

INVITATION TO EVENT

The interdisciplinary group for Biomedical Law **BioMedLex** (www.biomedlex.gr) is organising on **Tuesday 20 June 2023, 3 – 5 pm (GMT/UCT) / 5 - 7 pm (EEST)** an event with the topic of:

SURROGATE MOTHERHOOD - LAW AND PRACTICE

SPEECHES

Kirsty Horsey, Reader in Law at Kent Law School, Senior Research Associate at the London Women's Clinic

Surrogacy in the UK - What's going on?

Katia Neofytou, PhD in Law, Attorney at law specialised in Healthcare Law

The realities of Surrogacy in Greece and the UK. Data based on lived experience

Pantelis Ravdas, Attorney at law specialised in medical law, particularly in the law of assisted reproduction

Surrogate Motherhood in Greece: Statistical Data Derived from Court Decisions

Kostas Rokas, PhD in Law, Lecturer in Private International Law at the University of Nicosia in Cyprus

Surrogate Motherhood in Greek Practice, Lack of Transparency and Prevalence of a Manichean Perspective

Coordination: Takis Vidalis, Ph.D., BioMedLex, Senior Researcher and Legal Advisor of the Hellenic National Commission for Bioethics and Technoethics, EGE Member (European Commission).

INFORMATION

The event will take place **online** via Zoom platform. **Participation is free.**

Pre-registration is required by sending a message to info@biomedlex.gr, to send the link.

Certificates of participation will be issued upon request of those interested.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Kirsty Horsey

K. Horsey graduated from the University of Kent where she completed her PhD. She is a Reader in Law at Kent Law School and currently on a 2-year secondment as a Senior Research Associate at the London Women's Clinic.

K. Horsey's research interest focuses on the laws governing surrogacy. She has worked with not-for-profit organisations on the prospect of reforming relevant legislation in the UK. As part of this, Surrogacy UK's working group on surrogacy law reform produced two research reports to capture the evidence on the law, as well as related recommendations for regulatory reform, in 2015 and 2018. Dr. Horsey is also a member of the secretariat of the cross-party parliamentary group on surrogacy in the UK.

Dr Katia Neofytou

K. Neofytou is a lawyer specialising in Healthcare Law and holds a PhD in Law. She graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (LL.B, 2011), holds a Master's Degree in Medical Law and Bioethics (LL.M, 2013) and a PhD in Law (PhD in Law, 2018) titled "A Comparative Socio-Legal Analysis of the Responses to Surrogacy in Greece and the UK" from the University of Kent Law

School in the United Kingdom. Katia taught Civil and Tort Law to undergraduate students in English.

She currently works as an attorney-at-law at a top-tier law firm in cooperation with a Big Four accounting firm, and provides legal advice to domestic and international clients operating mainly, but not exclusively, in the pharmaceutical and medical device industry, covering the full range of their legal needs. She also advises companies in different industries on competition law compliance issues, as well as on the full range of their commercial activities. In the past, Katia has been a Legal Research Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science and was involved in research on surrogacy, funded by the EU and subsequently published by the European Parliament. She has worked at the National Health Service (NHS) in London, England, as part of the department determining the allocation of funding for healthcare to patients.

She published a co-authored article entitled *'The fertility treatment time forgot: What should be done about surrogacy in the UK?'* in Horsey, K. (ed.), *Revisiting the Regulation on Human Fertilisation and Embryology* (Routledge 2015). She is also preparing articles for publication in academic journals.

Pantelis Ravdas

P. Ravdas is an attorney at law, specialised in medical law, particularly in the law of assisted reproduction. He holds two postgraduate degrees from the University of London (UCL/LL.M.) and the School of Law of the University of Athens (MSc in History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Law). He has conducted research on the longitudinal data related to the Greek judicial decisions on surrogacy cases, which he continues to update to date. He teaches at the Faculty of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, has participated as a member of a lawmaking committee on the rights of patients with dementia, and is the author of legal articles, especially on medical law issues.

Dr Kostas Rokas

K. Rokas after his undergraduate studies in law at the University of Athens, he went on to obtain two LLM degrees from the University of Athens (in private international law and EU law) and the University of Paris II-Panthéon Assas (in international commercial law and private international law), finishing second in his class. He has defended his PhD on "Medically assisted reproduction in comparative private international law" in the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne under the supervision of Professor Étienne Pataut. He has received scholarships for his research from the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law and the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law. His Doctorate in Private International Law (Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne), along with

numerous publications both in Greek and international law reviews, evidence a deep knowledge in matters of international family law and especially law of Artificial Reproductive Techniques (ART). His research interests include private international issues of intellectual property, international protection of cultural goods and artificial intelligence and private international law. He is admitted to the Athens Bar Association since 2004 and admitted to the Supreme Court of the Country. Konstantinos handles a wide range of international family law issues, focusing on international successions, matrimonial property, parentage in ART to the benefit of international clients. He has advised and represented before Greek courts several individuals and couples that had access to a cross-border surrogacy. He is a Lecturer in Private International Law at the University of Nicosia in Cyprus. He is fluent in English, French. He has a good level of German and he is learning Chinese.

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