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ANNOUNCEMENT

Honorary Doctorate Conferral Ceremony of the Faculty of Law of Aristotle University

Thessaloniki, 26/11/2026

The Faculty of Law of Aristotle University will confer an Honorary Doctorate on Andreas Mavroyiannis, Chair of the International Law Commission of the United Nations.

The Conferral Ceremony will take place on Monday 30 November 2026 at 18:30 in the Ceremony Hall of Aristotle University.

Conferral Ceremony Program

Address by the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis
Address by the Dean of the Faculty of Law of Aristotle University, Professor Panagiotis Glavinis
Address by the Deputy Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, representative of the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Professor Nikolaos Papaioannou
Laudation of the honoree by Ioannis Stefanidis, Professor of Diplomatic History at the Faculty of Law of Aristotle University
Reading of the resolution of the Faculty of Law of Aristotle University and of the title Conferral on the honoree, robing with the academic gown, and presentation of the diploma and a commemorative plaque of honor
Response by the honoree on the topic: "Legal Conviction (opinio juris) as an Ethic of Responsibility – A Perpetual Dialectical Relationship"

Composer Giorgos Andreou and performer Korina Legaki will dedicate three songs of the honoree's choice to him.

Brief Biographical Note on the Honoree

Dr Andreas D. Mavroyiannis is a distinguished international relations scholar and political scientist. An Honorary Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus, he was elected Chair of the International Law Commission of the United Nations on 27 April 2026, with responsibility for the codification and progressive development of International Law. The Cypriot jurist and diplomat assumed this position at a very critical time for international law and the international legal order, which he has served in positions of responsibility throughout his career.

He was born in Agros, Cyprus, on 20 July 1956. After studying at the Faculty of Law of Aristotle University, he pursued postgraduate studies in International Law and Political Science at the Faculty of Law of the University of Paris, where he also earned his doctorate. He joined the Diplomatic Service of the Republic of Cyprus in 1987, where he served in various positions, departments and missions. From 1 September 2013 to 15 May 2022, he was the Greek Cypriot side's Negotiator in the talks on the Cyprus issue. During his tenure as Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations, he was elected to, served in and chaired a large number of important positions, sessions and committees. The French Republic has awarded him the Legion of Honour with the rank of Officer.

The University will broadcast the ceremony via live streaming at: https://audiovisual.auth.gr/video/124988

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