



The **Department of Law** at the **University of Cyprus** kindly invites you to a research seminar on

‘The Interactional Protection of SocioEconomic Rights’

Wednesday, 10 April 2024 at 18:00-19:15

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Abstract

The international protection of socioeconomic rights is subject to a number of weaknesses which are built into the very structure of that protection. Those weaknesses affect all the elements of protection, namely, the personal and material scope of protection, the content of protection, the extent of permissible limitations to protection, as well as the enforcement of rights.

Against this background, this seminar examines the role of interaction of legal orders as a tool to advance the international protection of socioeconomic rights. Interaction of legal orders broadly refers to courts and other adjudicative or monitoring bodies having regard to external legal instruments, jurisprudence or systems in their own jurisprudence.

To investigate the role of interaction of legal orders in the context of the international protection of socioeconomic rights, the seminar conducts an extensive survey of explicit cross references among a large number of international courts and monitoring bodies that operate in the field of socioeconomic rights. Drawing on a large number of cross references in jurisprudence, the seminar shows how interaction has been used to overcome or mitigate weaknesses which impede the effective protection of socioeconomic rights.

Speaker Bio

Dr Aristi Volou is a Lecturer in Law at Goldsmiths, University of London. She is teaching human rights at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Dr Volou is also a Visiting Research Fellow at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (London) and an Associate Editor of the Oxford University Press Reports on International Law (UN Human Rights Law module).

Prior to these, Dr Volou was teaching Public Law at Queen Mary, University of London, where she also completed the AFHEA, and held a post-doctoral position at the Centre for Fundamental Rights of the Hertie School in Berlin.

Dr Volou completed her PhD in International Human Rights Law at the University of Leicester, where she also taught and contributed to a number of research projects on human rights. During her PhD, she also completed a traineeship at the European Court of Human Rights.

Dr Volou’s research interests lie in the field of international human rights law, particularly comparative human rights and social and economic rights.

Practical Details

Language: The seminar will be conducted in English

Registration: Please register for the Zoom meeting following [this link](#).