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Dr. Katerina Kalaitzaki is a Lecturer in EU Business Law at the University of Central Lancashire (Cyprus) since September 2021, where she has teaching duties both on the LLM and the LLB programmes in the areas of European Union Law, Constitutional Law, Legal Theory, and Skills. Katerina holds a PhD in Law from the University of Central Lancashire, an LLM in European Law from the University of Nottingham and an LLB (Hons) from the University of Leicester, UK. She was awarded her PhD for her thesis “EU citizenship as a means of reinforcement of EU fundamental rights: challenges, developments, limits” in June 2019, after submitting it in December 2018. Katerina previously held an academic position in EU Law at the University of Edinburgh (2019-2021) where she acted as the Programme Director for the European Law LLM programme (2019-2020), Course Organiser for LLM and LLB courses and conducted research. She is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (HEA) from the University of Edinburgh and the Institute for Academic Development. Katerina is also an accredited mediator in Civil and Commercial Matters since April 2019 and a non-practising lawyer (Cyprus Legal Board) since September 2015.

Katerina’s research interests lie in the area of EU citizenship and EU fundamental principles and values. Her PhD thesis, using the case study of the financial crisis, proposes that a constructivist approach to EU citizenship can constitute the key element in reinforcing the current fundamental rights protection system, through a structural link with EU fundamental, based on a newly developed doctrine of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). Current projects deal with the development and/or potential use of these concepts, including the rule of law principle, during periods of crises such as Brexit, Covid-19 and the rule of law crisis.