

## UNESCO CHAIR ON CLIMATE DIPLOMACY

**Chairholder: Professor Emmanuella Doussis**

**ACTIVITIES: March 2019 - September 2022**

### International conferences & meetings

(co)organized by the Chair or under its aegis:

- International Law & Sustainable Development Management of Natural Resources Implementation Issues, May 2019.
- Legal Indicators as Tools to Assess Effectiveness on Sustainable Development Law, October 2019.
- 75 Years United Nations and beyond, May 2020.
- Preserving the Future: New Approaches to Heritage Management and Environmental Protection, November 2020.

### Educational activities

- Since the academic year 2020-2021, a new course titled **Climate Diplomacy** was phased into the undergraduate programme of the Dept. of Political Science and Public Administration (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens - NKUA) and has been taught every year since.
- **Six national or international simulations** of international and European institutions have been organized for high-school and university students. Topics always revolve around the impacts of climate change.
- **Three tailor-made seminars for high-school teachers** in Greece were organized on climate policies.
- Every year **internships** are offered to under- and post-graduate students who participate in research projects on climate diplomacy, sustainable development, and international organizations.
- In collaboration with other institutions **summer or winter schools** have been organized on topics of climate diplomacy, cultural heritage, the law of the sea and migration, among others. Indicatively: *2022 Summer Courses on Climate Change and International Law (K. Koufa Foundation)*, *Summer School in Refugee and Migration Studies (NKUA, in collaboration with FXB Center for Health and Human Rights and Harvard Chan School of Public Health)*, *Blue Shield Webinars on tangible and intangible cultural heritage Ocean Law and Governance (CIVIS)*.
- Regular organization of **open lectures**.

**Collaborations** with international and national stakeholders, such as the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), the Centre for Mediterranean Integration, the International Law Association, other UNESCO Chairs, FOGGS, ELIAMEP.

Prof. Emm. Doussis was awarded by the CISDL with the Legal Specialist Award on Natural Resources 2021.

### Research

Under the aegis of the Chair:

- **Research projects** have been completed and are currently being implemented. Main research topics, apart from climate diplomacy per se, include climate policies in Southeast Europe, implementation of international environmental agreements and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), climate action of local Greek authorities, and the role of international law in climate diplomacy.
- Five **doctoral theses** are being conducted on climate policies, diplomacy, financing, and SDGs. One doctoral thesis and one **post-doctorate** have been completed.
- The Chair and its team members often collaborate with national and international institutions in several research programmes.

### Dissemination of research results

A. Publications:

- In 2020 the **book** of Prof. Emm. Doussis was published, titled *International Law and Diplomacy of Climate Change* (in Greek).
  - **15 articles** in scientific journals or **chapters** in edited volumes.
  - **Four extensive research reports**.
- B. The Chair's team members have participated in more than **30 scientific and international conferences** to present their work.
- C. The Chair's team members have participated in more than **35 webinars, public lectures and interventions**.
- D. Regular presence in **national press and media**.

### Funding & premises

The Chair gets funding from the host University, research and educational programmes (e.g., the *Jean Monnet Module 'European Climate Diplomacy'*, supported by the *European Commission*), scholarships, and fellowships. The Chair is based at the Institute of European Integration and Policy of the host University and uses all its premises.

### The team

*Chairholder, project leader:* Prof. Emm. Doussis  
*Senior researcher, project manager:* Dr G. Dikaios  
*Researchers:* Asst. Prof. A. Zervaki, Dr L. Avrami, Mr O. Kaminariaris, Mr I. Vallianos  
*Affiliated members:* Ms N. Dabanovic, Ms N. Vasileiadou  
*Ad hoc external collaborators*  
 Gender percentages: 60% female, 40% male.