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The **Department of Law** at the **University of Cyprus** kindly invite you to a research seminar on

Statutory Construction in Criminal Law and Deontic Pragmatics

Wednesday, 14 April 2021 at 18:00-20:00

by Lecturer Konstantinos Tsinas

Chair: Associate Professor Charalambos Papacharalambous

Abstract

In his book, published in 2010, concerning the thorny issue of analogical reasoning & interpretation in modern criminal law (Prohibited analogy and permitted interpretation of penal statutes; A contribution to the methodology of criminal law. Athens-Komotini: A.Sakkoulas –in greek), as well as in other essays, the author has suggested a specific, communicative model for interpreting rules of criminal law, drawing on ideas of the so-called “philosophy of ordinary language”. The model is based on the theory of speech acts (J.L. Austin) and recognizes a creative role in the application of criminal-legal norms by the judge, who is called to “reproduce” the original legislator’s speech act in such a way, so that its “illocutionary forces” are re-addressed by him to the norm recipients. In this presentation, the author will elaborate basic findings of his aforementioned work in a new direction of enrichment with useful insights and relevant analytical concepts, such as the principle of linguistic “cooperation”. Furthermore, similarities and differences are going to be discussed, with relevant efforts of philosophers of analytic tradition who have developed the notion of “deontic pragmatics”, as well as of American legal scholars, who have suggested the implementation of relevant concepts in the construction of common-law statutes.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Konstantinos Tsinas is a Lecturer in Law (Criminal Procedure, Legal Method & Reasoning) at the University of Cyprus, Department of Law. He holds a Ph.D. Degree in Law (University of Athens, Greece), an LL.M. Degree in ‘Criminal Law - Criminal Procedure’ (University of Athens) and an M. Phil. Degree in ‘History & Philosophy of Science & Technology’ (National Technical University of Athens & University of Athens). He studied Law at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (BA). He has taught courses in Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Jurisprudence and History of Law at the University of Athens (Department of Medicine, Forensic Sciences) as well as at Hellenic Police Officers' School. He has also been an Adjunct Lecturer at Hellenic Open University, School of Social Sciences, a scientific collaborator in criminal law at European University of Cyprus (expertise: Financial Crime) and a Visiting Lecturer at University of Cyprus, where he taught courses in Criminal Law - General Part, Criminal Procedure and Introduction to Legal Method. Dr. Tsinas has also practiced criminal law, serving as a criminal defense lawyer before the Supreme Court in Athens, Greece. In December 2010, Dr. Tsinas has been awarded the “Hippocrates Karavias” Award by the Academy of Athens, Greece, for his postdoctoral work in Legal Theory (Book: Law & Logic; The Case of Criminal Law Theory. 2011. Athens: Eurasia).

Practical Details

Language: The seminar will be conducted in **Greek**.

Registration: Participation is open, but you must register [here](#) for individual access to the Zoom meeting.