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Curriculum vitae

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Research profile

Vasileios-Alexandros Kollias, Dr iuris, is an Assistant Researcher at the Research Centre for the History of Greek Law of the Academy of Athens and a lawyer admitted before the Supreme Court of Greece. A legal historian specialising in Byzantine and post-Byzantine law, he focuses on legal sources and normativity, imperial legislation and documents, public and polity-law, ecclesiastical law, and the reception and transformation of Byzantine institutions. His research combines juristic analysis of normative texts with historical and philological scrutiny of their transmission and application. He holds a law degree and a master's degree from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and a master's degree from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He received his doctorate in law from the University of Athens in 2017 for a dissertation on chrysobulls and their normative content up to 1204.

Research fields

Byzantine and post-Byzantine law; Legal sources and normativity; Imperial legislation and chrysobulls; Byzantine public and polity-law; Ecclesiastical law; Reception and transformation of legal institutions

Education

2017 Doctorate in Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, with distinction. Dissertation: "Chrysobulls and Their Normative Content in Byzantine Law, from Their Appearance to 1204".

2014 Master's Degree in Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Department of History, Philosophy and Sociology of Law, specialisation in Legal History, with distinction (10.00/10).

2012 Master's Degree in Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of History and Theory of Law, specialisation in Canon and Ecclesiastical Law, with distinction (9.33/10).

2010 Law Degree, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, with distinction (8.67/10).

Professional and teaching experience

Assistant Researcher at the Research Centre for the History of Greek Law, Academy of Athens.

2014– Attorney-at-law, Athens Bar Association, admitted before the Supreme Court of Greece. Practice in public and administrative law, public procurement, civil and commercial law, data protection, informatics law and ecclesiastical law.

2019–2020 Lecturer, Faculty of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens: undergraduate legal history; and postgraduate history of public and private law during the post-Byzantine period.

Languages Greek; English and German (proficient).

Publications

Monographs

1. Ο θεσμός της τριμοιρίας από το βυζαντινό στο μεταβυζαντινό δίκαιο. Βυζαντινή παράδοση και μεταβυζαντινοί μετασχηματισμοί [The Institution of Trimoiria from Byzantine to Post-Byzantine Law: Byzantine Tradition and Post-Byzantine Transformations]. Contributions to the History of Law 21. Athens: Academy of Athens, Research Centre for the History of Greek Law, 2026. In Greek.
2. Τα χρυσόβουλλα στο βυζαντινό δίκαιο. Από την εμφάνισή τους μέχρι το 1204 [Chrysobulls in Byzantine Law: From Their Appearance to 1204]. Athens: Ennoia, 2020, 648 pp. Foreword by Spyridon Troianos. In Greek.

Text editions and editorial work

1. Diplomatic transcription and text editing in K. Douzinas (ed.), K. Bourdara (general ed.), Αρχείο Κωνσταντίνου Λογοθέτη Δουζίνα (1803-1830). Συμβολή στην Ιστορία της Νήσου Πόρου [Archive of Konstantinos Logothetis Douzinas (1803-1830): A Contribution to the History of the Island of Poros]. Athens, 2018.
2. Linguistic editing in E. Papagianni, I. Arnaoutoglou, A. Dimopoulou, D. Karambelas, A. Liarmakopoulos, I. Chatzakis and A. Helmis, Ιστορία δικαίου. Από την Αρχαιότητα στο σύγχρονο Ελληνικό Κράτος [History of Law: From Antiquity to the Modern Greek State]. E-book. Athens, 2015.

Articles and book chapters on legal history

EKEIEΔ: Yearbook of the Research Centre for the History of Greek Law of the Academy of Athens.

