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Date of Birth: 19 February 1977

Nationality: Hellenic

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sep 02 – present: **Lecturer in Law and Head, International Criminal Justice Unit, HRLC**, School of Law, University of Nottingham, UK

Apr 02 – Jul 02: **Researcher**, Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany.

Jul 98 – Sep 02: **Lawyer**, Z. Bekos and Associates, Larissa, Greece (part-time).

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2006: **Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education** (compulsory part).

2000- present: **Barrister and Solicitor** (Greece), Member of the Larissa Bar.

EDUCATION

Sep 99-Jul 05: **University of Nottingham, UK**

Ph.D.

Title: “International Criminal Justice at the Interface: The Relationship between International Criminal Courts and National Legal Orders”.

Oct 98 – Jun 99: **University of Cambridge, Wolfson College, UK**

LL.M. in International Law

Courses: Law of Peace; Use of Force, Armed Conflict and Peacekeeping; International Human Rights Law; Settlement of International Disputes.

Oct 94 – Jul 98: **Democritus University of Thrace, Greece**

Degree in Law, distinction, mark obtained: 9.311/10 (ranked 1st out of 600; one of the highest degree result ever awarded in law).

Courses in: Greek, European and International law.

FELLOWSHIPS, PRIZES & AWARDS

Jun 08: **University of Nottingham, Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Award** (joint recipient).

Jul 06 **University of Nottingham Overseas Conference Fund.**

Jul – Aug 2005: **Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany: Visiting Research Fellowship.**

Research Topic: “*Prosecutorial Discretion before the International Criminal Court*”.

Jul – Aug 2003: **Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany: Visiting Research Fellowship.**

Research Topic: “*The Implementation by States of International Criminal Law through the Enactment of National Implementing Legislation: The Challenges ahead*”.

1999 – 2002: **NATO Fellowship Programme: Fellowship for Doctoral Research.**

1998: **Cambridge European Trust: European Student Bursary.**

1994 – 1998: **Hellenic Ministry of Education: Performance Scholarship** for marks obtained each year whilst at Law School.

1994 – 1998: **Hellenic Ministry of Education: Special Prize for the Highest Yearly Performance** (obtained for my first, second, third and final year).

1997: **Institute of Penal and Procedure Law: Certificate of Merit** for organising the 1st Balkan Conference on Criminal Procedure Law.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

O. Bekou, R. Cryer (eds.) *"The International Criminal Court"*, Ashgate Library of Essays in International Law, (2004)

Articles

O. Bekou, "A Case for Review of Article 88 ICC Statute: Strengthening a Forgotten Provision", *New Criminal Law Review* (forthcoming).

O. Bekou, "In the Hands of the State: Towards an Effective Complementarity Regime", in C. Stahn, M. El Zeidy (eds), *The International Criminal Court and Complementarity, from Theory to Practice*, CUP, (forthcoming).

O. Bekou, "From 'Confrontation' to 'Two-way Cooperation': Referrals of Cases from the ICTY to National Courts through Rule 11bis", *Serbian Yearbook of International Law*, (translated into Serbian), (forthcoming).

O. Bekou, "Prosecutor v Thomas Lubanga Dyilo – Decision on the Confirmation of Charges", 8 *Human Rights Law Review* (2008), 343-355.

O. Bekou, A. Antoniadis, "The EU and the International Criminal Court: An Uneasy Symbiosis in Interesting Times", (2007) 7 *International Criminal Law Review*, 621-655.

O. Bekou, R. Cryer "The ICC and Universal Jurisdiction: A Close Encounter?", (2007) 56 *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, 49-68.

O. Bekou, R. Cryer, "The Core Crimes and ICC Co-operation in England and Wales" , (2007) 5 *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 441-459.

O. Bekou, "Regionalising ICC Implementing Legislation: A Viable Solution for the Asia-Pacific Region?" in Neil Boister and Alberto Costi (eds), *Droit Pénal International dans le Pacifique: Tentatives d'Harmonisation Régionale / Regionalising International Criminal Law in the Pacific* (New Zealand Association for Comparative Law/Association de Législation Comparée des Pays du Pacifique, Wellington, 2006), 117-144.

O. Bekou, S. Shah, "Realising the Potential of the International Criminal Court: the African Experience" (2006) 6 *Human Rights Law Review* 499-544.

O. Bekou, "Pre-trial Procedures before the International Criminal Court", (2006), available at: <http://www.isrci.org/>

O. Bekou, "Complementarity and the ICC: A dangerous Gamble?" 2005 *Occasional Papers EIUC Proceedings*, 61-81.

O. Bekou, R. Cryer, "Introductory Essay" in O. Bekou, R. Cryer (eds.) *"The International Criminal Court"*, Ashgate Library of Essays in International Law, (2004)

O. Bekou, "The Inter-relationship between International Criminal Law and Domestic Jurisdictions", 5(1) *Human Rights Law Review* (2001), pp. 3-8.

O. Bekou, "'The Complementarity Regime' of the ICC", posted on the website of the German Council of Foreign Relations, Berlin, available at <http://www.weltpolitik.net/sachgebiete/zukunft/article/418.html> (2001).

O. Bekou, "The Principle of Complementarity; A Response to the Pakistani Position", (2000) *Asian Network for the International Criminal Court Bulletin*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

International Criminal Law; Public International Law; International Humanitarian Law; Use of Force; European Law; EC Competition Law.

VISITING SCHOLAR

Jul-Aug 2006 & Mar-Apr 05: Visiting Professor, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland, Australia.

Mar-Jun 2006: Visiting Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Nantes, France.

