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CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE **CROLEV** EDITED VOLUME WITH
SPRINGER PUBLISHING ON THE

**'RULE OF LAW AND EUROPEAN
VALUES IN TURBULENT TIMES'**

The School of Law of UCLan Cyprus and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for the Rule of Law and European Values (CRoLEV) are pleased to invite contributions for the creation of a peer-reviewed edited volume entitled '**Rule of Law and European Values in Turbulent Times**'. In addition to these submissions, the edited volume will also contain chapters from invited contributors. The volume will be edited by **Professor Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou**, Professor of European Law and Reform Head, School of Law, UCLan Cyprus and CRoLEV Director and **Dr Andreas Marcou**, Lecturer in EU Law and Theory, School of Law, UCLan Cyprus and CRoLEV Chief Researcher.

The Edited Volume is an important output of CRoLEV which will be submitted for publication to **Springer Publishing** by the end of the project in February 2025. The book will be published in print (Hardcover edition) as well as an eBook. It is anticipated that the eBook will be part of Springer eBook packages distributed to libraries worldwide. Every effort will be made to grant to the publication free open access, further maximising visibility and impact. All manuscripts will undergo a double peer-reviewed process under the supervision of the CRoLEV Editorial Board. The Editorial Board consists of a diverse team of experts specialising in various areas relating to the rule of law and European values. You can meet our editorial board [here](#).

Submissions

The democratic and rule of law backsliding occurring across Europe in the last years puts the entire European project under threat. Attacks on the rule of law, democracy, human rights, equality, and non-discrimination, observed in many European countries, warrant decisive responses. The edited volume seeks to contribute to this timely debate by analysing specific aspects associated with the current state of the rule of law and Europe-an values across the Union, and the various threats undermining them, from a renewed and intertwined per-spective. CRoLEV has already undertaken work in analysing specific aspects of the rule of law which you can view inter alia [here](#). In particular, we have identified specific pillars that relate to the rule of law and which, in our view, warrant further exploration, which you can view [here](#).

We therefore invite submissions that relate to themes included in those pillars, such as, but not limited to:

- Civic engagement and participatory democracy, relationship between rule of law protections and grass-roots political participation, structures of democracy, political participation, and/or citizen empowerment, both from empirical and theoretical perspectives;
- Democratic governance and the relationship between rule of law and democracy, including institution and non-institutional means of safeguarding the rule of law in a democratic state (anti-corruption, transparency, access to information, free press), both from empirical and theoretical perspectives;
- Measuring the rule of law or aspects of the rule of law using qualitative or quantitative methods (e.g., trust in institutions, efficiency and effectiveness of the judicial system), particularly in times of emergencies.

Submissions should take the form of original research in the form of a scientific article (8000-10000 words) **The deadline for the submission of a complete manuscript is the 31st of May 2024.** Selected submissions will be notified by July 2024. All submissions will then undergo double blind review.

For full submission guidelines [click here](#).

All submissions must be sent to crolev@uclancyprus.ac.cy

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