1. "Conceptual and Methodological Prolegomena to the Study of Byzantine Polity-Law." *Rivista di diritto romano* 26, n.s. 11 (2026): 1-22.
2. "Byzantine Law from Constantine the Great to the Death of Justinian: An Overview." In *A Companion to Byzantine Law*, edited by Eleftheria Papagianni and Daphne Penna, 45-66. Leiden: Brill, 2025.
3. «Κατοχύρωση ιδιοκτησιακών δικαιωμάτων αγιορειτικών μονών σε μετόχια εκτός του Αγίου Όρους μέχρι το 1204» [Securing the Property Rights of Athonite Monasteries in Dependencies outside Mount Athos up to 1204]. In *Αναγκαστικές μισθώσεις - «απαλλοτριώσεις» των αγιορειτικών μετοχίων. Ιστορική προσέγγιση και σύγχρονες νομικές θεωρήσεις*, proceedings of the conference held on 2 December 2023, 23-41. Thessaloniki: Mount Athos Center, 2025.
4. «Ανάθεση αυτοκρατορικών εξουσιών από τον Αλέξιο Α΄ στη μητέρα του Άννα Δαλασσηνή με χρυσόβουλλο (Αύγουστος 1081)» [Delegation of Imperial Powers by Alexios I to His Mother Anna Dalassene by Chrysobull (August 1081)]. *EKEIEΔ* 52 (2024-2025): 35-65.
5. "The So-Called 'Healers' (Ιατῆρες): Chrysobulls Curing Legal Deficiencies of Proprietary Rights of the Church in Byzantium." *Subseciva Groningana* 11 (2024): 29-52.
6. «Κανόνες οργάνωσης του Πολιτεύματος ως μέρος του βυζαντινού δημόσιου δικαίου» [Rules on the Organisation of the Polity as Part of Byzantine Public Law]. *Θεωρία και Πράξη Διοικητικού Δικαίου*, no. 11 (2024): 1181-1191.
7. «Κανόνες δικαίου σχετικοί με την απονομή της δικαιοσύνης σε διακρατικές συνθήκες της μέσης βυζαντινής περιόδου (11ος-12ος αι.)» [Rules on the Administration of Justice in Interstate Treaties of the Middle Byzantine Period (11th-12th Centuries)]. In *Κωνσταντίνω Γ. Πιτσάκη Μνήμης χάριν*, 245-264. Athens: Academy of Athens, 2023.

8. «Μία αμφίβολης γνησιότητας Νεαρά του Λέοντα Ζ΄: Τα μυστήρια ενός (σχεδίου;) νόμου για το Ορφανοτροφείο και τις εμφυτεύσεις» [A Novel of Leo VI of Doubtful Authenticity: The Mysteries of a (Draft?) Law on the Orphanage and Emphyteusis]. EKEIEΔ 51 (2022): 255-295. Includes a new diplomatic edition with critical observations.
9. «Ειδικές ρυθμίσεις για την απονομή της δικαιοσύνης σε χρυσόβουλλα της μέσης βυζαντινής περιόδου (11ος-12ος αι.): Πράξεις που απευθύνονται στο εσωτερικό της Αυτοκρατορίας» [Special Provisions on the Administration of Justice in Chrysobulls of the Middle Byzantine Period (11th-12th Centuries): Acts Addressed within the Empire]. In Σύ και δικαστής ἄριστος. Σύμμεικτα εις μνήμην Γεωργίου Χ. Παναγιωτόπουλου, 671-691. Athens-Thessaloniki, 2022.
10. With G. Papagiannis, M. Tziatzi-Papagianni and A. Nikolaou. "Observations on the Portrayal of the Ruler in the Novels of Leo VI." *Studia Ceranea* 11 (2021): 347-369.
11. «Καθοσίωσις και εκκλησιαστική περιουσία σε νομικές πηγές της μέσης βυζαντινής περιόδου» [Treason and Ecclesiastical Property in Middle Byzantine Legal Sources]. In Ἀρετὴν τὴν καλλίστην. Essays in Honour of Kalliope (Kelly) Bourdara, edited by I. Tzamtzis, Ch. Stavrakos and P. Antonopoulos, 389-419. Athens-Thessaloniki, 2021.
12. "Michael Psellos' Career as a Public Official." *Ecclesiastikos Pharos* 90 (2020-2021): 215-238.
13. "The Influence of Emperors on Dispute Settlements in Ecclesiastical Matters: The Jurisdictional Struggle over the Diocese of Amykleion and the Relevant Court Battle (1340 AD)." In *Ius commune graeco-romanum. Essays in Honour of Prof. Dr. Laurent Waelkens*, edited by W. Druwé, W. Decock, P. Angelini and M. Castelein, 69-87. *Iuris Scripta Historica* 30. Leuven, 2018.

