

JEAN MONNET PROJECT EUVADIS

Enhancing Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity



BOOKS OF THE JEAN MONNET PROJECT EUVaDis

of the University of Macedonia

1. **Group Rights - Theory and practice in culturally diverse societies, Monograph by Dr Nikolaos Gaitenidis, Papazissis publishers, Athens, Greece, 2022 (in Greek)**

Group rights or rights of groups are rights that by their nature are attributed to groups as collectives (groups qua groups), and not to the members of the groups individually. The research attempts to identify and categorize group rights registered in international and European law.

2. **The rights of cultural identity in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights - In search for a fair balance by Dr Nikolaos Gaitenidis**

The aim of the book is to explore the links between fundamental rights and cultural identity in the European legal order especially in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. It explores the issues surrounding the relationship between cultural identity and fundamental rights and provide answers to questions emerging from cultural diversity and difference in European societies through a fundamental rights framework. Several cases are discussed in which human rights were invoked to protect cultural interests of minorities and groups in the European Court of Human Rights were an effort for a fair balance between difference and homogeneity. Some concluding remarks are presented, indicating which areas require attention in order to further improve the promotion and protection of human rights in relation to cultural diversity.

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3. The importance of the EU Values by Despoina Anagnostopoulou, Papazissis Publishers, Athens 2022 (in Greek)

The term “EU values” has been first recognized as such in the Treaty of Lisbon. It consists of 5 values: dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law and fundamental rights (rights of minorities included). A sixth value has been added by the Court of Justice of the EU, “solidarity”. To achieve the status of “EU values” each one of the above had a different trajectory, some were baptized as general principles of EU law, some were introduced as EU constitutional principles, some were enshrined in the Treaty (the principle of non-discrimination, solidarity) etc. This innovative research examines certain EU Values to explore its past and its content and the additional value of being an EU value, besides being a principle of EU Law or a fundamental right (e.g. dignity). In comparison with national constitutional values of certain EU member states like Germany and France, the importance and the function of the EU values as a whole for the constitutionalisation of the EU public legal sphere and the European citizenship project will be explored.

4. Challenges in Immigration and Asylum policies and EU Values at the International, EU and national level, Series of Publications of the UNESCO Chair of Intercultural Policies for an Active Citizenship and Solidarity of the University of Macedonia, no 9. Edited by Despoina Anagnostopoulou, Papazissis Publishers, Athens, 2022 (in Greek).

The contributed volume consists of 5 parts. In the first part, the challenges of border control by national authorities in cooperation with FRONTEX and the Schengen Borders Code are presented, while the important concepts concerning migrants and stateless persons and their rights are analyzed.

In the second part, the challenges for EU asylum policy, as applied in Greece, are presented. The Greek reality is revealed through the legislative initiatives of Greece and the work of the Asylum Service, but also through the critique on “academic exercises on paper” regarding this field.

In the third part, the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) and the principles it applies are examined. It is about the principle of mutual trust and the principle of solidarity, as formulated in various decisions of the CJEU especially in the framework of Dublin III Regulation (Regulation (EU) 604/2013) while mention is made to the unsuccessful proposals of the European Commission for the amendment of the Common European Asylum System.

In the fourth part, the temporary protection regime as implemented after the war in Ukraine is analyzed, the reasons why it was not implemented before are presented and proposals for improving the regime are submitted.

In the fifth part, emphasis is placed on the efforts made for the integration of refugees by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a new serious challenge for the Greek reality, as well as on the role of the Greek Police in the fight against racism, which impacts asylum seekers and refugees.



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5. “EU Values, Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue – Enhancing the Debate in Theory and in Context”, edited by Despoina Anagnostopoulou

The contributed volume presents the academic debate regarding the theoretical challenges posed by the values of the European Union (Dignity, Freedom, Equality, Democracy, Rule of Law, Protection of Fundamental and Minority Rights, as well as Solidarity in a multicultural society) as well as the implementation of these values in various policy fields, such as the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), the European Asylum and Migration Policy and EU policies concerning algorithms and Artificial Intelligence.

The book will also examine the protection and promotion of diversity in Europe and the role of intercultural and inter- religious dialogue as well as several social and political challenges in Europe such as hate speech and populism.

In addition, the book explores the extent to which these Union values make an essential contribution to the common European identity and whether intercultural dialogue in a pluralist society may achieve the transformation of the European Union into a community of shared values.

This interdisciplinary volume includes in-depth innovative analyses by distinguished scholars, as well as by officials of the EU and the Council of Europe (since 1949 the latter upholds the values of rule of law, human rights and democracy) and demonstrates the role of the European values in the EU multilevel governance framework and in enhancing the EU credibility as an international actor.

This contributed volume has been accepted for publication by Springer publishers and will be included in the book series “European Union and its Neighbours in a Globalized World” (89247272).

6. Fundamental Rights and Intercultural Dialogue: Valuing Europe’s Diversity” edited by Despoina Anagnostopoulou

The contributed volume offers an interdisciplinary and intersectional collection of manuscripts that outline the state of the art of the field of minority rights, intercultural dialogue and diversity management. The main topics discussed are traditional and modern practices and notions related to interculturalism and diversity (such as intercultural mediation, religious and non-confessional dialogue, cultural capitalism, cultural pluralism, etc.).

The aim of the book is to examine the current challenges of reconciling fundamental rights with the increased diversity of the European societies. The book will also assess the link between fundamental rights and diversity and their reconciliation in the European constitutional order. It will provide a qualified analysis about the next step of intercultural dialogue in Europe, particularly through the lens of the current unstable and ambiguous international socioeconomic environment.



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This contributed volume is to be published by Springer Publishers in the book series “Diversity and Inclusion Research” (89241963).

7. "European Identities, Inclusion and Equality" edited by Despoina Anagnostopoulou

The volume presents an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach on late trends and topics related to the EU Social Rights Pillar, social exclusion, poverty, equality, and social rights within the European Union and its fields of competences, especially after the financial crisis in the Eurozone.

The purpose of this volume is to answer the question of whether the EU with its legal tools and policies can efficiently address discrimination and social exclusion with case studies from Greece, Italy and Spain and how the whole procedure can enhance European Identity

This is a contributed volume to be published by Springer Publishers, in the book series “Diversity and Inclusion Research” (89241979).

8."Challenges and Opportunities in the Western Balkans and its path to EU integration”

Editor: Fotini Bellou

9. “EU security: From Strategic Compass to Deterrence Strategic, operational and institutional perspectives”, Editor: Fotini Bellou

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