

The **Department of Law** at the **University of Cyprus** kindly invites you to a research seminar on

'The integrity of the EU Single Market' under threat? The cases of Covid-19 restrictions and the Northern Ireland Protocol'

## Wednesday, 30 October 2024 at 18:00-19:15

by Dr. Katerina Kalaitzaki

Chair: Assistant Professor Dr. Alina Tryfonidou

## **Abstract**

The phrase 'integrity of the EU Single Market' has been in the centre of discussions during the Brexit negotiations and more recently during the COVID-19 pandemic when the integrity of the internal market allegedly came under heavy pressure due to the restrictions imposed on EU borders and beyond. This research aims to give an overview of what is anticipated to mean by the 'integrity of the EU Single Market' building on existing literature and discuss how this integrity is allegedly threatened during periods of crises, both internally and externally. Moreover, it discusses questions such as whether states of emergency change its meaning and/or how we safeguard the integrity of the EU Single Market during period of crises.

## Speaker Bio

Dr Katerina Kalaitzaki is a Lecturer in EU Public Law at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) Cyprus since September 2021. She previously worked as an Academic in the field of European Union Law at the University of Edinburgh School of Law, where she held teaching and research responsibilities (August 2019-September 2021). Her teaching and research interests lie in the area of EU Constitutional Law and Human Rights; more specifically her publications and research projects focus on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, EU citizenship, the rule of law and the EU internal market. Dr Kalaitzaki was awarded her PhD in 2019 for her thesis "EU citizenship as a means of reinforcing the application of EU fundamental rights: challenges, developments and limits", she is an accredited mediator since 2019 and a qualified lawyer in the Republic of Cyprus since 2015.

## **Practical Details**

**Language**: The seminar will be conducted in English **Registration**: Please register for the Zoom meeting following this link.