y.-Scholarship during the last three years of his studies at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens