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Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity

Newsletter

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The Jean Monnet Project “Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity” of the University of Macedonia in collaboration with the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “European Constitutionalism and Religion(s)” of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki organized a **Summer Seminar** from the 30<sup>th</sup> of June until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July entitled “**Challenges for the European Societies**”. The summer seminar lasted 27 hours and awarded, after a multiple choice examination, 3 extracurricular ECTS.

The seminar was addressed to a broad audience, including legal practitioners, researchers in EU studies, academics, students of economic, legal and political disciplines, local, regional and national authorities, opinion leaders and the civil society.

The speakers of the seminar were distinguished university professors, academics, researchers, and lawyers.

More specifically, the speakers were:

- Associate Professor D. Anagnostopoulou, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Academic Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Project EUVaDis, Director of the UNESCO Chair “Intercultural Policy active citizenship and solidarity”



- Professor D. Skiadas, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Jean Monnet Chair “EU Budgetary Governance and Audit”
- Associate Professor I. Papadopoulos, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Head of the Research Unit “European Policies and Democracy”
- Dr. N. Gaitenidis, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia
- Associate Professor L. Papadopoulou, Law School, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Academic Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “European Constitutionalism and Religion(s)”
- Associate Professor I. Papageorgiou, School of Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Assistant Professor N. Panagiotou, Department of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Professor A.S. Lind, Department of Law, University of Uppsala
- Professor R. Harding, Law School, University of Birmingham
- Lecturer N. Vavoula, School of Law, Queen Mary University of London
- Dr. D. Rajska, University of Utrecht
- Dr. E. Koutsouraki, Hellenic Council for Refugees



The seminar addressed several of the most contemporary challenges of the social, economic and political landscape of Europe. It aimed at providing learners with a critical overview of the societal challenges of human trafficking, migration and asylum on different perspectives as well as the economic ideologies that prevail in the European societies. Participants also had the chance to exchange views and experiences regarding citizen participation, human rights, justice and the rule of law, diversity including ideas on best practices.



The topics discussed were the following:

- Challenges of migration and asylum in Europe
- Legal and humanitarian aspects of borders: Irregular entry and refugee protection and administrative detention in view of return
- Human trafficking, smuggling and criminalization of humanitarian assistance
- De-integration, Brexit and referenda
- Religious minorities
- Religion and access to social rights: recent developments and current trends from a Nordic perspective
- Respecting Choices, Beliefs and Values at the End of Life: Dementia, Relationality and Care
- Challenges of fundamental Rights in Europe: Right to education of refugee and migrant children
- Budgetary Challenges for the EU in view of the 2021-2027 programming period
- Diversity at the Workplace
- Fake news, propaganda and incitement to hatred
- Combatting child smuggling and trafficking in the European Migration Context
- Social exclusion
- The ways for social inclusion
- Contemporary challenges of freedom of expression
- Democracy, rule of law and the radicalization of the public sphere



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Summer Seminar  
The challenges for the European Societies  
30.6 - 3.7.2019

**Topics covered:**  
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Legal and humanitarian aspects of borders  
Human trafficking and smuggling - criminalisation of humanitarian assistance  
Budgetary Challenges for the EU in view of the 2021-2027 programming period  
Challenges of fundamental Rights in Europe  
Education for Migrant and Refugee children  
Diversity at the Workplace  
De-integration, Brexit and referenda

Religious minorities  
Working Conditions and the EU Social Pillar  
Respecting Choices, Beliefs and Values at the End of Life: Dementia, Relationality and Care  
Fake news, propaganda and incitement to hatred  
Social Exclusion and marginalised groups  
Contemporary challenges of freedom of expression  
Democracy, rule of law and the radicalization of the public sphere

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University of Macedonia: Associate Professor D. Anagnostopoulou (Jean Monnet Chair), Professor D. Skiadas (Jean Monnet Chair), Associate Professor I. Papadopoulos and Dr. N. Gaitenidis  
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: Associate Professor L. Papadopoulou (Jean Monnet Chair), Associate Professor I. Papageorgiou, Assistant Professor N. Panagiotou  
Uppsala University: Professor A.S. Lind  
Queen Mary University of London: Dr. N. Vavoula, Lecturer  
Utrecht University: Dr. D. Rajska, Post Doc Researcher  
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## Testimonies from Participants of the Jean Monnet Project EUVaDis Summer Seminar

I found the summer seminar on “The Challenges for the European Societies” quite informative and interesting because it expanded on various subjects that are considered a challenge for the European societies nowadays.

