

## **Dr. Antonios St. Stylianou**



### **Short Curriculum Vitae (C.V.)**

Dr. Antonios St. Stylianou studied Law at the University of Bristol, where he received his LL.B Law Degree with Honours in 2003. He pursued his doctoral studies in the field of International Law and Human Rights at the School of Law of the University of Kent where he was awarded his Ph.D. His doctoral thesis was titled “Humanitarian Intervention in International Law: A New World Order?” He has taught Law in London, before returning to Cyprus and appointed as a Lecturer in Law at the University of Nicosia.

Dr Stylianou’s research interests concentrate in the fields of International Law, Law of the Sea, Human Rights, European Law, Terrorism, Energy Law (Oil and Gas) and the law of international organizations. He has participated in a great number of international, regional and local conferences on the areas of his concentration and has presented a number of articles and speeches. Dr Stylianou has published widely in local journals, newspapers and has written extensively on issues relating to Energy, Security, Geopolitics, Law et al.

He is a member of various national and international associations and committees relating to his discipline. He is the National Advisor to the National Committee of the Republic of Cyprus on the Rights of the Child; Liaison between the Council of Europe and the Cyprus House of Parliament on the ratification of the Lanzarote Convention; National rapporteur in Oxford’s University Press and Amsterdam’s Center for International Law on International Law in Domestic Courts et al.

Dr Stylianou was appointed as the Director of the University of Nicosia Law Clinic in 2009.

### **“Cyber Security issues and attacks against oil and gas infrastructure: A European perspective”**

With the discoveries of a wealth of natural resources in the Eastern Mediterranean basin and the increasing threat of cyber-attacks worldwide, it is of paramount importance to address cyber-security issues, risks and attacks against oil and gas infrastructure in the context of our region, taking into account European legislation and policy on the matter. It is of course axiomatic that issues relating to cyber security and attacks are pertinent not only in this region but also around the world. For these purposes it is deemed necessary to provide an examination of all relevant aspects relating to the regulatory framework aiming to prevent, prohibit and punish cyber attacks and promote cyber security awareness with particular emphasis on oil and gas infrastructures. As cyber security becomes more and more important for oil and natural gas infrastructures in general and industrial control systems (ICS) in particular, and as cyber attacks or threats worldwide are increasing daily, our expertise in this field need to grow so as to protect one of the most vulnerable sectors. The European Union has initiated an important strategy, as part of its Europe 2020 strategy, aiming to deliver smart sustainable and inclusive growth across the Union, the Digital Agenda for Europe, taking into account the fact that the digital economy is growing at seven times the rate of the rest of the economy. And it is not only the digital economy which is growing – this is something that could be discussed elsewhere – but also the costs of cyber breaches. Within that context, the EU proposed-Directive on cyber security addresses to a great extent issues relevant to our discussion.