Dr. Nikolaos (Nikos) Koutras

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A multitalented and experienced Lecturer in Law and Researcher recognised for excellence in research, project management, and the development of innovative solutions to complex issues. Offering highly perceptive insight into the needs and views of students and academic staff, capable of identifying problem areas and developing innovative curricula, programs, strategies and solutions to maximise educational outcomes. Recognised for excellence in delivering constructive leadership and strategic planning to provide a positive learning environment that fosters academic achievement in students and professional growth. Strong orientation towards high productivity, quality and efficiency in carrying out research and administrative operations. Equipped with exceptional communication and interpersonal skills with a robust reputation for promoting a supportive team culture, high staff morale and alignment to best practice.

Aiming to further contribute to academia and the community by formulating proposals on the efficient upgrade of WA policies relevant with the governance of environment protection, as well as other policies and projects.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (LLB), School of Law, Murdoch University, Australia | Completion: 2026

Doctoral Degree in Law, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Australia | 2018

✓ Thesis title: Open Access Repositories: An Open Access Tool for Wider Access to Knowledge

Doctoral Degree in Political Science and Governance, School of Foreign Languages, Translation and Interpretation, Ionian University, Greece | 2015

✓ Thesis title: The Impact of European Education Politics on Welfare Integration — The 'Lisbon Treaty', with high distinction: 100%

Master of Science of Information and Knowledge, School of Information Science and Informatics, Ionian University, Greece | 2010

✓ Dissertation title: Educational Resources and Digital Repositories of Open Access, with high distinction: 88%

Bachelor of Political Science and Governance, Department of Political Science, University of Crete, Greece | 2005

✓ Thesis title: Educational Politics in Greece from 1990 to 2000, upper second class, upper 10%: 71.7%

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Teaching and Assessment
- Unit Coordination
- Curriculum Development and Lesson Planning
- Course Content Development
- Staff Coordination
- Student Coordination and Welfare
- Coaching, Mentoring and Counselling

- Project Management
- Research and Innovation
- Committee Membership
- Community Engagement
- OHS & Risk Management
- Quality Benchmarking
- Digital Literacy & Proficiency

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Demonstrate the capacity to be a pastoral and motivational leader by promoting and supporting a culture of continuous academic development for students.
- Superior data analysis and observational skills in quantifying and analysing research issues and conducting experiments that require methodical precision.
- Knowledgeable and competent in quantitative and qualitative research, data analysis and interpretation.
- Excellent ability to critically evaluate information gathered from multiple sources and present complex data in a coherent manner and tailored to various audiences.
- Strong critical thinking skills, able to determine and deliver optimum methods to solve specific research concerns.
- Completed published research and competent in presenting at professional conferences and seminars.
- Encourages original thought in students and demonstrates proficiency in producing original research for publication.
- Demonstrate an active involvement in professional networks with other school leaders and a willingness to contribute to and learn from such networks.

- Excellent oral and written communication skills with proven experience in writing an array of documentation from basic communications to peer reviewed scientific literature.
- Leverage relationship building skills to relate effectively with diverse populations including professional colleagues, staff, students, and the community.
- Expertise in using professional literature, evidence-based research, and continuing education content.
- Embrace opportunities to develop as an educator and mentor across areas including emerging digital technologies and pedagogical practices and developments.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

LECTURER IN LAW (LEVEL B, STEP 6)

Curtin Law School, Curtin University | December 2022 - Present

✓ Semester 1, 2023: BLAW3004 - Business Intellectual Property

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the coordination of units, ensuring that course content is up-to-date, and that students receive the necessary support to excel in their studies.
- Develop and draft policies related to assessment tasks, to ensure that they are fair, consistent, and in line with the academic standards of the institution.
- Prepare engaging and informative lectures, workshop activities, and tutorial discussion questions that challenge students to think critically about the subject matter.
- Conduct research and draft manuscripts for publication, contributing to the field of intellectual property law and information governance.
- Prepare and submit research proposals for funding, both internally and externally, in support of individual and joint projects related to areas of expertise.
- Keep abreast with the latest developments in the field, network with other academics and industry professionals, and collaborate with colleagues to develop innovative research projects.

LECTURER IN LAW (LEVEL B, STEP 4)

School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University | December 2019 - December 2022

- ✓ Semester 1, 2022: LAW3700 Supervised Legal Research Paper, LAW5800 Legal Research Thesis I (Honours Unit); LAW2605 Security and the Law
- ✓ Semester 2, 2022: LAW2106 Intellectual Property Law; LAW5801 Legal Research Thesis II (Honours Unit II), LAW2605 Security and the Law
- ✓ Summer Intensive Course, 2022: LAW2106 Intellectual Property Law; LAW3700 Supervised Legal Research
- ✓ Semester 1, 2021: LAW2106 Intellectual Property Law; LAW3700 Supervised Legal Research Paper; LAW5800 Legal Research Thesis I (Honours Unit), LAW2605 Security and the Law
- ✓ Semester 2, 2021: LAW3700 Supervised Legal Research Paper; LAW2605 Security and the Law; LAW5801 Legal Research Thesis II (Honours Unit II)
- ✓ Summer Intensive Course, 2021: LAW2106 Intellectual Property Law; LAW3700 Supervised Legal
- ✓ Semester 1, 2020: LAW2106 Intellectual Property Law; LAW5800 Legal Research Thesis; LAW5801 Legal Research Thesis I (Honours unit)
- ✓ Semester 2, 2020: LAW3700 Supervised Legal Research Paper; LAW2605 Security and the Law; LAW5801 Legal Research Thesis II (Honours Unit II)
- ✓ Summer Intensive Course, 2020: LAW2106 Intellectual Property Law; LAW3700 Supervised Legal Research

Responsibilities:

- Supervised unit coordination for current course content and student support.
- Developed assessment policies that are fair, uniform, and meet academic criteria.
- Created engaging lectures, activities, and discussions that promote critical thinking.
- Conducted research and produced publications in intellectual property law and information governance.
- Submitted research proposals for funding and collaborated on innovative projects.
- Stayed updated on industry advancements and networked with colleagues and experts.