The speakers’ lectures were very targeted content-wise and referring to a specific situation and not a hypothetical scenario, and explained their points in a way that all attendees could understand regardless of their background.

The themes discussed motivated me to study the issue further, which resulted in my participation in the Project’s internship programme, where I have learnt much more on some of these subjects.



**Jenny Seferidou**

Undergraduate Student of the  
Department of Educational &  
Social Policy, University of  
Macedonia

Being an intern at the Jean Monnet Project EUVadis has been a very fruitful experience. Thanks to the many and diverse conferences as well as the Summer Seminar organized by the Chair, I had the chance to attend and participate in a plethora of interesting and important discussions led by presenters with a high level of expertise which broadened my academic horizons.

Additionally, I am very thankful for the creative freedom and the trust I was given to design Project’s website and manage its content. It was a pleasure to put in work one of my hobbies and to assist the EUVadis Project in its dissemination of messages regarding democracy, diversity and freedom. Last, but definitely not least, I had the opportunity to work with some very inspiring people, who not only helped with the refining process of my soft skills, but also motivated me to seek and deepen my knowledge about the fundamental EU values.

**Alice Chapsanidou**

Design and Management  
of the Jean Monnet  
EUVaDis Website

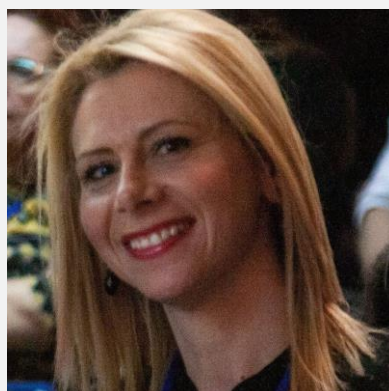
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I have successfully attended the Summer Seminar “The Challenges for the European Societies”, which was organised by the Jean Monnet Project EUVaDis of the University of Macedonia. The Summer Seminar was an excellent opportunity for me to have a fruitful conversation with D. Anagnostopoulou, the Academic Coordinator of the Project, whose academic training and academic attitude is of a great value. The seminar was well organized thanks to her great experience in the issues of Intercultural Dialogue and the values of European Union. As the speakers were distinguished academics, the topics were very interesting, their comments were enlightening and the interventions of Ms Anagnostopoulou were constructive and extremely well-aimed.

Moreover, it was an incredible opportunity for me to enhance my knowledge further regarding issues of Human Rights and intercultural issues, such as Immigrants’ and Refugee Rights in the European Union. The Summer Seminar was an excellent opportunity to do that and as a result I was able to submit my PhD proposal in the Department of International and European Studies of University of Macedonia entitled “the Role of the EU in relation to other International Organizations in Intercultural Education and the Elimination of Hate Speech” under the supervision of Associate Professor Anagnostopoulou.

### **Anastasia Psallida**

Professor of Greek Literature at the Hellenic College of Thessaloniki specializing in Classical Studies with a Master’s Degree in Sociology



## Other News

In August, Ms. Koumpoti Antonia was hired as a Research Assistant. She is now responsible for the coordination and supervision of the events of the project as well as the coordination of the editing of the books, the bibliographic research and the Jean Monnet Project's Team of Interns.



## Upcoming Events

### The Status and the Image of non-European in European societies

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

16:00 pm: AMPHITHEATER 14, University of Macedonia

20:10 pm: AMPHITHEATER 3, University of Macedonia

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### Master's in Human Rights and Migration Studies

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Department of Balkan Slavic and Oriental Studies  
Department of International and European Studies

### Fundamental rights, values and diversity: conflicts and paradigms

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

11:00 pm Conference Hall, 1st floor, University of Macedonia

16:00 pm Amphitheatre 12, University of Macedonia

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