

Prof. Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou, Professor of European Law and Reform, Head of School, Centre Director

Prof. Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou has been researching, transmitting knowledge and running externally funded projects in the broad field of European Law, Governance and Rights at several universities throughout Europe, including Cyprus and the UK for over 20 years. She is currently Professor of European Law and Reform, Head of the School of Law and University Chair for Research and Innovation at the University of Central Lancashire in Cyprus (UCLan Cyprus). She received from the European Parliament the European Citizen 2020 Prize on behalf of the non-profit research organisation she founded in 2017, ICLAIM, for its Social Mediation in Practice project, also presented at the UN level. From February 2022, she is the Director of the newly established EU funded Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

CRoLEV on the Rule of Law and European Values at UCLan Cyprus, measuring/monitoring/reporting on democratic indicators in several European states <https://crolev.eu/> (2022-25). In 2022, she was selected by the European Commission as an Arbitrator and Trade & Sustainable Development Expert for bilateral disputes between the EU and third countries in the fields of trade, investment and sustainable development (pool of candidates). In 2021, she was appointed (i) Member of the Independent Scientific Anti-Corruption Council of the Republic of Cyprus by the President of the Republic of Cyprus; and (ii) Member of the Cyprus Programme Committee for the EU's scientific programme Horizon Europe, Pillar II, Cluster 2 "Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society", by the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy of the Republic of Cyprus, endorsed by the European Commission. She is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. She specialises in 'Fundamental Rights in Context' at the national/European/international level. She analyses/applies/reforms European/international law principles/values/instruments on fundamental human rights in troubled societies at national/supranational level (emergency/crisis/reform of legal systems).

She is a Rule of Law expert on the sustainability of rights & systemic challenges to Justice (e.g. independence, transparency, digitalisation) in Europe. She also promotes actively social justice and advocates active citizenship via the non-profit research organisation she founded (Interdisciplinary Centre for Law, Alternative and Innovative Methods - ICLAIM), used for projects having an impact on wider society (see www.iclaimcentre.org). She supervises research in fields related to the EU, its Member States and Europe more widely in troubled times, Rule of Law principles and values, social justice, fundamental rights in times of crisis, effective judicial protection, privacy, AI technologies and other current issues in European law and governance. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, she initiated the Rule of Law Monitoring Mechanism <https://ruleoflawmonitoringmechanism.eu/> and will, from September 2022, work on two new EU funded Horizon Europe projects at UCLan Cyprus on Research Ethics and Integrity, one of which (PREPARED) is coordinated by UCLan Cyprus and will look at natural disasters and pandemic with prominent partners (WHO, UNESCO), but also local partners such as ICLAIM. She is the EU funded Jean Monnet Module Leader and Academic Coordinator of EU-POP (2019-22), in the field of the Rule of Law and populism in the EU (<https://eupopulism.eu/>). She was also the EU funded Jean Monnet Module Leader and Academic Coordinator of FEcoGov (2014-17), in the field of the EU financial crisis, securing the European Commission's label 'success story' and 'good practice' upon completion of the project (<https://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/research/jean-monnet-module/>). She is a dispute resolution expert, a registered certified Mediator and Data Protection Officer and actively

promotes professional development and executive education via the Law Academy she leads (<https://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/short-course/law-academy/>).

For the past 25 years, she has acted as legal expert in Cyprus and/or abroad in her respective fields of expertise including for the Law Office of the Republic of Cyprus on EU law matters (2018-19; 2020). She belongs to boards and/or networks of academic/professional experts at the national/EU level, is a Research Fellow at prestigious institutions throughout Europe including the European Union Institute, Florence (alumna), regularly consults in Cyprus, the UK and at the EU level, is UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Lead at UCLan Cyprus, and is an Expert of the European Commission and its Agencies. Among others, she also participated to the Horizon 2020 Sherpa project looking at smart information systems and human rights (<https://www.project-sherpa.eu/>) which she presented among the 100 projects selected worldwide at the 2020 international Paris Peace Forum (focus on COVID-19).