CONFERENCE PAPERS/SEMINARS/TRAINING COURSES

- Apr 09: **127th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Judicial System, Judicial Training Institute, Bangkok, Thailand:** “The International Criminal Court: Prospects and Challenges” (keynote speaker).
- Nov 08: **The Functions of the ICC Database on Implementing Legislation, 7th Assembly of States Parties** (State-sponsored and NGO meeting).
- Sep 08: **Symposium zur nationalen Verfolgung völkerstrafrechtlicher Verbrechen: Umsetzung der Verbrechenskategorien und Tatbestände des Rom Statuts in Landesrecht – rechtliche Herausforderungen und beste Praktiken, Graz, Austria:** “Völkermord und Zuständigkeit nationaler Gerichte” (closed workshop, by invitation).
- Apr 08: **2008 GARNET Conference, The EU in International Affairs, Brussels, Belgium:** “The European Union and the International Criminal Court”,
- Dec 07 **Seminar on Ratification and Implementation of the Rome Statute in the Caribbean Region, 6th Assembly of States Parties, New York** (organiser, trainer)
- Nov 07: **Seminar for Thai Judges and Court Officials, Nottingham** (trainer)
- Nov 07: **The International Criminal Court and the State International Conference, Nottingham, UK:** “The ICC Implementing Legislation Database” (conference organiser, speaker)
- Sep 07: **Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, The ICC Legal Tools Programme of the Norwegian Centre of Human Rights and the broader Legal Tools Project, Oslo, Norway:** “Research Needs Relevant to the ICC Legal Tools Project”, Panellist (*seminar by invitation only*).
- Jun 07: **“Legal Research Methodologies in European Union and International Law”, Nottingham, UK,** Discussant.
- May 07 **Aegis Nottingham, Darfur – Time to Protect, Nottingham,** Panellist
- Apr 07: **International Criminal Court Training Course for the Middle East North Africa Region, Nottingham** (organiser, trainer)
- Aug 06: **Regionalising International Criminal Law Conference, Canterbury, New Zealand:** “Regionalising ICC Implementing Legislation: A Workable Solution for the Asia-Pacific Region?”.
- Jul 06: **TC Beirne School of Law, Research Seminar, Brisbane, Australia:** “Pre-Trial Procedures Before the International Criminal Court: The Lubanga Dyilo Case” (invited seminar).
- Jul 06: **International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, Justice for All – Victims, Defendants, Prisoners and the Community, Brisbane, Australia:** “Pre-Trial Procedures before the International Criminal Court” (keynote speaker).
- Jun 06: **Faculté de Droit, Université de Nantes, France:** “La Cour Pénale Internationale et la Coopération des Etats” (invited seminar).
- May 06: **European Commission, EC-Vietnam ICC Workshop, Brussels, Belgium:** “The Principle of Complementarity in International Criminal Law” (workshop by invitation only).
- Apr 06: **Faculté de Droit, Université de Nantes, France:** “La transposition du Droit Pénal International dans les juridictions nationales” (invited seminar).
- Jan 06: **Attorney-General’s Chambers, Apia, Samoa:** “The International Criminal Court: An Overview”.
- Jan 06: **Attorney-General’s Chambers, Apia, Samoa:** “National Implementation of the ICC Statute”.
- Sep 05: **International Criminal Court Training Course for the Asia-Pacific Region, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** (organiser, trainer)
- Aug 05: **Wissenschaftliches Kolloquium series, Max-Planck Institute for**

- Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany:** “The Transformation of the Principle of Primacy in the Ad Hoc International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda”.
- Apr 05: Discussant of Mirko Sossai’s paper entitled: “**The Anti-Terrorism Dimension of ESDP**”, Workshop on European Security Law, Nottingham.
- Jan – Apr 05: **Short Course in Human Rights for Iraqi Scholars**, (lecturer)
- Apr 05: “**The International Criminal Court: A Twenty-first Century Response to Widespread and Systematic Acts of Barbarity**”, University of Queensland Law Graduates Association Breakfast, Brisbane, Australia.
- Jun – Jul 04: **International Criminal Court Training Course for the Sub-Saharan Region**, Cape Town, South Africa (principal organiser, trainer).
- Apr 04: **Peace, Human Rights and Terrorism after War in Iraq, Criminal Justice Discussion Group & Bramcote and Wollaton Peace Group, Nottingham**, “Peace, Justice and Accountability”.
- Jan – Mar 04: **Short Course on International Criminal Justice** (principal organiser, lecturer).
- Jun 03: **International Criminal Court Training Course**, Nottingham, UK (principal organiser, trainer).
- Dec 02: **The International Criminal Court: Challenges and Prospects, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice, Italy:** “Complementarity and the ICC: A dangerous gamble?”.
- Jun 02: **Wissenschaftliches Kolloquium series, Max-Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany:** “Aspects of the Inter-relationship between International Criminal Law and Domestic Jurisdictions”.
- Mar 01: **Human Rights in a Global World, Human Rights Law Centre, Student Conference, University of Nottingham:** “Globalisation in the Prosecution of International Crimes; from National Courts to International”.
- Aug 00: **Human Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution in the Northeast Mediterranean Sea for a Sustainable Development in 2020, WINPEACE Conference, Istanbul, Turkey:** “Women in Peace: The Policy of Rapprochement between Greece and Turkey: Working towards good Neighbourliness?” (in Turkish).
- Mar 00: **Human Rights and Armed Conflict, Human Rights Law Centre, Student Conference, Nottingham, UK :** “The Inter-relationship between International Criminal Law and Domestic Jurisdictions”.

LANGUAGES

Greek (native speaker); English (fluent); French (fluent); German (very good); Turkish (basic); Spanish (beginner)

OTHER INTERESTS

Keen interest in music (advanced studies of piano and theory of music) and travelling.

REFERENCES

References are available upon request.