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Summary

Biography

Sofia is a Lecturer in Law at the University of Bristol. She is currently a Visiting Researcher at the Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions, Faculty of Law and Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Haifa and the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Tel Aviv University. She previously held the position of Teaching Assistant in Law at the University of Bristol Law School.

Sofia holds an LLB in Law from the National University of Athens (2010) and an LLM in Public Law from the University of Bristol Law School (2011). In 2016, Sofia was awarded a PhD in Law for the successful completion of her thesis on 'Hostages and Human Rights: Towards a Victim-Centred Approach?'. Her doctoral project examined the gaps in the protection of the human rights of hostages by reviewing the existing legal framework and counter-terrorism/piracy policies from a human rights perspective, and analysed how these gaps can be filled in light of recent developments of international human rights law. Her research interests are: modern piracy; maritime security; terrorism studies; and human rights.

Sofia is currently working on two books. She is co-editing with Professor Sir Malcolm Evans a collection on maritime security and the law of the sea to be published in 2019 by Edward Elgar, *Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea: Help or Hindrance?* (EE, 2019). She is also working on her first monograph on hostages and human rights that will be published by Cambridge University Press, *Hostages and Human Rights: Towards a Victim-Centred Approach?* (CUP, 2020).

Sofia has been contributing to the research and publications of the Global Maritime Crime Programme of the UNODC. She is the Editor of the Case and Commentary section of the [European Human Rights Law Review](#). She also sits at the Non-Executive Board of Advisors of [Human Rights at Sea](#), and oversees student-led projects on human rights violations and abuses at sea ran in support of the charity's research programme, as part of the research activities of the [Human Rights Implementation Centre](#).

She teaches Law and Policy of the EU I, and General Principles of International Law on the LLB programme. She also leads International Law and Human Rights and Maritime Security on the LLM programme. Sofia has also taught the core modules of Constitutional Rights and Trusts on the LLB programme.

S Galani, 'Maritime Security and Human Rights: The Role of the EU and its Member States in the Protection of Human Rights in the Maritime Domain' (under review).

Teaching

Memberships

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Staff role

- [Academic Staff](#)

Research group

- [European Union Law](#)
- [International Law \(humanitarian, law of the sea, human rights, labour and trade\)](#)

Recent publications

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Courses

Dr Galani currently teaches 4 courses: