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Dr. Ioannis Gkountis is Member of the Teaching Staff of the Law School in NEAPOLIS University Pafos, (Visiting Lecturer – 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*.

Dr. Ioannis Gkountis was admitted in 1997 to the Department of Law of the Democritus University of Thrace, from where he graduated in 2001 with the grade "very good" (7.9).

In the same year he was admitted to the Ludwig-Maximilian University Postgraduate Program (LL.M.) in Munich, Germany, which he completed with the grade "excellent". He wrote a master's thesis titled "Die Genterapie in rechtlicher und ethischer Hinsicht", under the supervision of Professor Dr. Ulrich Schroth. The thesis focused on the examination –under the light of criminal law doctrine- of the specific issues raised during the conduct of medical research and the application of new therapeutic methods on humans, and assessed furthermore the usefulness of "bioethics" as a guidelines in the whole process.

Dr. Ioannis Gountis was subsequently accepted by the above institution as a PhD candidate, writing a doctoral dissertation under the supervision of Professor Dr.Dr.h.c.mult. Bernd Schünemann, titled "Autonomie und strafrechtlicher Paternalismus", which received the degree "magna cum laude" and was published in 2011. The dissertation focused on the examination of the legitimacy of criminal provisions, which penalise acts of "self-harm". These provisions, also known as instances of "paternalistic" criminal law legislation, were put under scrutiny and were proven to be "incompatible" with the fundamental principles of the criminal law dogma. In addition, the dubious character of these provisions was also demonstrated from the viewpoint of the philosophy and history of law.

During the last phase of his doctoral dissertation, Dr. Ioannis Gkountis also received a scholarship from the "Stibet" scholarship program of Ludwig-Maximilian University and DAAD.

Subsequently and more specifically from the year 2013 until today (except for the year 2018), Dr. Ioannis Gkoutis is a scientific assistant of the Sector for Criminal Law and Criminology of the department of Law of the Democritus University Thrace, having conducted individual lectures both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in Substantive Criminal Law, and has also taught the subject of the Law on Drugs (Law Nr. 4139/2013) and the Law on Weapons (Law Nr. 2168/1993).

Furthermore, from November 2013 to January 2014, as well as from November 2015 to January 2016, he taught the subject of Military Criminal Law at the Non-Commissioned Officers School at the city of Trikala.

In 2016, he published a detailed commentary on the criminal provisions of the Greek legislation for the protection of forests, and has also written articles in English as contributions to collective volumes, addressing issues such as the unlawful intervention in the field of medicine by means of the criminal law, or the question of "symbolic" criminal legislation.

He has also been a speaker at scientific conferences, lecturing on topics such as the offences of civil servants in the law for the protection of forests, or the issues raised by medical liability.

During the year 2017, he authored a Study Guide and a guide for Teaching Units (ECTS) for the course «Criminal offences against the environment» of the postgraduate program in Criminal Justice of the Open University of Cyprus.

From 2003 to the present, Dr. Ioannis Gkoutis is a freelance lawyer, having received his license from the Larissa Bar Association. Since 2018, he has also been certified in as an adult instructor of non-formal education by the National Qualifications Certification Organization in Greece. He is also an accredited lawyer at the German Consulate in Thessaloniki.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

The research interests of Dr. Ioannis Gkoutis include the substantive criminal law and in particular the legislation on the trafficking of drugs and guns, the criminal offenses of the legislation for the protection of forests, corruption and money laundering. They furthermore include issues which concern the criminal law dogma *per se*, such as the purposes served by the imposition of criminal sanctions, the function of criminal law in the modern state, or the function of the legal good. His research interests furthermore include Criminal Procedure Law, History of Law and Philosophy of Law.

## PUBLICATIONS (2011-2020)

### *Monographs*

1. Autonomie und strafrechtlicher Paternalismus, Duncker & Humblot, Berlin, 2011 (207 p.)

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

1. The unwarranted use of criminal law as a tool for crisis-management: the case of symbolic criminal legislation (awaiting publication)
2. Legal paternalism: the enforcement of autonomy-restricting standards in medicine by means of the criminal law, in: Paternalism and criminal law: modern problems of an old query, scientific supervision: Ch. Papacharalampous, Sakkoulas-Nomos, 2018 (21 p.)
3. The criminal provisions of the legislation for the protection of forests, in: EIDIKOI POINIKOI NOMOI (Special Criminal Laws), editorial supervision St. Pavlou/T. Samios, P.N. Sakkoulas, 2016 (218 p.)

### *Proceedings in Scientific Conferences*

1. 8<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Association of Criminologists and Praxis Lawyers. Speaker. Statement's title: «Medical liability issues» (2018).
2. 6<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Association of Criminologists and Praxis Lawyers. Speaker. Statement's title: «The offences of civil servants in the law for the protection of forests» (2018).

### *Academic Services*

1. Authorship of a Study Guide and of a guide for Teaching Units (ECTS) for the course «Criminal offences against the environment» of the postgraduate program in Criminal Justice of the Open University of Cyprus (2017) (92 p.)

### *Awards/honours*

1. STIBET Scholarship Programme / Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich - DAAD «STIBET» (10/2009-12/2009).