Supervisions:

• 2022 - Honours legal research thesis titled *The Blockchain as Evidence: Disruptive, Attractive, and Inadmissible?*, Semester 1 (LAW5800) and Semester 2 (LAW5801), Honours

- 2021 (successful completion, top 5%) Honours legal research thesis titled *Towards Legislative Integration of Open Access in Australia: Legal Research Considerations*, Semester 1 (LAW5800) and Semester 2 (LAW5801), Honours
- 2021 (successful completion) Legal research paper titled *The Rule of Law: Why Western Australia's state of emergency was unlawful*, Semester 1 (LAW3700)
- 2021 (successful completion) Legal research paper titled *Should the Australian Government be held Legally Accountable for its Climate Change Policies?* Semester 1 (LAW3700)
- 2020 (successful completion) Legal research paper titled *The legislative and systematic limitations within the Australian Family La System*, Semester 1 (LAW3700)

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER – Government and Law Research Group

Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp | 2017—2019

- ✓ Research project 1: A Dynamic Model for Copyright Governance
- ✓ Research project 2: Convergence of Open Access and Open Science: A Governance Framework for the Transition of the European Research Culture towards Openness
- ✓ Research project 3: Integrating Open Access into the Belgian Copyright Governance Framework

Responsibilities:

- Conducted independent research under the guidance of a principal investigator or supervisor.
- Designed and performed experiments, analysing data, and interpreting results.
- Wrote and published research papers and presented findings at academic conferences.
- Collaborated with other researchers and students in the lab or research group.
- Applied for grants and funding opportunities to support research.
- Mentored and trained graduate and undergraduate students.
- Participated in lab or research group meetings, seminars, and other academic activities.
- Kept up-to-date with the latest advancements and attended relevant workshops or training programs.

VISITING PROFESSOR - EU Law (Postgraduate Level)

Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp | 2017 - 2018

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Faculty of Law, University of Trento, Italy | 2016 – 2017

√ Research project: Italian Perspectives and Considerations on Open Access

TUTOR — Intellectual Property Law (Undergraduate and Postgraduate Levels)

Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Australia | 2014 – 2017

RESEARCH ASSISTANT - Department of Business Law and Taxation

Monash University, Australia | 2015 – 2016

ASSISTANT LECTURER - Information Law (Undergraduate and Postgraduate Levels)

School of Information and Informatics, Ionian University, Greece | 2010-2014

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Multi-stakeholder Strategies: Analysis for Winning Coalitions, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Law for Non-lawyers, Monash University, Australia
- Introduction to Key Constitutional Concepts and Supreme Court Cases, University of Pennsylvania Law School, USA
- Intellectual Property Law and Policy: Part 1, University of Pennsylvania, USA
- Diploma in Legal Studies, Alison MOOC
- Fundamentals on Business Law, Alison MOOC
- French Language Studies Introduction, Alison MOOC
- Bioethics: The Law, Medicine, and Ethics of Reproductive Technologies and Genetics, Harvard University,
 USA
- Human Rights: The Right to Freedom of Expression, Amnesty International
- Legal Theory II, by Dr Malcom Voyce, Macquarie University, Australia International Human Rights,
 University of Louvain, Belgium Humanities Research Course for Higher Degree by Research Students,
 Macquarie University, Australia
- Copyright, Harvard University, USA
- WEB 2.0 Technologies, Vocational Training Centre, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- The Greek Financial Crisis, Vocational Training Centre, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- Contracts 2016, Harvard University, USA
- Intellectual Property Law and Policy: Part 2, University of Pennsylvania, USA
- English Grammar and Essay Writing, Berkeley University, USA
- International Law, University of Louvain, Belgium
- European Union Law and Human Rights, KU Leuven, Belgium

AWARDS

- 2015 The Dunmore Lang College Postgraduate and Honours Scholarship award
- 2014 Postgraduate Student of the Year, awarded by the Association of Dunmore Lang Students
- 2014 PhD scholarship awarded by Macquarie University
- . 2011 Research grant awarded after graduation with distinction (3rd place) in Master's studies

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Greek, native language (C2)
- English, fluent (C2)
- Italian, good (B1)
- French, beginner (A2)

- Dutch, beginner (A1)
- Russian, beginner (A1)
- Spanish, basics
- · Korean, basics

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Executive Board Member of INSEIT (International Society for Ethics & Information Technology)
- Member of HACCI (Hellenic Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

LICENCES

- Cybersecurity Fundamentals, ISACA | 2023 (14 June scheduled exam)
- European Driving Licence, Vocational and Training Centre of Corfu, Greece | 2005

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

• Provided assistance through fundraising for poor people of the region of Kinopiastes (located in Corfu) as organised by the Greek Orthodox Church 'Agia Kiriaki', Corfu, Greece, (7 July, from 2005 – 2013).

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^{***}Complete List of Publications, Research Grants and Fellowships, and Engagements (Local, National, and International) available on request.