Forthcoming

1. "Ratification of Donations, Sales, and Wills by Chrysobulls in the Middle Byzantine Period." EKEIEΔ, accepted for publication, 2026-2027.

Articles on current law

1. "Personal Data, Employees and Confidentiality Agreements: When the Employer Is Both a Data Controller and a Data Processor in the Private Sector." *Armenopoulos* 74, no. 9 (2020): 1599-1611. In Greek.
2. "Problematic Provisions of the Greek Law on Personal Data: Law 4624/2019 and Its Relationship with the General Data Protection Regulation." *Armenopoulos* 73, nos. 3-4 (2019): 265-275. In Greek.
3. "The Acquisition and Loss of Nationality of a (Former) Foreign Athonite Monk and the Issuance of an Identity Card: On the Occasion of Judgment 653/2015 of the Administrative Court of First Instance of Thessaloniki." *Armenopoulos* 71, no. 2 (2017): 180-186. In Greek.
4. "Comments on Judgment 5/2017 of the Single-Member Court of First Instance of Veroia: Lease Disputes and the Set-Off of Rent against a Security Deposit." *EfADPoID* 10, no. 2 (2017): 2-5. In Greek.
5. "The Ecumenical Patriarchate and the European Convention on Human Rights: A Study of the European Court of Human Rights Judgments concerning the Great School of the Nation v. Turkey (2007) and the Ecumenical Patriarchate v. Turkey (2008 and 2010)." *Armenopoulos* 67, no. 10 (2013): 1821-1840. In Greek.

Awards and scholarships

- 2021** Academy of Athens prize for the monograph on the institution of trimoiria in post-Byzantine law.
- 2021** National and Kapodistrian University of Athens prize for the doctoral dissertation, funded by the L. Sgouta – Th. Petousis Legacy for a monograph or dissertation on an institution of Byzantine law.
- 2012–2016** Academy of Athens scholarship for doctoral research in the history of Hellenic-Roman law.

Learned societies

Greek Legal History Society: member since 2013; Treasurer and member of the Board in 2019–2021 and since 2022.

Society for the Law of the Eastern Churches: member since 2016.

Academy of Athens Scholars Association: member since 2018.

Selected lectures and academic activities

2026 “Re-reading Title 1 of the Eisagoge: Law, Justice, and Constitutional Thought in Byzantium.” Annual Byzantine Talks NIA lecture, Netherlands Institute at Athens, in collaboration with the Research Centre for the History of Greek Law of the Academy of Athens, 12 May.

2021 “Observations on the Portrayal of the Ruler in the Novels of Leo VI.” Presenting author, with G. Papagiannis, M. Tziatzi-Papagianni and A. Nikolaou, Third Colloquia Ceranea International Conference, Łódź, 15–17 April.

2019 “Validation of Legal Transactions by Chrysobulls during the Middle Byzantine Period.” 21st Meeting of Legal Historians, Komotini, 2–3 November.

2018 “Michael Psellos: The Model of a Renaissance Public Official of the Eleventh Century and the Contemporary Reality.” Conference of the Nikos Svoronos Institute of Humanities, European Public Law Organization (EPLO), Athens, 7 November.

2017 Member of the four-person delegation of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, led by Professor Athina Dimopoulou, to Towards a Student-Centred University, organised by UNICA and the European Commission, Rome, 4–8 October.

Participant in the Advanced Seminar on Legal History at Athens Law School since 2012; principal speaker at the opening session of the 2017–2018 academic year.

Research links

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